

### Timings of School Day:

Primary 8:40am - 2:15pm

Secondary 8:40am—2:10pm



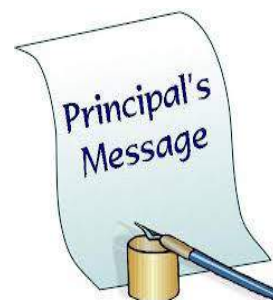
***“AIM HIGH AND THRIVE”***

## **Mo Mowlam Academy**

### **Newsletter — Autumn HT 1 2020**

#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

I would like to thank all of the parents, carers staff and students for helping to make the post-Covid return to school a positive experience. Across the world, families are having to adapt to a 'new normal', and schools have had to revise policies, practices and procedures to make sure we are all Covid secure. The teachers and support staff have worked incredibly hard to keep everyone safe while continuing to deliver quality education, but this couldn't be done without your support.



We are very excited to report that the new building is on track to be ready for the end of December, meaning that in January we can be in our new surroundings. This will be a big change for everybody, and we will be contacting you again next half term with updates about home to school travel and familiarisation visits. It is likely that the school will be closed on Friday 18th December 2020 and Monday 4th January 2021 to allow us to pack everything up and unpack in the new classrooms. We will confirm this as soon as we have confirmed dates of the completion.

As the nights get darker, and we approach Halloween and Bonfire Night, I would urge all of you to speak to your children about keeping safe when out and about with friends. We work closely with Cleveland Police and Cleveland Fire Brigade to share important messages with our young people, but these need to be continuously reinforced by you. Let's work together to make sure all pupils/students stay safe.

We will be reviewing and updating our Covid risk assessment at half term. We are pleased that to date we have not had any confirmed cases of Covid 19 in school, and as such we have not had to isolate any 'bubbles'. Teachers have ensured that remote learning activities are ready and available if the need does arise for any groups of pupils to isolate. If your child is isolating because they have come into contact with a confirmed case outside of school, or because they or a family member are isolating and awaiting test results, it's important you let school know.

We have had an amazing half term with lots of excellent learning activities throughout the school. Please read our newsletter and enjoy talking to your child about the activities!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

- School closes for October half term for one week on Friday 23rd October 2020 and pupils return on Monday 2nd November 2020.
- The Christmas holidays begin on Monday 21st December 2020 for two weeks.
- We break up for February half term on Friday 12th February 2021 for one week and pupils return to school on Monday 22nd February 2021

### OTHER EVENTS:

- We have 2 PD days scheduled (dates to be confirmed but likely to be Friday 18th December 2020 and Monday 4th January 2021) around the move to the new school building. We will be in touch as soon as possible to inform parents/carers once these have been confirmed.
- Our remaining 2 PD days are on Monday 19th July 2021 and Tuesday 20th July 2021.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support with school uniform. We now have the majority of pupils wearing uniform every day. Please remember that if you would like to order any extra items of uniform for your child then please just give the school office a call.

Our uniform comprises of:

- Light blue Polo Shirt or Short-Sleeved Shirt
- Navy Blue Sweatshirt or Cardigan or Blazer
- Grey School Trousers / Skirt
- Navy Blue Tie
- Black School Shoes



## ATTENDANCE



Thank you to all parents/carers who support the school by ensuring good attendance. **Ruby** class are the top attendees for this half term with a brilliant attendance of **95.35%** closely followed by our **Sapphire & Topaz** classes who are 93.31% and 92.05% respectively.

We also have a large number of pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this half term: Ryan Ablett-Largan; Ellie Earl, Jayden Evans; Jayden Haslem, Benjamin Illidge; Kenzie Randall; Ryan Jones; Haydn Largan; Callum Raywood; Jakob Delaney and Kieran Whitehead —a huge well done to you all!!!

## DINNER MONEY

Just a reminder that school dinner money needs to be paid to the school office promptly. Primary Pupil Meals are £2.05 per day. Secondary Pupil Meals are £2.20 per day.



