



The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

18TH MARCH 2022

Headteacher's Roundup

Charity and generosity have abounded this week. We started off the week with our treasure hunt, where our intrepid explorers quickly found our bake sale. This was swiftly followed by our up-cycling sale. Today, we are being entertained by orchestral busking and watching cross bar challenge! I feel exhausted simply watching all these fabulous activities. Our year 9 charity committee have thrown themselves into it, with gusto! We will be able to tell you next week how much we have raised for Comic Relief. I am so proud of them all. It would be so easy to have a non-uniform day to raise money, but our students have gone over and above, really challenging themselves to come up with ideas and events, showing their



commitment to others by their actions. We are reassured they are building life skills, not only for the world of work but to make their contribution to society. #SoundMoralCompassCare&Respect

Thank you so much for all your support with our donations from Ukraine, we have been overwhelmed by the response. Mr Card and Mrs Peace have taken numerous car loads to the depot. Please keep the items coming, if you are able to contribute. Our final collection will be on 23rd March. Our thoughts remain with the people of Ukraine. #Ukraine

I have to say I can't praise our prefect team enough. They were excellent stewards at the borough cross country competition, held here at Light Hall, on Wednesday. The weather played its own unique part! As we know from our own school days, all school cross country competitions have to take place in pouring rain! Our students showed immense fortitude and resilience, assisting in their high viz jackets and umbrellas. They were complimented by many other schools, and we are so proud of them. The true Light Hall spirit shines

through the most torrential downpour! #ActiveParticipation

Our thoughts are with our undefeated basketball team today as they represent the county. I am looking forward to hearing all the match stories on Monday. #HighExpectationsAndAspirations

Many congratulations to the following students who have signed the golden book over the past two weeks: Joshua H, Ollie A, Edward S, Joshua D, George N, Joseph C, Isaac H, Megan J, Chloe H, Dylan J, Isaac D. #Excellence

Our very best wishes to Year 11 who sit their second round of mock exams next week, we hope all their hard work pays off. #LoveOfLearning

My best wishes for a peaceful weekend.

Annette Kamblin

Diary Reminders

All Years:

Tuesday 29th March – COVID catch up boosters

Thursday 31st March – Parents Information Evening – Years 7-10

Year 7:

Wednesday 23rd March – Year 7 PSHEC Day

Year 8:

Wednesday 23rd March – Year 8 Football (H) v Tudor Grange

Thursday 24th March – Year 8 football (H) v Lode Heath

Wednesday 30th March – Year 8 PSHEC Day

Thursday 31st March – Year 8 Football (H) v Langley

Friday 1st April – Year 8 reports to parents

Thursday 7th April – Year 8 parents' evening

Year 9:

Wednesday 23rd March – Year 9 Football (A) v Langley 3.00pm – 5.45pm

Thursday 24th March – Year 9 PSHEC Day

Wednesday 30th March – Year 9 football (H) v Alderbrook – 3pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 31st March – Year 9 football (A) v Lode Heath – 3pm – 5.45pm

Monday 4th – Tuesday 5th April – Year 9 Booster Vaccinations

Wednesday 6th April – Year 9 Football (H) v Heart of England – 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Year 10:

Monday 28th March – Year 10 PSHEC Day

Year 11:

Monday 21st March – Friday 25th March – Year 11 exam week (second mocks)

Thursday 7th April – Year 11 PSHEC Day

Friday 8th April – Year 11 interim reports to parents

Word of the Week

KNOW

Verb: Be aware of through observation, inquiry or information.

The siblings were excited to research their family history and **know** more about their ancestors.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

The booking system for Year 8 Parents' Evening on 7th April is open. There has been a change to Ms Wyatt's Drama students – they can meet with her via video call on Friday 1st April instead.

Thought of the week

The importance of family

Mothers' Day 27th March

Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday in the UK and Ireland, is a day to show love, gratitude and appreciation to all wonderful mums everywhere, through acts of kindness and the giving of Mothers' Day gifts and flowers. Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day both have different origins; although they represent the same meaning, they originated very differently. We all celebrate the day but very few people actually know its origin. The original meaning of Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day has been somewhat lost but it's still a day to solely appreciate mum.

Mother's Day celebrations date back as far as the ancient Greeks where they would celebrate Rhea, the Mother of the Gods and Goddesses, every spring with festivals of worship. The Romans also celebrated a mother Goddess, Cybele, every March as far back as 250BC.



Mothering Sunday has been celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent, in the UK and Ireland, since the 16th century. The date varies in other parts of the world. Many countries follow the US and celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May, whilst other countries enjoy the day on March 8th which is International Women's Day.

