



## School Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer/Student,

Please find below this week's news items for your review. I would like to remind all families that the school will be closed on Monday 15 November for Staff Inservice. Pupils should return to school as normal on Tuesday 16 November.

Yours faithfully,  
Paul McWatt



### **S1 Numeracy Information Evening**

Many thanks to all those S1 parents and carers who joined Miss Clelland, Mr Geddes and I online for the parent information session. Around 70 people joined us to hear an update on some of the approaches we are taking to supporting our pupils' numeracy. The slides that were used, and the Numeracy Booklet will be made available electronically for downloading. A link will be sent out to S1 Parents.



### **Supported Study**

Well done to all our young people who have been attending the various supported study sessions that have been organised across the school. Feedback from departments has been very positive both in terms of the numbers of pupils signing up, but also in terms of the the strong engagement with their learning and study. **If you have not had a chance to review the programme, please access it [here](#).**



### **Virtual Parents' Evenings**

**S5/6—Thursday 11th November**

**S4—Tuesday 16th November**

Meeting with parents to discuss the recent tracking information and our young people's progress in their learning is a key element of supporting attainment. We will be hosting these conversations online through [Parents Booking](#). A good number of parents/carers have already signed up to meet their child's teachers. If you would like to know more about how this will work, you can read more about it from our website [here](#).



### **Masks and Lateral Flow Testing**

We are currently providing disposable masks to pupils who don't bring their own masks. This is generating a concerning amount of waste, and the disposable ones aren't always the most comfortable. I would ask pupils to bring their own masks to school and to ensure that any disposable masks, like all litter, are put in a bin

All pupils are invited to do a Lateral Flow test each Monday and Thursday morning. It is important that this information is recorded on the NHS website as described in the information leaflet. As we move into winter, I would ask for your support in helping our young people to maintain their vigilance with COVID safety measures.



Hi my name is Lauren Gilbert and I am the new Active Schools Coordinator for the Taylor and Brannock Clusters. It has been great getting to know staff, pupils and members of the community who have helped set up lunchtime and afterschool clubs as well as different events. I look forward to helping provide more opportunities for the school and for our young people and staff to become more active.



I have been working with a group of our young people to train them as Active Schools Leaders. The team planned, organised and delivered an Active Girls Day in the school. The day was a huge success with over 100 girls and female members of staff taking part in the variety of activities throughout the day.



There was a Yoga session before school that was delivered by our Sports Leaders, and a confidence building workshop delivered which allowed our pupils to highlight the importance of staying positive and maintaining motivation. At lunch we had a whole school Zumba session and the boys delivered Girls football which was a huge success. After school the pupils organised matt rounders which was very competitive and the pupils had a brilliant time.

As a Coordinator I just want to share how proud I am of these individuals for their efforts for the day.



### **PUPIL EQUITY FUND UPDATE—LITERACY SUPPORT**

Mrs Robertson is our PT Support for Learning who leads the school's approaches to supporting pupils who require some additional support with their learning. Mrs Robertson uses YARC assessment evidence to identify pupils who would benefit from targeted support to boost their literacy. PEF funding is allowing Mrs Robertson to work closely with a wider team of teachers this year to plan and deliver a range of targeted supports for our pupils literacy. Around 75 pupils are receiving a range of interventions including the [Read, Write, Inc](#) programme, Toe-by-Toe and regular mentoring support for reading, writing and studying. These supports will continue throughout the year with pupils being assessed to allow us to show the young people and their families the good progress that they are making.

## S2 BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM

Football trials will be on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November after school. If anyone would like to sign up, please see Mr Russell on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of November at interval or lunch.

Or scan the QR code to sign up.

