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NOADSWOOD NEWSLETTER

Awards Evening fantastic for all in attendance - House Leaders Learning



This year Noadswood celebrated another incredible Annual Awards Evening to recognise exceptional performance and dedication from the previous academic year. Each year this is an overwhelmingly positive

evening where we reward those pupils who distinguish themselves the most in their cohort. Pupils can be invited for a number of reasons, including: consistently outstanding reports; biggest improvements in school reports; subject awards from both core and option and various other categories, such as Headteacher Award and Extra-Curricular Achievement.

'IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO CELEBRATE WITH A DIVERSE GROUP OF PUPILS ABOUT A REAL RANGE OF EFFORT, ACHIEVEMENTS AND VERY SPECIAL QUALITIES'

MISS MARSHALL

Over 150 pupils were invited from Years 8 to 11. The first part of the evening was focused solely on KS3 awards and the second part was KS4 awards. Each House nominated their winners and gave speeches for standout pupils. As well as these



House Awards, various members of staff looked back on the extra-curricular success of the previous year:

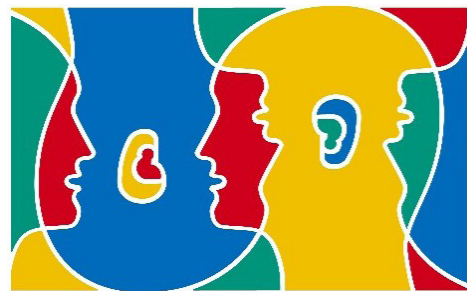


Mrs Martin talked about the much loved Year 7 Bude visit; Mrs Sullivan talked about the Boulogne day trip, as well as the fantastic German exchange programme and Mr Marsh gave a detailed report on the New York and Washington trip. Lastly, Miss Trodd discussed the success of our latest Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Miss Carter informed parents about the culturally enriching Sefoloko partnership. As well as these valued staff speeches, both the KS3 and KS4 Awards were opened by Parent-Governor Catherine Langdon, who recognised that it was the hard work of pupils, staff and parents that allowed pupils to be awarded in this special way.

When collecting their awards, pupils were greeted with a certificate and an Amazon voucher to recognise their fantastic accomplishments. Some standout individuals include the KS3 and KS4 Challenge Cup winners: Ben Walley and Emily Wheeler (Anderwood), Ellie Craven and Ben Hammond (Deerleap), Neave Taylor and Lois Johnson (Knightwood) and finally Faith Husk and Katie Pett from Wilverly. As well as this, Miss Marshall awarded two coveted Headteacher's Awards to Christopher Kyei and Tiegan O'Reilly respectively. We look forward to organising and attending another fantastic Awards Evening next year!

THIS WEEK'S TOP E-PRAISE:

#	NAME	YEAR	TUTOR	HOUSE	POINTS
1	OLIVIA KANENGONI	7	D-PSM	DEERLEAP	386
2	REBEKAH SMITH	7	D-PSM	DEERLEAP	368
3	BREANNA DUOSE	8	D-LFA	DEERLEAP	367
4	JAKE WILLARD	7	D-PSM	DEERLEAP	352
5	CONNOR FARRELL	8	D-HPH	DEERLEAP	347



SPOTLIGHT ON... EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Thursday the 26th of September was European Day of Languages.

delicious European themed food, including a Hungarian Goulash and a Greek Koulourakia. During the course of the day, various members of staff entered into the spirit by incorporating an element of a foreign language into their teaching. We also had a tutor group competition, with ten members of staff wearing badges, this year showing capital cities of different countries. There was an atmosphere of excitement around school as pupils frantically tried to spot the teachers with badges. A big thank you to all those staff who wore badges for us, but particularly to one of our LSAs, Miss Klonowski, who actively went into different lessons, saying 'Guten Tag' to show off her Berlin badge. Bravo!



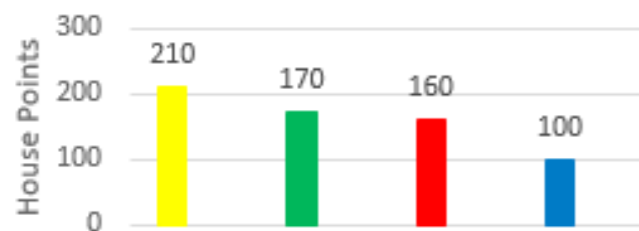
This year, congratulations go to Knightwood, as they won the European Day of Languages cup for the first time. Thank you to all the tutor groups that took part and congratulations to A-MWo, A-SGr, D-MAb, D-PSM, K-EWa, K-SMo, W- ERo/AMa and W-TSh, who were the winning tutor groups in their houses. We hope you enjoyed the tub of chocolates as a reward for your hard work.

We celebrated this as a school on Friday 27th, as our Year 7s were involved in a problem-solving day on the Thursday and we didn't want them to miss out. The Site Team very kindly put up our banner in the hall reminding pupils of the event and then the day started.

