

NENEGATE NEWS

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Return to School

We are very much looking forward to seeing all the students over the next few weeks. I have mentioned a number of times how quiet the school has been and it will be wonderful to have our community back together. I hope the arrangements have been sufficiently clear; please ask for clarification if you need any.

I can understand that some students must be feeling quite anxious about coming back or, if they have been in school, about having more people in their classes. Please do contact your child's tutor if you have any worries and let us know if there is anything more we can do to reassure you.

Our wonderful Maccy in year 11 agreed to be part of a video, which takes students through the testing process and hopefully shows how quick and simple it is. The video is on the home page of our school website, so please do have a look.

Face Masks

Just a reminder that for a limited period the government is advising that students of secondary age and their teachers should wear masks in lessons as well as in corridors and other communal spaces. **We will be adopting this guidance until the end of term and expect all students to wear a mask on school transport and then bring a second mask for use in school.** If students are medically exempt from wearing masks please contact us in advance. Face coverings should be plain and appropriate for use in school. Hub students do not need to wear masks and nor do their teachers.

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World Book Day: Thursday 4th March 2021



Thank you to staff, students and parents for making a big effort to celebrate World Book Day. It was wonderful to see so many heroes

and villains wandering around school. There is more on the activities later in the newsletter.

Staff Hero of the Week



My hero for this week is **Mrs Scutt**. She has worked really hard to organise World Book Day and I think she has done an amazing job! It

has been wonderful to focus on something in school that isn't COVID-related and Mrs Scutt has been really creative in her ideas and how she has tried to include students who are learning remotely. Thank you very much!

Head Teacher's Star of the Week

This week **Archie** is my Star of the Week. Archie returned to school a couple of weeks ago and set himself the challenge of learning to ride a bike. I am really proud of the fact that he has achieved his goal this week!! Well done Archie – I know Ferrari tutor group are looking forward to you going cycling with them very soon.



CATHERINE WILSON

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Key Stage 2

On Wednesday 3rd March, the students enjoyed a trip to The Range. They each had reward money to spend. We walked there and back and all respected the Covid 19 guidelines. It was a very successful trip, and they chose some very sensible items to use at home.

Thursday 4th March was World Book Day; our theme was heroes and villains and we enjoyed a fun packed morning dressed as pirates. Activities included making a pirate sword, following a recipe to make jam tarts, and mixing a concoction to have a drink of Harry Potter Butter Beer. They then took home the World Book Day Books they had chosen.

This week the children in the Hub also each took home a book box, these were kindly given to us by Peterborough Reads and National Literacy Trust.

Students of the week:

Kyle I

Key Stage 3 News

Falcons

This past week has been an exciting one for the Falcons, with all four of the boys in school beginning their Duke of Edinburgh by Mr Blundell! They even got to join it for free!

We had great fun clearing outside of the school this week to complete some voluntary hours for the course, which was great for team building and helps make our local area nicer to look at! Aironas particularly enjoyed getting to squash the things down into the bin!

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We look forward to seeing the boys have fun, prove their commitment and progress to the eventual camping trip at the end!

Callum and Taylor also contributed by helping Mr Langstone with gardening a few weeks ago so well done especially to these two students!

We have started the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and we must all volunteer to litter pick and making the community nice. Taylor and I did litter picking and helped consistently. We were Litter picking and tidying up so outside of NeneGate was spotless. The trees and bushes outside the school gate were pruned and made into a nice outdoor area, but the council cut the bushes down outside the gates. This left loads of rubbish outside the school and trash that people do not put in the bins. We half-filled the school wheely bin with the trash that laid on the ground and helped nature and the community. It looks nice and tidy now and more of an advertising/intriguing place to be near NeneGate. Taylor said "It looks very clean and I felt happy to clean it with Callum".

By Callum W

Ferrari



Some of the students learning at home have demonstrated their cooking skills this week. Sean, Kevin Kie and Riley have all made some tasty creations and have sent in pictures of their efforts. Well done boys!

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The best news of the week was Archie's success at learning to ride his bike with the help of the patient Mrs Smith. We have a picture of King Archie below:



Students of the Week

Taylor, Bradley

Key Stage 4 News

The boys learning online have worked tirelessly this week on mock papers in a variety of subjects. They have really applied themselves and given it 110%. They have worked with other staff

members with great enthusiasm. We are sure that when we are all back in school, they will be very successful in working hard towards their qualifications. Throughout this lockdown they have embraced remote learning and I have found them a pleasure to teach. I look forward to teaching them in person soon.

Miss Ogden

As we approach the end of the lockdown, we would like to say a big thank you to all the students who have attended the KS4 onsite bubble. You have all taken the change in circumstances and routines in your stride and had a positive attitude to being back in school. It has been wonderful to work with you and hopefully you have as many positive memories as we do. When we return to normal, we will miss the long bike rides, pool games and chats based around the day's Newsround (we have done work as well, honest!).

Mrs Scutt and Mr Leeman

Student Perspectives

Jamie liked going to the BMX park and hoping over all of the big jumps. It was fun to watch the other students taking risks.

Caitlin has enjoyed more lessons with Mr Leeman, especially when we did some role play and Mr Leeman stood on Jamie. She also enjoyed beating the boys at pool.

Ben has discovered how unfit he has become during lockdown and is looking forward to returning to school. He will be smiling throughout his PE lessons!

Students of the week:

Caitlin, Maccy

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World Book Day

Students had a variety of activities offered on World Book Day, linked to some of our favourite books. They had the opportunity to make Queen of Hearts jam tarts, carry out a science experiment making Butter Beer, design their own villain and have a go at Quidditch. Some of the costumes were amazing and the prizes have been awarded to:

Key Stage 2: **Kyle I**

Key Stage 3: **Callum**

Best Tutor group: **KS2 pirate bubble
Nicholas, Kyle, Dylan, Anthony, Mrs
Roberts, Miss Parnell, Miss Bailey**

Staff Member: **Mrs Love**



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