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School That Matters: Thank You

Firstly, a huge thanks to the very many parents and carers who responded at short notice to my request to send in thank you messages for staff. At last count (break time on Friday) there were 164 submissions and a huge range of staff who were mentioned. Given the response I have kept the form open for a little longer over the weekend. If you would like to thank or recognise any member of staff who you feel has done something for your child please take a minute or two to complete the form which can be found here.

This week has been an especially busy and exciting one. Year 10 have been out at Malham again, this time in the pouring rain although not deterred from swimming in the infamous Janet's Foss. The same year group enjoyed an excellent visit to Salford City College to experience all of the courses and opportunities on offer there. One pupil commented that it was the best trip of his life – like many he was inspired by what he saw and experienced.

As you may recall from previous newsletters we are in the middle of mock elections with four parties represented in school by very enthusiastic and committed pupils – you'd vote any of them in ahead of the actual politicians! One the parties, Vision, enjoyed a trip to Salford City Council chambers to meet with the Ceremonial Mayor, Tanya Burch, and discuss political systems and issues.

Our well-established choir were special guest performers at the Greater Manchester Music Hub Singing Challenge his week using their talents, under the watchful leadership of Mrs Saldanha de Magalhaes to wow the crowds with their harmonies. In school this was also the week that GCSE exams finally came to an end and the handful of Year 11s who were examined in their options subjects bade farewell to school. They have been a brilliant year group and we look forward to celebrating their results with them in the summer.

Next week, in the cycle of the school year, we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7s for two transition days. We are already over-number for next year's Year 7 with a healthy waiting list and we're really looking forward to seeing one year group in as another leaves.

So, as you can see from this brief run-down of all that has been going on there is plenty to be thankful for in our school.

Ben Davis Headteacher









CALENDAR

Year 6 Transition Day

27th and 28th June 2024

Annual Awards Ceremony

Thursday, July 4th, 7:00pm

Information Evening for New Year 7

Families: July 11th, 6:00pm

Culture Day

Tuesday, July 16th

Annual Fun Day

Wednesday, July 17th

School Closes for the Summer

Wednesday, July 19th, 1:00pm

Exam Results Day

Thursday, August 22nd

In-service Days (Closed to Pupils)

2nd and 3rd September

School Opens to All

Wednesday, September 4th

Year Group Leadership



Year 7

Year Manager: Mr Healey (Senior Leader: Mr Jordan)



Year 8

Year Manager: Mrs Vincent (Senior Leader: Mr Jones)



Year 9

Year Manager: Miss Moore (Senior Leader: Mrs Johnston)



Year 10

Head of Year: Mr. Pemberton (Senior Leader: Miss O'Leary)



Year 11

(Senior Leader: Mrs Tulloch)

AROUND OUR SCHOOL THIS WEEK: HIGHLIGHTS

Prayer of the week: Dear Lord, we give thanks for our wonderfully diverse society and we pray for a day when all feel included. Help us to remember that we are all your children and made in your image. Amen.

Celebrating National Thank a Teachers Day! To all of our teachers, support staff, teaching assistants and everyone who plays a crucial role in making our school. Thank you!

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The year 8 rugby league team represented Salford in the National 9's tournament. A slow start but remained unbeaten on their last games. Well done boys!







ART FOCUS

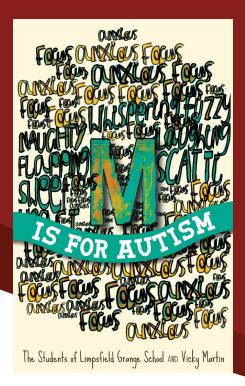
Mixed media study inspired by artist Justin Bower by Orla in Year 10.

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BOOK OF THE WEEK

M in the Middle: Secret Crushes, Mega-Colossal Anxiety and the People's Republic of Autism By The Students of Limpsfield Grange of Limpsfield Grange School and Vicky Martin

I'll never have a Card Emporium series of life events: a boyfriend, a fiancé, a husband and a future. A future with lots of sparkly cards celebrating all these big life events. I was on course and now I'm not.

Life after diagnosis isn't easy for M. Back in her wobbly world, there are lots of changes and ups and downs to get used to, not just for M, but for her friends and family too. Faced with an exciting crush, a pushy friend and an unhelpful Headteacher, how long until the beast of anxiety pounces again?

Written by Vicky Martin and the students of Limpsfield Grange, a school for girls with Autism Spectrum Disorder and communication and interaction difficulties, M's story draws on the real life experiences of teens with autism.

I wanted to wrap my arms around M - and her story - and never let go. This glimpse of the world through her eyes is touching, taut and - most importantly - truthful. Karen McCombie



SALFORD BOYS

We would like to wish lots of good luck our own Aaron O'Sullivan who has a huge nationals final this week for Salford Boys! It is the first Salford boys team to reach the national finals since Ryan Giggs played for them, quite an achievement! We are proud of you and your team, Aaron, well done!



Francis Centre AA Visit

Francis Centre pupils were treated to a visit from Nick from the AA team. Nick showed the pupils around all the equipment used to rescue stranded motorists. We were shown how jobs come through on the touch screen computer and how technology plays a huge part in a roadside rescue!

Pupils asked lots of interesting questions and engaged throughout-so much so that Nick said that he was very impressed!! Pupils even got to sit in the work van and imagine life as a real-life roadside patroller. Thanks to Mrs Hesketh for organising such a lovely visit!





