

Timings of School Day:

Primary 8:40am - 2:15pm

Secondary 8:40am—2:10pm



Mo Mowlam
Academy

“AIM HIGH AND THRIVE”



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Newsletter — Autumn HT 2 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to wish all of our pupils/students, families and staff a Merry Christmas and very best wishes for the new year.

What a strange year 2020 has been, we have all had to face many challenges, but I am incredibly proud of the way in which all members of the school community have overcome these challenges with a smile on their face! We have lots of things to look forward to in the new year, but our new building is by far one of the most exciting!

We have said goodbye to one treasured colleague this term, Miss Jowers, who has left to pursue a dream in the catering sector. We are also sorry to say that Mr Robinson is leaving us at Christmas, to take on a role with the ambulance service. We wish him the very best of luck.

I hope you all have a relaxing and happy time with your families over the festive period. Should any students become unwell and test positive for Covid 19 over the Christmas period, please e mail the school on momowlam@horizonstrust.org.uk and we will make contact with you to discuss and begin contact tracing. If we need to contact parents over the holidays, it is likely the number will be a 'withheld number' as staff will be working from home. If you have any concerns or questions, our school e mails will be monitored.

Please follow the government guidance as it continues to be updated, and ensure your child adheres to any social distancing rules so that we can all enjoy a safe return on Monday 4th January 2021.

Merry Christmas Everyone!



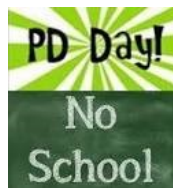
IMPORTANT DATES

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

- We break up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 17th December 2020. **Friday 18th December 2020 is a PD Day.** Pupil's return to school on Monday 4th January 2021.
- 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 12th February 2021 and Monday 22nd February 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.



FUNDRAISING

Staff and pupils have been busy in school fundraising this half term:

- Primary raised £7.00 for Children in Need
- Secondary sold poppies and raised £6.00 for the British Legion
- Pearl class organised a sponsored chess tournament, which is still ongoing. We will let you know when we have a school champion!! So far, they have raised £10.80 for the Anti-bullying Alliance charity.



ATTENDANCE



Thank you to all parents/carers who support the school by ensuring good attendance. **Topaz** class are the top attendees for this half term with a brilliant attendance of **96.35%** closely followed by our **Sapphire** class who had 95.25%. Well done to both classes.

We also have a large number of pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this half term: Ryan Ablett-Largan; Alfie Brown; Cody Clifford; Tyler Dorner; Ellie Earl, Benjamin Illidge; Ryan Jones; Harlie Kidd; Adam McCormick; Harris Nichols; Layton Parker; Jason Cartwright; Kieran Whitehead —a huge well done to you all!!!

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent please call the school office on 01642 779292 and select option 1.

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.



REDCAR AND CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL—PARENT AND CARER FORUM

Helen Martin is stepping down as Chair of Redcar's Parent Carer forum. Helen has formed a wonderful working relationship with all those in the SEN department that she has worked with – we have valued her ideas and opinions greatly and she will be missed.

Michelle Caddy will be covering Helen's role until a replacement is identified. Michelle is a fully qualified teacher with extensive and personal experience of learners with special education needs and has worked closely with Helen with the Parent Carer Forum. Her knowledge and skills will certainly be a real support to families.

If you would like to get involved with the forum or would like some advice and support, please CONTACT Michelle at randcpcf@yahoo.com

Information From CAMHS

New Course for After Diagnosis of Autism - Parent support training

CAMHS have launched a BRAND NEW course at Recovery College Online!

The new online resource ADAPT (After Diagnosis of Autism Parent support Training) is for parents of children and young people who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC).

Co-produced by York CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and CYC (City of York Council) Specialist Teaching Team for Autism in York, the resource aims to increase parent's understanding of the diagnosis of ASC and how the diagnosis impacts on family and school life. Topics covered include:

- Receiving a diagnosis
- Autism at a brain level
- Language and communication
- Visual supports
- Understanding and managing behaviour

Head over to <https://lms.recoverycollegeonline.co.uk/> to explore this fantastic new resource!

CAMHS

Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Services

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.

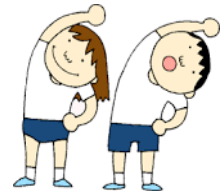
Our uniform comprises of:

- 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



PE UNIFORM

In our new building, there will be male and female changing rooms for PE. We will introduce a uniform PE kit for all students at this point. Primary will continue to wear black shorts / tracksuit bottoms with a white T shirt, and a change of appropriate footwear (Trainers / Plimsoles). Secondary students will need black shorts / tracksuit bottoms and a change of footwear,



but will be provided with a navy blue round neck T shirt with the Mo Mowlam logo.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Staff and students/pupils all got into the festive spirit on Friday 11th December for Christmas Jumper Day and everyone looked great in their



Christmas Jumpers!! All proceeds raised (amount to be confirmed) will be donated to the Save the Children Charity.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

There are lots of Christmas activities planned for the last few days of term, including: Christmas Dinner, Christmas Parties, our Primary Christmas Performance and Primary are having a Christmas Pyjama Day.