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning this year. We raised a total of £80.67 which is fantastic!!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2020**

To celebrate the end of term we have the following events planned in school:

**SECONDARY—CROSS CURRICULAR DAY**  
(theme is "Freaky Friday")

**PRIMARY—HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION**

Letters were sent to all parents/carers and copies can be found on our website or Social Media.

## ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

The children have completed lots of different and fun activities in school over the past few weeks. Here are a few of the things they have been up to:

### Fantastic Food!

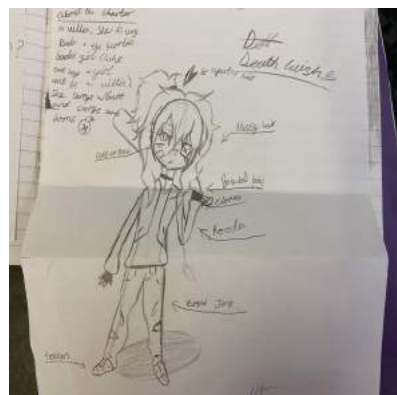
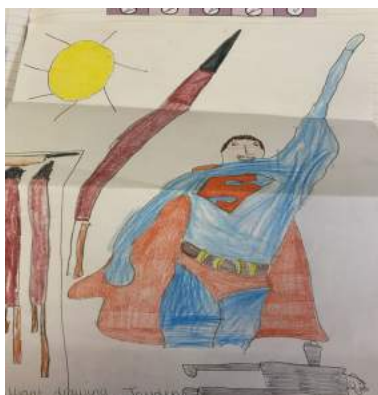


KS4 have worked hard this term, displaying their culinary skills. Pupils have made: fabulous flapjacks, American pancakes, hearty soup, aromatic curry and unbelievable macaroni cheese. We can't wait to see what delights they cook up for us next term: well done Pearl, Jasper and Opal Classes.



### Emerald and Ruby Class News

Emerald and Ruby classes have been looking at lots of different adventure stories this half term and have been finding out lots of information about different types of heroes. They have looked at a wide range of books from 20,000 Leagues under the Sea to Harry Potter and from The Hunger games to The Hobbit. They have created their own heroes and villains and created a world for their hero to live in. The pupils have also planned their heroes' adventures and chosen trails and quests for their own heroes to go on.





## Primary News

### Meet R.A.L.F!

Primary children have designed a mascot, which has been named R.A.L.F:

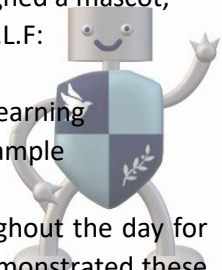
He is always **Respectful**

He has a great **Attitude** to learning

He always **Leads** by example

He is a good **Friend**

RALF stars are given throughout the day for when the children have demonstrated these attributes. Each week in our celebration assembly RALF awards are given for those with the most RALF stars and the most improved behaviour.



### Talk for Writing

As part of our Primary English curriculum, the children learn and perform actions for different texts.



The text performed is then adapted to create a new text before the children use it to independently write their own, having developed lots of ideas of their own.

### Mindful Moments



At the end of each day, Primary spend time practising mindfulness and have learnt some Yoga moves.



### RE Day Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October



Primary learnt about what Jews believe, exploring Jewish artefacts and all about the festival of Sukkot (3rd-10<sup>th</sup> October) that is marked by a week's thankfulness celebration where Jews live in a Sukkah in the garden or eat all their meals in one. Primary decorated their own Sukkah and had their lunch in it. Primary thought about things they were thankful for.



### Tribal Tales



Sapphire are learning about the times of the Stone Age to Iron Age this term. Sapphire have learnt about how life was different in the stone Age and designed and made their own Stone Age houses and weapons from clay. They have also ground up rocks to make their own paint and created their own cave paintings – Stone Age style!



### Time Travellers



Amethyst have been learning about our current school site in Grangetown and how in the 1890s it was a Sports Field. They have learnt how to evaluate historical sources and looked closely at maps to see how much Grangetown has grown. In Art Amethyst have looked at the works of David Hockney and created their own 'Joiner' pictures.





