



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I am extremely pleased to announce that we have now collected in all of the sponsorship money from our sponsored walk this year, and we raised a grand total of £5258! This is a fantastic amount and the new school record. We will, of course, be looking to beat it next year. The money will be divided between the two school charities for this year, chosen by the Senior Student Team, which are Leanne's Wish and Great Oaks Hospice, and the Headteacher Charity, which for this year is Macmillan Cancer Support.

FIVE ACRES FIVE CORE VALUES

More staff and student creativity was demonstrated in this week's pumpkin carving competition. I hope you enjoy the pictures in this edition. Well done to winners Lily Keighley (Lightmoor House), Abi Love (Clearwell House) and staff winner, Miss Trumm (Cannop House). You have all won 60 points for your House.

Determination and Ambition were demonstrated by the Year 9 footballers, all three Five Acres teams are now in Round Three of the School FA Cup. Our next game is away to Banbury.

Our student radio team displayed both fantastic confidence and wonderful creativity with their Radio Podcast. If you haven't heard this already, please do listen via the school Facebook page. This will now become a monthly feature and is a great way to find out what is going on in our school.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that we have appointed a Leading Practitioner for Maths, to work primarily at Five Acres, but also across our Trust. She will be a leading figure in our commitment to raise numeracy levels for all of our students, giving them the very best chance of success. Rhiannon Rainbow, currently Associate Headteacher and Head of Maths at John Kyrle High School, will be joining us in January. We very much look forward to working with her.



House Events Coming Up!

WB 13th November: *Mixed dodgeball competition*

Friday 24th November: *Lip Sync Competition*

Friday 8th December:
*Reindeer Rodeo –
which house can hold
on the longest..?*



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL is proud to support the Make Your Mark initiative. This is a national event which encourages all young people aged 11 to 18 to vote for the topics and current issues that members of the UK Youth Parliament should debate this year. The debate will be held in the House of Commons in November 2017.



At Five Acres High School the Senior Student voice team asked all students, during assembly time, to vote from ten current topics that they would like to see be debated and balloted.

We had nearly 500 voting papers returned. The topic that came first at Five Acres High School was: *Work Experience Hub for 11 to 18 years olds. Knowing where to find work experience can be challenging. Government should create an online space to help young people with this.*

Overall the UK's 11 to 18 year olds voted for the following topics to be debated by the Youth Parliament this year:

- A curriculum to prepare us for life – Schools should cover topics including finance, sex and relationships and politics in the curriculum.
- Transport – Make public transport cheaper, better and accessible for all.
- Work Experience hubs for 11 to 18 year olds – Knowing where to find work experience can be challenging. Government should create an online space to help young people with this.
- Votes at 16 – Give 16 and 17 year olds the right to vote in all elections/referendums.
- Protect LGBT+ People – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender+ young people deserve to be treated the same as everyone else; discrimination needs to be challenged.

We have had a number of enquiries from parents about the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. This year we have decided to focus on our chosen charities and will therefore not be running a shoebox collection. However, we would like to remind people that they can still take part and there are many drop off points locally. For more information go to: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

10 NOVEMBER
SCHOOL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
12 DECEMBER
AWARDS ASSEMBLY
12 DECEMBER
PARENT VOICE MEETINGS 5.00 – 7.00pm
14 DECEMBER
PANTOMIME VISIT – BRISTOL HIPPODROME
19 DECEMBER – END OF TERM
02 JANUARY
ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY (details to follow)