



THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

The Word

13 NOVEMBER 2020

Headteacher's Round Up

So we come to the end of our first week of the second national lockdown. It is a very testing time for everyone but our school community is coping admirably. We have had a few more cases this week, but we are still fairing very well in the scheme of things.

I was very impressed with the maturity of our students whilst observing the two minute silence on Armistice Day.

I have seen so much hard work and focus in lessons during my walks around school this week. Particularly year 10, as they complete their assessments. Very well done to our students, and thank you to our staff, who continue to go above beyond, in all they do.

It is national "kindness day" today and we do discuss this with the students. Mrs Burnham's tutor group has gone out of their way to perform random acts of kindness for their teachers this week. This is just one example of our students living out our core values – "sound moral compass, care and respect".

We wish everyone in our community who is celebrating Diwali this weekend, a happy and safe time.

Have a lovely weekend.



Word of the Week





APPRECIATE

Definition:

- To be grateful or thankful for: *They appreciated his thoughtfulness.*
- To value or regard highly; place a high estimate on: *to appreciate good wine.*
- To be fully conscious of; be aware of; detect; *to appreciate the dangers of a situation.*
- To raise in value.

House Points Totals

The running totals for number of house points so far are:

			
8650	9142	9331	9404

Thought of the Week Bullying

Anti Bullying Week – Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November 2020

The Anti-Bullying Alliance run campaigns every year. This year the theme is 'United Against Bullying.'

Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with working together.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have the following values. They believe that:

- bullying in any form is wrong and should not be tolerated, and that any environment that
- encourages bullying, or shows indifference to prejudice and discrimination is unacceptable;
- bullying is a behaviour choice and that anyone can be encouraged to change their behaviour;

- respecting difference and welcoming diversity in our children, young people and in society in general, is crucial;

Questions:

1. What small changes can you make today to help stop bullying?
2. What impact does bullying have on peoples' lives?
3. How can we respect difference and welcome diversity more in school?



Dark nights and Bike Safety

We are reminding students to take care on their way home as the nights become darker. For those students who ride bikes to school, please ensure that bikes have working lights, that students wear helmets, and where possible high visibility accessories. Please also remind them to observe the laws of the road whilst travelling around on their bikes, for their own safety, and that of others on the road.

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Parking Around School

Whilst waiting outside school to collect your children, could we please ask that you turn your engines off. At Light Hall School we would like to assist in ensuring the health of students, community and the environment around us.

An idling engine can produce up to twice the emissions of a car that's in motion. These include chemicals such as Sulphur dioxide, particulate matter and nitrogen oxide to name a few.

All of these contribute to asthma, heart disease and even lung cancer. These chemicals also have a negative effect on the environment by contributing to poor air quality.

Stationary idling is also an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Please remember to park considerately and legally outside school.