# CREATIVE LESSONS

Secondary students look forward to a range of creative lessons on offer by Miss Cutter throughout the week. Students take part in Art, Creative Skills and Food Technology.

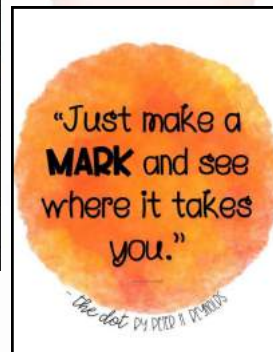
I hope you look forward to learning about the students' creative adventures in each newsletter; remember to follow our Twitter and Facebook pages to see snippets of exciting art fun in-between each issue.

## Secondary - Art

KS3 and KS4 read about Vashti and 'The Dot'; and her struggle to enjoy art, for International Dot Day for September the 15th.

Students learnt all about the joy of making art, just because they like the colour and shape—not for anything other than bringing a bit of calm and happiness into their day.

First students and staff in school were invited to create their own painted, patterned or coloured dot, in the style of Vashti. We then combine all dots and created one large colourful display!



**The Dot, by  
Peter H. Reynolds**







# Make your mark! Make your own dot!

(Big, little, many,  
few, colored,  
glittered - your choice!)



Be sure to sign and date your work! Peter



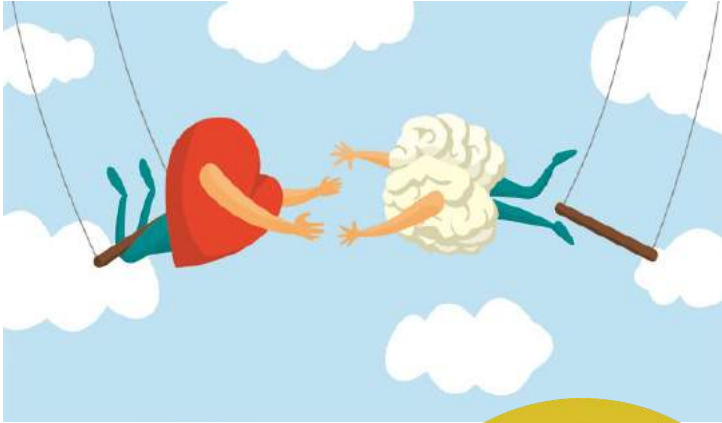
A big round of applause for Jason out of Topaz class, for completing an excellent own interpretation of Pablo Picasso's 'Weeping Woman'. This is part of his Level One Arts Award qualification, he should be so proud of the hard work and effort he has put in this half term! Well done!!

To create own piece that captures the identity of the artist's work.





# Mindful MINUTES



## Coffee Break—Mindfulness Activity

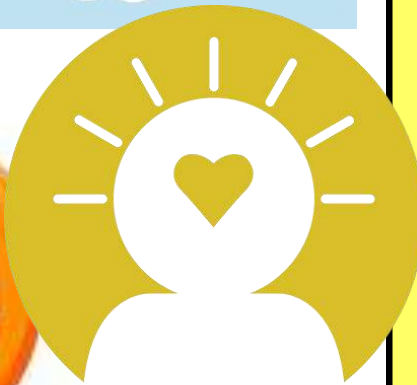
It has been proven that being creative and taking part in art can lower stress and relax the mind. Look at all the colouring books available to children and adults alike.

Take five minutes in your busy days after work, school or even when watching TV to colour in the sheets provided.

This autumn we are still a nation coming together and working to try and stop the spread of COVID. Instead of 'Trick or Treating' this year, colour in a pumpkin for families to walk around our local estates to find for the young children in our communities.

Complete the mindfulness colouring pages provided, to put on display in your windows ready for October 31st.

Students if you return your own coloured sheet after half term, Miss Cutter will display them for all to see, on the 'We're All Artists' display in the art room. I wonder how creative you might be!



## Happy Halloween!

This year we won't be taking part in Trick or Treating at this house so please

**don't knock**

But instead, have fun spotting our pumpkin as part of

**The Big Neighbourhood Pumpkin Trail!**







