



Weekly News Flash

7th June 2024



A message from our Principal, Mrs. Buley



Happy Friday!

It was wonderful to welcome the pupils back to school on Monday and we hope that they all enjoyed a restful break.

Our plans for the Summer Fayre have begun and there is some additional information within this newsflash regarding how you can help make this day a great event! We hope that as many of you as possible will be available to attend this on the afternoon of 12th July.

This half term, we will also be hosting our third parents' evening of the year on 4th July. We will soon send out further information as to how you can book to meet class teachers, as well as receive your child's end of year report.

Pupils are currently undertaking their 'Progress assessments' in English and Maths so that we can provide you with the most up to date information on how they are currently achieving in these core subjects.

It was great to see some of you attend the Art Exhibition this afternoon and we hope you enjoyed this event – the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to use their creativity in this way and a big thank you to Miss Pirkl for her organisation!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Buley



PSHE

This half term, during PSHE, pupils will be focusing on Citizenship. Citizenship education develops the knowledge, skills and understanding that pupils need to play a full part in society as active and responsible citizens. We will explore a wide range of sensitive and political issues with pupils, carefully considering their individual ages and stages of development.

Within primary, pupils will be focusing on their own rights and the rights of others within the UK and abroad. Pupils will develop their understanding of theirs, and others', responsibilities and democracy within the school setting.

Key stage 3 pupils will focus on their understanding of democracy, government and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. There will be discussions around the current elections, what this means and the importance of a voting system. Pupils will consider the history of voting in the UK and how this has developed over time. Key Stage 3 pupils will also learn about the nature of rules and laws and the justice system, including the role of the police and the operation of courts and tribunals.

Key stage 4 pupils will further their understanding of democracy and the key elements of the constitution of the United Kingdom, including the power of government, the role of citizens and Parliament in holding those in power to account, and the different roles of the executive, legislature and judiciary, and the free press. There will also be a focus on the different electoral systems used in and beyond the United Kingdom and actions citizens can take in democratic and electoral processes to influence decisions locally, nationally and beyond.

Pupil Awards

This academic year, we will be celebrating three pupils each week who have been nominated by staff for demonstrating our school principles.

We are pleased to announce that this week's winners are:



THOUGHTFUL

MOLLY SANDFORD has been awarded this week for showing great dedication and working hard on the Art Exhibition and showing thoughtful teamwork with her peers to bring the artwork together.

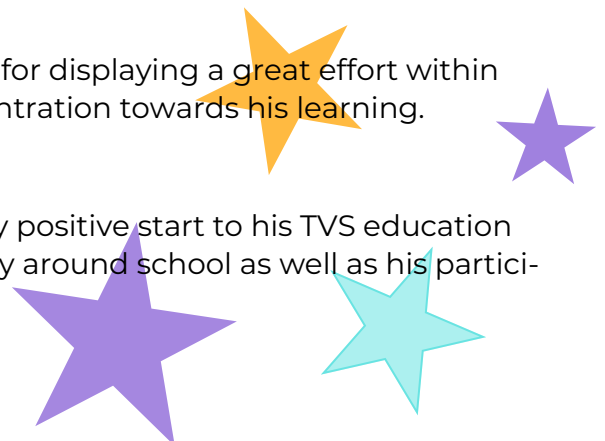
VALUE

GABE HOLT have been collectively recognised this week for displaying a great effort within the classroom and staying focused with increased concentration towards his learning.

SAFE

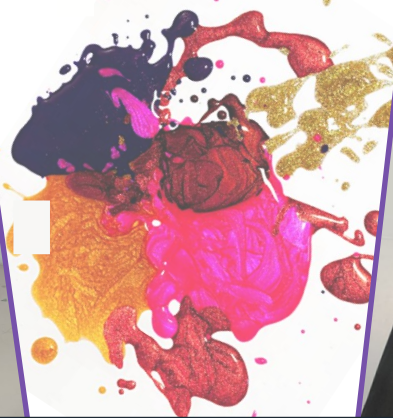
JAMIE CRITCHLEY has been awarded this week for a very positive start to his TVS education and following school expectations with his personal safety around school as well as his participation towards the environment remaining safe.

A huge congratulations to these pupils from all staff.



What's been happening this week

TVS ART EXHIBITION







Personal Development



Summer Term 2

Neurodiversity

Primary have been looking at the difference between equality and equity.

Students made comic strips to show peoples' differences and how a something that may be a challenge in some situations, can be a strength in others!

For example, the giant that was good at playing catch, and the ghost that was the best at hide and seek!



