



## Newsletter Term 1: Issue 14

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### Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents & Carers,

Term 1 seems to have flown by, and the opportunities that staff have provided continue to demonstrate their dedication to improving both academic and personal development. We have seen trips to the local Roman Catholic Church and Sikh Gurdwara as part of our work on Fundamental British Values, particularly on inclusivity and tolerance. Where faiths, cultures and races are valued, and students are engaged within the wider community.

Recently I have had several conversations with parents regarding the use of mobile phones, Nintendo Switches, Kindles, X-Boxes and so on. When we notice a child becoming less engaged in school, we work with parents to address this. Often students aren't allowing their brains to unwind before bedtime, and in some cases using technology when parents thought they were asleep. Most electronic companies have developed parental controls either through internet login or dedicated apps available on Google Play and Apple Store.

A separate guidance page has been compiled, and is available on the school website (under the Info for Parents tab).

Have a wonderful October half term, and we will see everyone back in school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Graham Richards

### Notices

*Blue Skies School has arranged several cinema trips for students:*

- 10/11/2022 - Whole School - Minions: The Rise of Gru
- 16/11/22 - Alto - Ghostbusters: Afterlife
- 17/11/22 - Stratus - Belfast
- 22/11/22 - Whole School - Jurassic World: Dominion
- 23/11/22 - Nimbus - Sonic The Hedgehog 2

### Designated Safeguarding Leads:

**Graham Richards** - Headteacher - Lead DSL  
**Sam Gracey** - Senior Teacher - Deputy DSL  
**Jo Higgins** - Proprietor - Overseeing Safeguarding  
NSPCC: 0800 800 5000  
[safeguarding@blueskiesschool.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@blueskiesschool.co.uk)

### Diary Dates:

31/10/22 - Term 2 starts for students  
04/11/22 - Founder's Day - school is closed

### Birthday Wishes:

02/11/2022 - Alfie  
12/11 - Leon  
14/11 - Leo  
17/11 - Katie  
19/11 - Viv  
26/11 - Lily  
10/12 - Thomas

**Happy Birthday to you, from all at Blue Skies School!**

# Highlights Reel

## Term 1

This term the students in Alto have been studying Physics. During their 'Magnets' topic they learnt about the Earth's core containing magnetic elements and using this to show how a compass works. The students used a needle to make their own compasses and used magnets to test how they worked.

In the last week of this term, the students enjoyed "Harry Potter Week", this included Harry Potter themed activities such as making butter-beer cookies in cooking, and learning to play Quidditch in PE lesson. Every student and member of staff have been sorted into their Harry Potter house.

Some of our students accessed Digital Skills course at MidKent College as part of their career carousel. On Fridays, the students enjoyed the pool activity at Chatham Pool & Snooker Club.



## Educational Visit - Sikh Gurdwara