Ruby & Emerald Class News

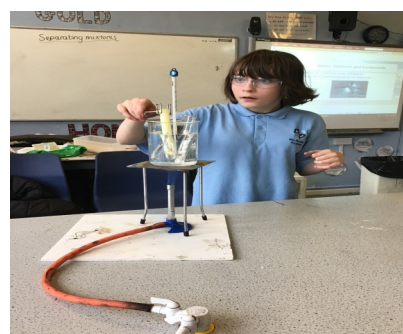
Cooking - Ruby and Emerald Class have been cooking up a storm this half term and have been working hard practising their culinary skills. They have been making all sorts of delicious dishes including a very impressive Manchester Tart! Well done everyone!



Anti-Bullying - We have been marking anti-bullying week in LKS3 and we have worked on knowing what bullying is and what we should do if we see or know someone who is bullying or being bullied. This led us to think about our words that we choose to use. To show this we use a tube of toothpaste to show how when we use words its very difficult to take them back, the toothpaste being squeezed out is like when we use unkind words and the pupils tried to put the 'words' or toothpaste back in to the tube. The pupils will tell you that this is almost an impossible task!



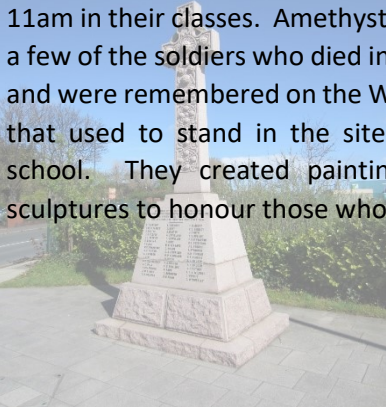
Science - In Science this half term we have been working really hard on different states of matter and their properties. We then also looked at particles in different states of matter. Finally, we have been working on learning about the periodic table and looking into the structure of an atom. We have been doing lots of practical activities in the lab to help us understand this!



Primary News

Remembrance Day 11th November

Primary observed the two minutes silence at 11am in their classes. Amethyst learnt about a few of the soldiers who died in World War I and were remembered on the War Memorial that used to stand in the site of our new school. They created paintings and clay sculptures to honour those who had died.



RE Day 20th November

Primary learnt about what Hindus believe, exploring Hindu artefacts and all about Diwali (14th November) and how it is celebrated. Children designed their own rangoli patterns.

Tribal Tales

Sapphire have continued to learn about the times of the Stone Age to Iron Age this term. Sapphire have looked at the work of archaeologists and had a go themselves!

Having discovered an interesting looking rectangle on an aerial map of our playground, Sapphire investigated further.



Sapphire used brushes and trowels to explore carefully.

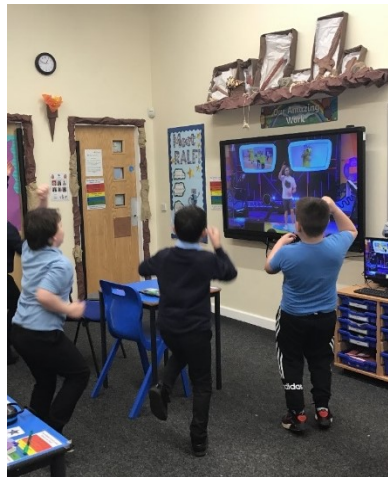


Sapphire concluded that this was part of a paving slab so the rectangle in the ground was a line of paving slabs!

Children in Need Day Friday 13th November

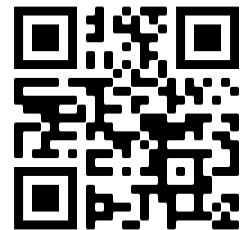


Primary celebrated Children in Need day. Primary decorated cakes and biscuits to take home. Sapphire helped Joe Wicks complete the last few minutes of his 24 hour workout for Children in Need. This year's theme was Together We Can improve young people's lives and Joe Wicks led activities during the week, which Primary engaged with, focusing on improving children's mental health in his "five to thrive" programmes including such areas as developing friendships and challenging themselves.



Time Travellers

Amethyst have been learning about our new school site in Redcar and how it was a Sports field for the Sir William Turner School before the Sir William Turner Grammar School was built on the site. You can see the history of the new school site for yourselves and travel back in time...



Christmas Jumper Day 11th December

Sapphire and Amethyst have been busy learning Christmas songs and enjoyed singing them to the rest of school virtually.