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3		All of these animals are in a 100m race
4		They are running on the same track at the same distance
5		Is this race fair?
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Equal means:

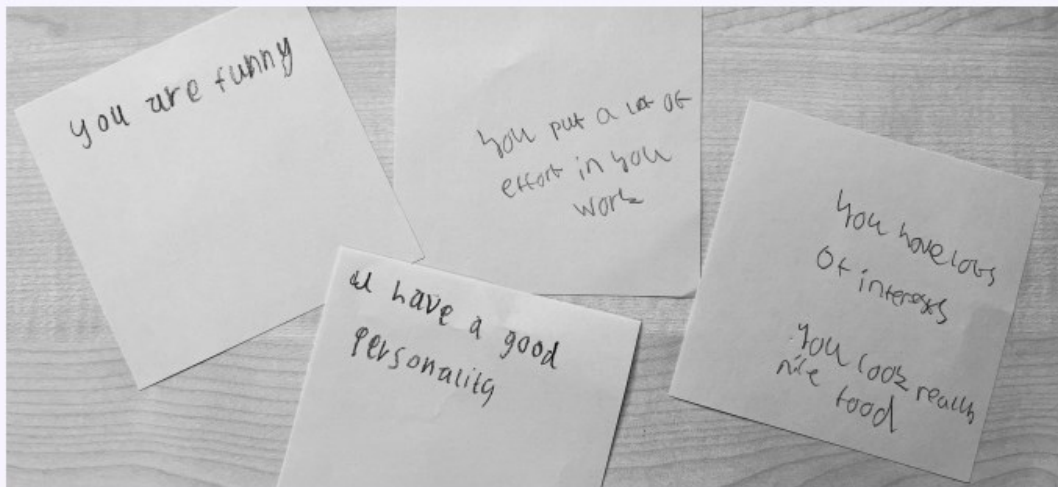
Being the same in quantity, size, degree, or value

Equity means:

The quality of being fair



Year 7 have been continuing to expand their knowledge on neurodiversity, and this week they have focussed on self-esteem. They learned the value of compliments, both giving and receiving them, and practiced giving out compliments to family, friends and staff!





Personal Development



Summer Term 2

Did you know?

A Fixed Mindset thinks that people cannot change the things they don't like about themselves, or get better at the things they're not so good at.

A Growth Mindset thinks that we can learn new things, even if it is hard.

'All things are difficult before they are easy'

Year 9 have been exploring 'fixed' mindsets and 'growth' mindsets and the implications of both. They had a look at some examples and discussed the reasons behind these contrasting mindsets.

YOU Can Do THIS

I am ready for the challenge!

I can try again until I get this right.

It's OK if I make a mistake

Growth Mindset is the belief that you are capable of doing hard things. It is made of the thoughts that you tell yourself.

Fixed or Growth Mindset? Ellis - 05/06

Watch each clip and decide whether the person has a fixed or growth mindset. You also need to think of why this might be.

Example	Mindset:	Reason
Michael Jordan	growth	he practiced a lot & failed a lot
Homer Simpson	fixed	hes dumb for never ever
Elon Musk	growth	he didn't give up



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Dr Phil (guest)	fixed	was a hypocrite
Dad ('Ride Home')	fixed	he hates his son
Chris Gardner (Will Smith)	growth	didn't give up & never let go

Weekly Information

Summer Fayre – 12th July 2024 11.30am – 2.00pm

We are holding our annual summer fayre this year on the 12th July 2024 where we will be inviting all families to join your child for a picnic event. We welcome you to bring a picnic blanket or chairs, share in the fun and activities and help celebrate the successful year for TVS.

We will be raising funds to support a new sensory garden so there will be an exciting raffle where local business have kindly donated some great prizes to win. There will also be a small donation charge to some of the stalls, games and activities but all in aid of a great cause, so ask you all to save up your coins over the coming weeks to bring generously and enjoy the fun.

But we need your help - If anyone has any raffle prizes or tombola stall prizes they are able to donate, please do get in touch with our school office or send in with your child. Anything however big or small, is very much appreciated.

A full list of stalls, games and activities will be shared in the newsflash nearer the time but for now, save the date and donate anything you are able to offer by way of prizes for either the raffle or tombola stall.

The range of refreshments available on the day to buy will consist of ice-creams, drinks, BBQ, pic 'n' mix bags and you will also be able to pre-order a picnic box for collection on the day.



What is the playground survey?

The BBC micro:bit – the next gen campaign will teach pupils about coding and digital skills using micro:bits, which are pocket-sized computers that can be programmed to perform a huge range of functions.

The survey is a creative and hands-on way of teaching pupils about how data is relevant to their everyday lives.

Miss Eden has sent more information to the parents/carers of pupils who are taking part.

Key Dates

June	10th	Year 8 Option Event 2.30pm - 4pm
	TBC	Careers Day
	18th	Year 11 Harvester leavers lunch
	21 st	Year 11 Leavers Assembly
	w/c 24 th	Enrichment Week (students)
July	1 st	Transition Commencement
	4 th	Parents Evening & End of Year Reports
	12 th	Summer Fayre
	24 th	Inset Day
	25 th	Summer Holidays Start

Options Event - Year 8 parents

We are having our Year 8 Options Event on 10th June from 2.30pm - 4pm.

Teachers will be available to join this meeting from 3.15pm, and your child is welcome to join the event, with you, at 3pm.

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