

#PINDARPositives



Dear Parent / Carer

At the end of the Spring 1 half term, and with a week of relaxation in sight for members of the George Pindar community, I wanted to share some positives from our last week in school.

It has been a busy week packed full of celebrations. I hope you have seen the photos of our rewards assemblies for Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 - we haven't forgotten Year 9 and their assembly will follow after the half term break! The assemblies are a really positive reminder of how many of our students get it right, day in, day out, demonstrating the PINDAR values across the school and attending as much as possible. Please do pass on my congratulations to your child if they won a certificate and to those who didn't, why not aim for a reward in our Easter rewards assembly?

On Friday morning we held our half termly attendance draw - it was fantastic to have the whole school online to see three lucky winners selected to win £100 vouchers each! The draw is a great way to celebrate 100% attendance over the previous week - every lesson and every day counts so please encourage your child to be in, to win! The competition now starts again and we look forward to choosing three more winners on the day we break up for Easter.

I have received lots of messages from staff about excellent achievements from students in and out of school. A group of Year 8 students participated in a Maths Feast competition this week and the teacher who accompanied the group paid tribute to this delightful and bright bunch of students who were a credit to the school. What a fantastic accolade! Maths have had lots of reasons to be proud this week - our school came 5th in the UK in the Times Tables Rock Stars competition to support the NSPCC and in fact we were the highest performing school in the North East! We are so proud of every student who participated both in lessons and at home. Keep up the amazing work! Miss Ward-Gow is feeling hugely proud of her classes this week and asked me to share the following shoutouts: 10M/Ma2 for their efforts on their most recent topic (angles) with some students scoring 100% on the assessment; to 7B/Ma2 for their improvements on their current topic (area); to 9B/Ma1 for their hard work every lesson and their curiosity for maths - looking at sequences this week and finding patterns within patterns!; to 11M/Ma1 for rising to the challenge of gaining at least a grade - with some having already done this on the recent in-class exam papers. Keep going! and finally to 8B/Ma2 for their passion for TTRockstars which got them 3rd place in the recent TTRS competition. Please ask your child if they feature in this great list!

In other subjects, Miss Pickles wanted to say a huge well done to her Year 9 English class who were hugely considerate towards her on Friday when she returned to school! She said she had missed them!

Miss Shipley has had a very positive week and asked me to shout out to her Year 11 CoPE class who worked really hard on Tuesday to bake lemon biscuits and chocolate chip cookies, and serve them to staff along with tea and coffee for our coffee morning as part of their assessment task. On Wednesday during period 5 Miss Shipley's Year 7 DT worked really well measuring, marking out and cutting their pieces of wood for their junk robots. The same group worked really independently on Thursday during period 1 in Food Technology making some great pizza toast. Miss Shipley also asked me to praise her Year 8 DT class on Thursday period 2 who had a really productive lesson in which all students were engaged and working hard to finish the wooden bases of their LED lights with some students having a go at soldering for the first time to attach their LED lights to the battery power supply.

Miss Stevens shared with me that she is extremely proud of 9E/En3 for consistently having an amazing work ethic, in particular while debating the themes of Brave New World with maturity, depth and creativity. A huge well done year 9! Miss Stevens told me they have been a pleasure to teach! Miss Kennedy emailed me telling she wanted to sing the praises of her 7a/Re3 class as all students joined in really well with a large writing task in which all students engaged and were star pupils.

I would like to shout out to my wonderful new Year 7 French class who I had the pleasure of teaching this week - you have made me très fière Year 7, keep up the great work!

Mrs Raisin was delighted to see so many of her new Year 10 tutor group awarded with so many certificates on Thursday morning in their rewards assembly. Mrs Raisin also took the time to share her pride in the Year 10 Hair & Beauty students who have continued to demonstrate the PINDAR values throughout their time in their controlled assessment. So proud was she that she has created an explanation of their hard work based on the PINDAR values:

P = The students demonstrate through their standard of work that they are proud of what they are achieving.

I = They are independently focused on their tasks.

N = They are allowing others in their class to achieve their best work by not disrupting any part of the lesson.

D = They are all demonstrating how determined they are to produce their best work to achieve the highest grade they can.

A = Pushing themselves to show what they can achieve.

R = Always polite, friendly and wearing the correct uniform.

I don't think I can add anything further apart from to say a huge well done to these Year 10 students!

I hope you have enjoyed this week's edition of the #PINDARPositives email and trust that you have a really enjoyable half term break. We look forward to seeing all students on Monday 19 February at 8.35am.

With every good wish

Lesley Welsh

Principal