Pupils were asked to choose a different language in which to answer the register in tutor time. Some chose languages they are studying, whilst others were more adventurous in their choices. After the register, pupils then worked in teams on a quiz. This year the theme was a romantic one, with pupils having to decide which language each 'I love you' phrase came from.

At lunchtime, our Catering Colleagues supported us again by preparing a variety of

European Day of Languages - Spot the Teacher Competition 2019



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Since we wrote to you last, I have had much to feel proud of both in terms of the fantastic work done by pupils and the superb efforts made by colleagues as this autumn term got into its stride. Alongside Marchwood Junior School, and lots of professional friends from schools across Hampshire, we were delighted to welcome educationalist and curriculum researcher, Mary Myatt, who shared with us great wisdom, humour and insight about having the highest of ambitions for all our young people in our curriculum intent and therefore in their learning.

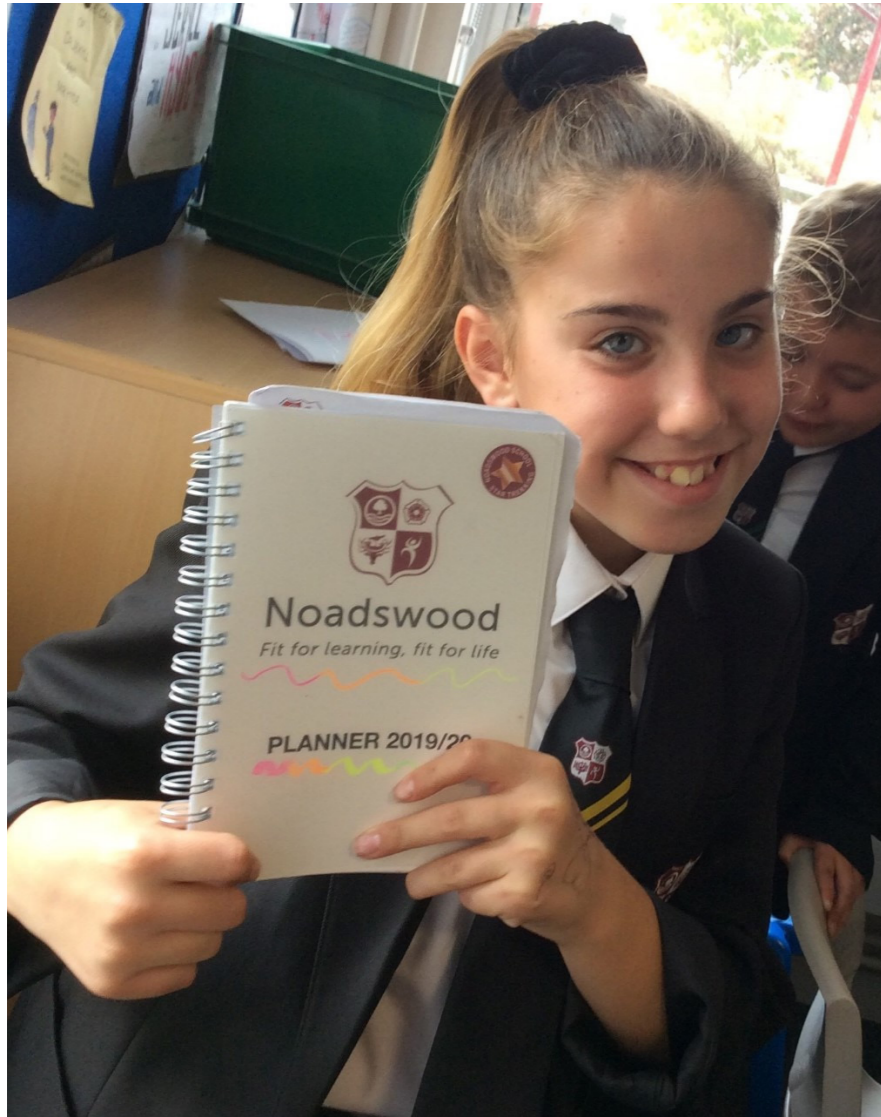


I know having that belief in the capacity of every child to find their successful place in our world is of crucial importance to you as parents, and so it's vital we think carefully about how commitment to this is shown in the knowledge delivered, the skills explained, and when and how we do both.

We're equally looking forward to working with colleagues at Orchard Infant and Junior Schools, exploring the delivery of maths across our schools and our coverage of the citizenship curriculum, as well as doing some shared subject leader work. We genuinely love working with other schools, primary and secondary, across the Waterside and across Hampshire, learning so much from other excellent schools, sharing our expertise and all for the benefit of our young people.

Next up on that note will be the visit of a chap called Matt Pinkett, the co-author of a book, 'Boys Don't Try?', helping us, as Pinkett put it in an article in the Guardian newspaper back in April, to 'free all pupils from stereotypes, and give them the chance to do what everyone wants, which is truly fulfil their potential.' I'm very grateful to Mrs Rollett, our Research and Teaching/Learning Lead for her organisational tenacity in bringing such top speakers and therefore top thinking to Noadswood and surrounding schools for the direct benefit of your children.

