

The Messenger

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are running out for us, with only two more before we say farewell for the summer. Y2 gave us a wonderful assembly this morning in 'how we should fill each other's bucket's up' with love and kindness. They sang and performed beautifully for their parents, again we were all so proud of them this morning.

We all experienced a 'shuffle up' morning too this week by going into our September classes. The children all gathered in the hall and were sent out as their 'new' class. This is always an exciting time for the children as they prepare for their next step in September. 😊

This meant that Y6 also had their transition day to Alsager School yesterday, alongside many of their peers from other Y6 classes who will be joining them as the Y7 cohort. I think our Y6 are very ready for this next stage of their journey!

Rafe

Some of you will know and remember one of our past pupils, Rafe Lawton, who sadly passed away this week, after suffering a lengthy illness. We all remember Rafe with such love and joy. Our love and prayers have been with Rafe and his family this week, as they experience such sadness and loss.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.

Year 4 Residential

Y4 had a wonderful few days/nights at Savio house last week. They were an absolute joy! With the theme of 'Heroes' they looked at what it meant to be a hero, what every hero needs (teamwork, friends, qualities etc.) and how we are all heroes to our families. The children planned and delivered role play, poetry, and dance before the celebration of mass on Thursday evening. Disco and Team games were experienced also, all with boundless joy. I was so proud of them all. My thanks to the staff that went with them who had a serious reduction in sleep! 😊.

Curriculum/Staff News:

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Laura Whitmore, from St Thomas More, who has been working with us for the past two years in teaching a Modern Foreign Language to KS2 children. We wish her every success, as her role is changing at STM. With that, I'd like to welcome Mrs Andrea Davies, another KS3/4 specialist language teacher who will join us from September. Mrs Davies will be launching her French specialism in the school, so that the children will have had a rich experience of differing European languages before they reach KS3.

Nick Degg Visit (Poet)

Key Stage Two children were lucky enough to be visited recently by local poet Nick Degg. Nick appeared on TV on *Midlands Today* this year to read a poem he had written especially for World Poetry Day.

The feedback from Nick's visit was very positive. The children enjoyed listening to him talk about his life as a poet and hearing some of his poems. Most of all they loved being able to express themselves by writing their own poems during his poetry workshop.

Special mention should go to Pippa Joynes in Year 3, who was so inspired by Nick's visit that she wrote her own super little book of poems to share with her class. Well done Pippa!

End of Year Reports

These will go out on Wednesday 12 July, so you will receive them before your consultation.

Parent Consultations

The date is set for Thursday 13 July. Appointments are live, so make sure you have signed up.

FOODBANK

We will still be collecting food bank items you can spare as we lead up to the summer break, which always creates a greater demand. Thank you for everything you have donated so far this year, it is greatly appreciated.

Reminder

Please can we all be considerate of the elderly when parking along Cedar Avenue. We have had complaints of parking meaning that elderly residents are having to negotiate cars on pavements, and verges, causing additional difficulty.

We also ask everyone to please not park in front of the gates at any time as this needs to be accessible for emergency services. Thank you.

SCHOOL DISCO: THURSDAY 20 JULY

Wishing you all a wonderful warm and peaceful weekend. 😊

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