



Laurence Jackson School's Parental Bulletin

18th March 2022

Messages from the Headteacher

Walk for Autism 2022— A reminder about the charity event that we shared in last week's bulletin. It involves walking 10,000 steps a day, from 26th March-2nd April. Miss Picken has signed Laurence Jackson School up to the Walk for Autism website as a 'team' which means if you are interested you could sign up as a 'team member'. To sign up please see last week's bulletin for details. Thank you to those who have done so already.

KS3 Parent-Child Focus Reading Group—thank you to all those parents continuing to support this initiative. Mrs Crawford will be releasing the next phase of activities to try next week on Class Charts .

Enrichment Opportunities:

VALT Public Speaking Competition—thank you again to those who encouraged their child to enter this. We have 3 Y7 students, 7 Y8 students and 2 Y10 students who have signed up. Further details will be released in next week's bulletin.

Oxford University Geography Competition— A reminder that Y7 to Y10 students are invited to submit a short video entry (2 – 5 minutes at most) on a geographical issue or phenomenon that is local to them. More details can be found [here](#). If your child is interested, please ask them to email pickenm@laurencejackson.org for support with their entry.

LJS World Book day 2022—please enjoy looking at the attached powerpoint which showcases the range of brilliant entries we received for our World Book Day Competition. A reminder of the range of talented individuals that we are very proud to have part of our school community!

Safeguarding Spotlight

Living a good digital life doesn't only mean avoiding the bad stuff like online trolls, scam adverts or gory video games. Sometimes it's about celebrating the good things: how the internet has the power, for example, to help people improve each other's day with a kind word, a supportive comment or a well-timed meme. Comic Relief 2022 has the theme of 'You' – proposing that these small acts of kindness, if performed by enough people, can make a massive difference. In support of this year's Red Nose Day, National Online Safety have produced a special #WakeUpWednesday guide with some suggestions on how we can all bring a smile to someone's face by being more positive online - including video calling, posting a kind comment and sharing a feelgood playlist. The guide can be viewed [here](#). Please take time to discuss this with your child.

Celebrating Student Success



Well done and congratulations to Brandon G who was the overall winner for the LJS World Book Day Competition 2022 and to Elizabeth D for coming joint 2nd.

Well done to Hannah F who spoke at an external 'Celebration Awards'—whilst in Y9, Hannah was successful in gaining a work placement with Redcar & Cleveland Council as part of their 'Inspiring Women Programme'. Hannah worked with older students from another school on a group task where they created a powerpoint presentation on the things they would like to change in our local area. Hannah led on this activity and really enjoyed her opportunity to work-shadow Kathryn Bolton (Director of Children and Families).





Year Group Specific Messages

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This week the new lunch time arrangements have continued to create a calm and pleasant atmosphere. We have been delighted to see a range of our Y7 students bringing in a reading book to read quietly whilst sitting at their table, waiting to be called up to go for lunch (and after lunch if students choose).

Mrs Crawford awarded raffle tickets to students this week who had a reading book, were reading and were displaying excellent conduct. Well done to Mason M who won the raffle today.

Mrs Crawford has praised Y7 students for their conduct this week at lunchtime but has challenged them to think about how to make their individual and collective best better. She will be awarding more raffle tickets next week.



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Advanced notice that the **Y9 Parents Evening** will take place on 7.4.22 virtually. Information and instructions about how to log on to the online system will be emailed and a copy posted in advance.

Y9 Explorer Event: as part of the Careers Education Programme a group of students attended an 'Explorer Event' on Thursday 17 March where they visited Askham Bryan College and Redcar & Cleveland College. The students were given a tour of each campus, saw the amazing facilities and learned about the many different routes of study available to them in the future.

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