It's also been a busy couple of weeks for visits to Noadswood of our friends at the Local Authority, including Brian Pope, Assistant Director for Education and Inclusion, and Derek Myers, School Improvement Manager for the New Forest and Test Valley Districts. Brian came simply to explore our school, and had an excellent tour from two of the now very large squad of excellent guides we have, Claire Holloway and Max Belsen. Brian paid tribute to your children's excellent behaviour for learning and the ease with which they spoke to him as he popped into a wide range of lessons.



I invited Derek to work alongside the Leadership Team on the important work all schools must do on consistency of vision and consistency of messages so that things really soar. I share with you the themes of just some of the professional learning we do so you know that I'm as committed to no complacency, and striving for really consistent excellence as I am proud of all we already do at Noadswood.

On that note, some of you know we have been working for a year now with the organisation, Pivotal Training, a successful behaviour management company that focuses on positive but consistent and simple rules, routines and restorative practice, underpinned by the watchwords, 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. I've shared information with you about this work before; importantly though, as I said in my last newsletter, our work on the restorative practice

component of this, replacing detentions and focusing on shared accountability across the school is in its infancy this term.

I'm grateful to a working party of colleagues for leading on this, and we look forward to reflecting the changes made, practised and understood by all in what will be our published, amended behaviour policy before Christmas.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or queries about this work in its early stages, please email me at headteacher@noadswood.hants.sch.uk and either I will respond directly or I will forward your mail to the working party for their response.

Pupils and colleagues are enjoying marking Mental Health Awareness Month. Last week, Year 11 pupil Lois Johnson held our first 'Tea and Talk' get together after school, with baked cakes and warm drinks at the ready for anyone who just needs to hang out and offload after a busy or tough day. She was thrilled that 25 people came and looks forward to even more the next time. We're also planning a Wear Something Yellow Day for Young Minds for Friday October 25th at the suggestion of Abi Mulholland and Trinity Tapper, also in Year 11, whilst our very brave Head Boy, Ellis Quinn led the first of two assemblies for all our boys focusing on supporting male mental health brilliantly well. This assembly was written by former pupil and mental health champion, Elizabeth Bridges to be delivered after she left, and Ellis is doing her proud.

I'm thrilled to bits with the first activities and work of our new Parent Staff Association. We all enjoyed our quiz night, with quiz master, Arthur Prouse, in September. Lots of staff and parents came together to have fun together, and the team, Let's Get Quizzical, who triumphed were so kind as to donate their chocolatey prize to the staff. Thanks again for that! I was relieved that my team avoided the wooden spoon! As I write, I'm now looking forward to our Year 7 Welcome Spook-tacular disco on Friday 18th October, and to money being gradually raised for our Community Garden project. The initial designs are now in, much more to follow very soon now.

I want to thank Mrs Stratford, Music Teacher, and her Year 11 BTEC group for their presentations they shared with me last week. Their talents to make a credible pitch for promoting music to younger children, combined with IT, video and presentation skills, all filmed and observed by Mrs Stratford and myself, were great to see. It's always a joy to see your children learning and demonstrating knowledge, skills and talents they often think nothing of but which are really brilliant to see at their young ages.

When startrekking a week or two back, it was lovely to see the joy on two Year 7 girls' faces that they'd been recognised across their peers for their efforts - I love seeing the excellent work but also the self belief starting to grow.

On a different note, I wanted to make the community aware that we are soon to be a school that can issue Food Bank Vouchers, where these would be of use. Our ELSAs, Miss Harwood and Miss Fleming, based now in H14, our House Leaders Guidance, Miss Gates and our new Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Loveday, will all be able to issue these vouchers from around about the date we return from the half term break, Monday 4th November. We're really pleased to be able to offer this service to anyone it would help. Goodness knows we all go through tough times, often unexpectedly, and we want no stigmas about anything in our school - just ways to join together to help one another.

There will be launch assemblies about this scheme led by someone who works there between 26th and 29th November, after which we will have food collection points around our site to which pupils, colleagues and parents/carers will be able to donate every day essentials and maybe more luxury Christmas items, too. All this will be in that same spirit of joining together to help one another.

I would like to finish this time by congratulating again all the boys and girls who were celebrated at our Awards Evening on Wednesday 9th October. It was a pleasure to see so many parents and carers there, supporting the youngsters, and to speak to all the pupils up on stage. Thanks also go to Catherine Langdon, Parent Governor, for joining us, to the House Leaders Learning for making the evening go with such a swing and to all the colleagues who supported the event in various ways - this includes our Site Manager, Christine Arturi who retired after she locked the school up that night for the last time. We all enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea with Chris to thank her so much for her dedication to our school and for all the chuckles, too. We wish her the very best for the future from the whole of the Noadswood family.

