

NENEGATE NEWS

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It has been a decidedly chilly week, but that hasn't stopped the usual range of activities, indoor and out, which are characteristic of a fun-packed NeneGate week. Last week many of our students braved the Lido and enjoyed the first opportunity in a while to go swimming with their friends. Thank you to Mr Neesham for organising the visit and to our resident lifeguards and other staff who supported. There is a longer article later on.

Let's hope that the beginning of May brings some slightly warmer weather – last year's lockdown suntans are a very distant memory.

Cadets

The students have begun cadets again with our partners at Stamford Welland Academy. Callum in Year 9 is a new recruit and did remarkably well in his first session this week. I am also delighted that Caitlin was promoted to Lance Corporal and joins Kyle in taking some responsibility for teaching new recruits. Well done to all the students involved.

Year 11 Success

Some of our Year 11 students this week completed their Entry level English qualifications. Congratulations to Kris, Maccy, Josh and Myles - we are very proud of you.

PECT Seedbomb Kit

We have been successful in applying for and receiving one of a limited number of Seedbomb kits for schools. This kit will enable school site. I am going to ask our morning Ferrari group to take responsibility for establishing this and I look forward to showing photos of the results later on this year. Thank you also to Mrs Blundell, one of our governors, who also made an application and helped us receive this.



Local Authority Letter

Tutors should have emailed all parents and carers a letter from the Director of Education. The COVID situation in schools in Peterborough is still not improving as fast as we would want. Our school has been very fortunate in avoiding cases since I started in January, and I would like to maintain this. Please encourage your child to test regularly.



Head Teacher's Star of the Week

This week my star of the week is **Nicholas**. He is due to move into Year 7 in September and I have noticed him displaying real maturity in his attitude to learning and towards his peers. I am very pleased with the efforts he is making. Well done Nicholas!



Staff Hero of the Week

Thank you this week to Mrs Smith. She has worked very hard with Ferrari students while Miss Bashir was completing training. She has the patience of a saint and always exudes warmth and kindness. Mrs Smith treats all the students with unconditional positive regard, even in the most difficult circumstances. Thank you for everything you do.



Catherine Wilson

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Lido Visit

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Last week was the first outing at the Lido the students and staff have had since the 2019. The students were fantastic whilst they were there. We found out very quickly, with the help of the Lido lifeguards, that not all students could swim in the deep end. With the help of the school staff, students started to improve their swimming confidence.

As long as the weather is hot and the water doesn't feel like you're in a cold bath, NeneGate students will be there!!!



Mr Neesham

Key Stage 2

It has been another busy week in Key Stage 2. We have been planting beans for our Science experiments and have been putting our own spin on Andy Warhol's 'Pop Art!' We have enjoyed cooking a Tudor Banquet and, even though the kidneys and liver looked gross, they actually tasted quite nice! Some of us have also been busy completing our bikeability course and six of us have either achieved Level 1 or 2. We are looking forward to the long weekend but are already excited to come back on Tuesday.

Students of the Week: Kyle A, Nicholas

Key Stage 3

This week the Falcons have branched out and began extra-curricular activities to help them towards their DofE credits. Lewis showing great confidence went and did some peer mentoring in the HUB, whilst Callum started Army Cadets. Both feats are a huge milestone for each pupil and shows that their maturity is reaching new heights. A massive well done from Mr Gallagher & Miss Bailey who are extremely proud!

Ferrari morning group took part in Boxercise again this week. Both Paul and Bradley enjoyed their session and also stayed to support some Hub students, showing great leadership skills and kindness.

Ferrari afternoon group went to Ace again and Gianluca, KK and Rocky were all fantastic. Well done boys.

In Phoenix group Cameron has been inspired by the Greek art project to design his own vase painting for Autism. We love this and are going to use it in school.

Students of the Week: Callum, Nathan, KK

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Key Stage 4

Bulldogs

Kyle and Josh made savoury pancakes with cheese, ham and pineapple. Yum!

Jamie completed Bikeability with the Hub pupils. Well done to him and them.

"I achieved promotion to Lance Corporal at Cadets last night. I am very pleased with my promotion."

Caitlin

VWs

"This week we have planted sunflowers. We hope they grow nice and tall. Maccy, Josh and me are so happy to get our Brownies back .

We have all finished our Entry level in Science and Miss Ogden is happy with us for doing it . Josh went swimming and me and Maccy said we would go, but we lied to him and now he is not happy with us.

We have had lots of fun playing football at lunch as a team". 🍷

Myles

Student of the Week: Josh P, Myles

Award for Music: Ben

Charity Collection

We are supporting Mr MacDonald with his fundraising initiative for those affected by the volcanic eruption in Soufriere, St Vincent. Many families have been displaced and we are collecting:

- Non perishable food items
- Toiletries
- Sanitary hygiene products
- Small toys and activities for children

There are donation boxes in tutor rooms and we would love it if every students could bring on at least one small item.



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