History of Mothering Sunday

Like many traditions and festivities, Mothering Sunday began with a religious purpose. Held on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday, it was originally a day to honour and give thanks to the Virgin Mary, also known as Mother Mary. Such celebrations required people to visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral in a family's area. The spread of Christianity throughout Europe in the 16th century increased the celebrations and firmly put Mothering

Sunday on the calendar. It was believed to be essential for people to return to their home 'mother' church to make it a true family honoured occasion. The gatherings reunited families and gave children who worked as domestic servants, or as apprentices away from home (from as early as ten years old), the opportunity to have the day off to join their family and see their mother.

Parental information evening (Yr7-10 students) – Assessment

The sessions on Thursday 31st March will be recorded for any parent(s) who are unable to attend the evening.

The information evening will explore the following areas, with the intention of improving the support parents can provide children in preparation for the end of year assessments (EOYA).

- 'What to expect' with the end of year assessments and their importance – Mr Hayfield
- 'How best to prepare your child for the end of year assessments' – Mr Hayfield
- Time management skills, how best to motivate children to perform and how to use technology effectively – ELEVATE (external provider)

If you require any further details please use the contact below.

Mr Hayfield – nhayfield@lighthall.co.uk

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

We will be doing this again at the end of this term so if you have any pre-loved uniform at home that you would like to donate please drop it into reception.



PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE



In our effort to be more Eco Friendly we will be selling donated school uniforms at the end of every term in school, half of the money raised will be donated to charity and the other half will be used to purchase resources for our students

We ask that any donations are washed before being brought into main reception

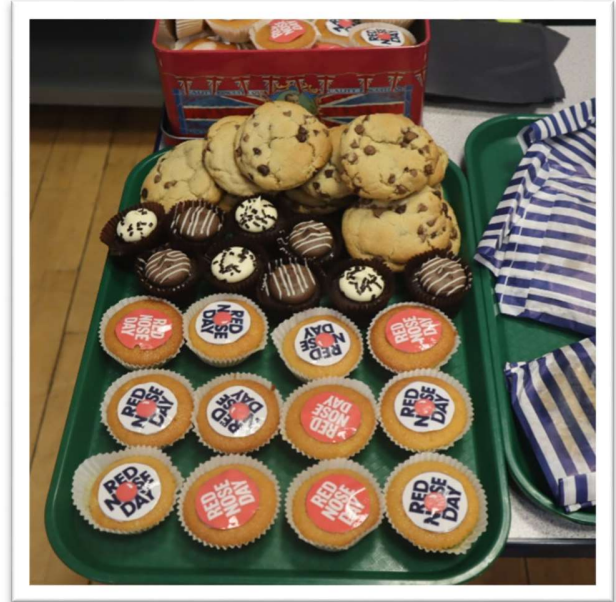
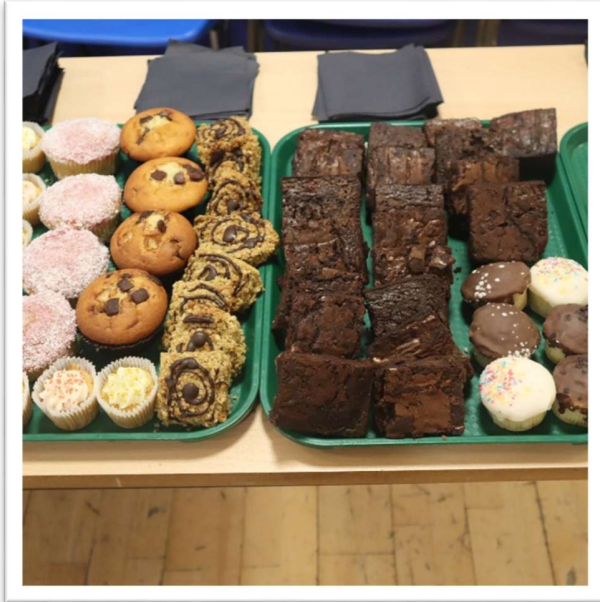
Solihull Sports Federation Roll of Honour Awards Evening

A former student of ours, Owen Farmer received a Roll of Honour award from the Mayor last week. He was recognised for his footballing achievements as a member of the Wolverhampton Wanderers Academy. After leaving Light Hall, Owen continues his development at the academy. We are all very proud of his achievements.



Comic Relief

Our Year 7 and 8 students have raised £135 this week for Comic Relief with their bake sale.



Ukraine: How you can help



If you would like to make a donation, there will be collection boxes in school reception and rooms 103 and 109 between Wednesday 9th March and Wednesday 23rd March

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

BLANKETS
TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE
SHOWER GELS, SHAMPOO, SOAP
MEDICAL SUPPLIES (BANDAGES, ANTI-SEPTIC WIPES, PLASTERS)
HAIRBRUSHES
INSTANT FOOD
INSTANT MILK FOR BABIES
CANNED FOOD
ENERGY BARS
NAPPIES AND WIPES
SANITARY PRODUCTS
TORCHES AND BATTERIES

