

NENEGATE NEWS

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Head Teacher's Update

Just as we thought 2021 couldn't get any more complicated in school the snow arrived this week. Like many other schools in Peterborough we closed on Monday and I would like to thank all parents and carers for their understanding. I am aware it disrupts everyone's routines when something like this happens and it wasn't a decision that was taken lightly.

Children's Mental Health Week 2021

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that next week is Children's Mental Health Week, which is being organised by Place2Be. I believe that children's mental health should be our focus 52 weeks a year, however I think given the current difficult circumstances it is something we, as teachers and parents can keep in mind. Over the last year, COVID and its associated consequences, have had an impact on all young people and it is so important that we keep their wellbeing at the heart of what we do. The theme for next week is 'Express Yourself' and I have a Head Teacher's Challenge for all students, whether they are learning at home or in school.

Visit childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk to find out more.



Head Teacher's Challenge

I would like you to create a short video or a series of photos, which you believe express yourself and your individual personality. You can email them, post them on Teams or put them on a word document. The deadline for entries is Friday 5th February and there will be a prize for the most inspiring and creative entries.

Online Safety

This is something we talk about a lot as a school because it is so important to protect children from harm. Poor use of the internet and social media can also have a detrimental impact on mental health, so it is a good time to remind ourselves of the need to be vigilant and to monitor the use of devices at school and in the home. In school we have plenty of software and protections built into our network. Please can I remind parents to double check their internet access and security settings and to sensibly monitor internet use.

I am a mum and my children are certainly much better with technology than I am! I have used www.saferinternet.org.uk and found it very helpful with advice on how to adjust home internet security settings, the safety features of social media and also just general information about online safety. I know our welfare team have been handing out information but please do get in touch if you feel you would like support with this

Remote Learning Survey

You should have been emailed a link to our remote learning survey. Parents' feedback is very important so please do take a few minutes to complete it.

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Return to School

You may have heard on the news that Boris Johnson this week ruled out schools returning before 8th March. At this point a definite date of return has not been given and it could be later than that. Much will depend on the situation with COVID infections and vaccinations nearer the time. I can promise you that as soon as the school has more information and clearer guidance we will communicate our intention to parents. We are looking forward to being all together again.

Staff Hero of the Week

My hero of the week is **Mrs Roberts**. She is always enthusiastic and is a great champion of literacy in our school. She always finds good things to say about the



students and I can see how much she cares them. Thank you for everything you do Mrs Roberts.

Head Teacher's Star of the Week

This week **Josh M** is my Star of the Week.

He has been learning online since Christmas, completing a lot of work every day. It is



difficult to stay motivated in this situation and he has done amazingly well to stay focused on his academic work. Well done Josh – a prize will be delivered to you!

CATHERINE WILSON

Key Stage 2

It has been another busy week in KS2! Despite the additional day to play in the snow we have continued to crack on with our curriculum and have used our Outdoor Learning to link to our Science lessons and go and look at Electricity Pylons in the local area. We still work hard both in school and remotely and continue to be nice to everyone we work with.

Students of the week: **Tyler, Dylan**

Key Stage 3 News

Falcons

Falcons have had a fun week so far! After a snow day on Monday, well all made the most of the untouched snow on the field and made a HUGE snowman



We have managed to have a really productive week, learning all about Oliver Twist and Cockney slang in English, making spring rolls in Food Tech, as well as having a competitive game of Badminton (in which Miss Morgan beat

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Mr Blundell, Mr Gallagher, and all of the boys, not that she is bragging at all haha!)

We look forward to the rest of the week despite the weather.

Ferrari

Me and the group (Ferrari's) were walking to the Post Office to post a work pack to another student, who was working from home. As we were walking, we kept slipping and sliding and it was very funny. It snowed the day before, so it was icy. So, as we were WALKING, Miss Bashir saved my life, by guiding me because I nearly fell over. Paul fell over twice, it was hilarious.

Cameron

Remote Learning

Bryn has returned his work packs this week. Roman and Jakob have both completed amazing written work about what life was like for the ancient Egyptians based on their independent research. Maths has gone well this week in general; Rocky, Bradley, McKenzie, Roman and Jakob have all completed work (and extra work) on StudyLadder, often even outside school hours.

Key Stage 4 News

Remote Learning

Remote learning is in its third week and in KS4 it has been well received. We have had a small group of students who have engaged in every session and have produced some excellent quality work. We have concentrated on ensuring that the three core subjects are taught regularly. We have also looked at some key geography skills and historical events. Students have relished researching events

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that have shaped our country's history. On Wednesday we looked at the Holocaust - which tied in nicely with Holocaust Memorial Day. We usually end the day with a team quiz which Mrs Dooley has taken the lead on. Students really enjoy this afternoon task and it is a nice sociable way to end the day.

KS4 Bubbles

KS4 have been moved this week by the class reading book, Ghost Boys, a tragic story of a young black male shot by the police in the USA. This has prompted some deep discussions on racism and students have been inspired to research real life incidents such as the murder of Emmet Till in their spare time.

They have also cooked Fajitas and persuade Mr Langstone to play 'Just Dance' on the Wii. As usual, they have done lots of mountain biking, with the year 11s cycling 20km one morning.



Students of the week: Kris, Maccy, Ryan