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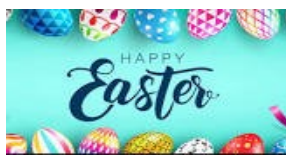
Primary 8:40am - 2:15pm

Secondary 8:40am—2:10pm



Mo Mowlam
Academy

“AIM HIGH AND THRIVE”



Mo Mowlam Academy Newsletter — Spring HT 2



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I can't believe we're already at the end of a half term - and what a half term it has been! I cannot put into words how proud I am of all of the students who have adapted so well to our new building. We have seen further improvements in the consistency of uniform with the majority of students looking incredibly smart. Lunch times are proving to be a very positive time for the students eating together with their friends, and the food is receiving excellent reviews!

After Easter we will be welcoming some new starters to the academy. We have made all of the students aware, but please speak to your children over the holidays about this, and remind them that they were new to the school once! Our new class will be called Amber. We will also welcome a new teacher in secondary, Mr Tosh who will be the tutor for Amber.

All of the teachers have been working hard planning the next half term's curriculum to make sure it allows for any gaps in learning for those who have not been attending. As such, there have been some timetable changes which will continue into the next term. We will review these at May half term and update parents of any changes for the following half term.

I wish you all a safe and happy Easter break, and look forward to seeing students return on 12th April.



Lateral Flow Tests

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have supported with the home testing for secondary students. Please ensure your child does a lateral flow on either Sunday 11th April or early morning on Monday 12th April before returning to school. We have supported a small number of students with continued tests on site. We will continue with this after Easter, but will need to move to home testing over the course of the half term. We will contact those parents individually.

The government have made lateral flow tests available for household members, childcare and support bubbles of young people attending a school (both primary and secondary). By carrying out these home tests you are helping to reduce the spread of the virus and protecting all members of our school community. If you would like to order these please use the link:
<https://get-home-lateral-flow-testing-kit-service.service.gov.uk/#/>

Covid 19 Update

Please continue to speak to your children about the measures required in school to reduce the spread of coronavirus and keep everyone safe. This includes wearing face coverings in transport and corridors, and in classrooms where possible; staying within their own identified 'bubble'; being in the right place, at the right time; maintaining distance from others wherever possible; regularly hand washing.

If your child, or anyone in your household, support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of Covid 19 (Temperature; new persistent cough; loss or change of sense of smell or taste) you must **stay at home; inform school; book a PCR test**. Please note, the lateral flow tests are not sufficient for anyone who is showing symptoms, so a test should be booked through a testing site. We do have some of these tests available in school which we can send home if you are having difficulty. These tests are posted to a laboratory, so we have found the results are much more quickly available if you visit a local test site instead. All absences related to the necessary isolation periods for those displaying symptoms or awaiting test results are authorised, and your child's attendance is not affected.

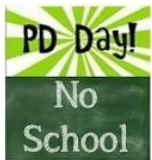
IMPORTANT DATES

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

- We break up for Easter on Friday 26th March 2021 for two weeks and students / pupils return on Monday 12th April 2021
- May half term is from Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021
- We break up for the summer holidays on Friday 16th July 2021 and the pupils return on Thursday 2nd September 2021.



OTHER EVENTS:



Our remaining 2 PD days are on Monday 19th July 2021 and Tuesday 20th July 2021.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to keep an eye on the school Facebook Page and Twitter account. They are both updated regularly with school news!!



PE UNIFORM

We now have male and female changing rooms for PE so have introduced a uniform PE kit for all students. Primary pupils continue to wear black shorts / tracksuit bottoms with a white T shirt, and a change of appropriate footwear (Trainers / Plimsoles). Secondary students now need black shorts / tracksuit bottoms and a change of (white-soled) footwear, but have been provided with a navy blue round neck T shirt with the Mo Mowlam logo.



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



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.



ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all parents/carers who support the school by ensuring good attendance. **Pearl** class are the top attendees for this half term closely followed by our **Sapphire, Topaz & Aquamarine** classes.

We also have a large number of pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this half term: Nina Bartholomew; Daniel Bradbury; Alfie Brown; Logan Dickinson; Noah Dobson; Tyler Dorner; Jayden Evans; Kai Fryett; Jayden Haslem; Harlie Kidd; Harris Nichols; Layton Parker; Callum Raywood; Jason Cartwright; Luca Stubbs; Lewis Twemlow and Jakob Delaney—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.



Outdoor Areas

Tilbury Douglas, the construction company who built our fabulous school, will be spending the next half term finishing the outdoor spaces and laying turf on the football pitches. All activity is thoroughly risk assessed and reviewed weekly. Please remind your children that it's important they listen to staff instructions when using outdoor spaces to ensure everyone's safety.



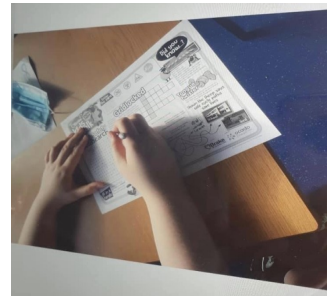
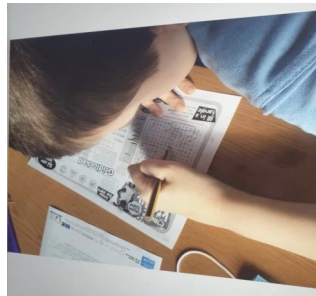
NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Here are a few photo's of our lovely new school building!!!!



ROAD SAFETY

We have been very impressed with our young people arriving and leaving the academy, using crossing points appropriately and leaving vehicles safely. We have done lots of work on road safety, including the importance of safe cycling to school and wearing helmets. Staff will contact parents/carers if their children are not being safe on bikes. Please support us in ensuring your child gets to school safely.



BBC Radio Tees

Miss Glover and Ryan (Year 9) did a live interview with BBC Tees on 9th March 2021 about the new school building. Ryan did a brilliant job and answered all the questions amazingly well!!!



Equestrian Studies

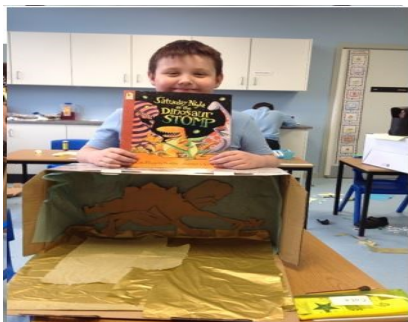
Charlie (Year 11) has been approaching supermarkets to ask for donations to help Robinsons Equi Teach where she completes her Equestrian Studies. Charlie did a great job and met with Morrison's Redcar Community Champion who gave a kind donation.

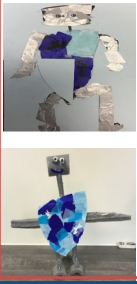
Charlie and Mollie (Year 10) delivered the donation to Robinsons Equi Teach to help feed the horses. Well done girls!!!



WORLD BOOK DAY—4th MARCH 2021

Our Primary staff and pupils had a great time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. They all looked fantastic!!!





Amethyst Art

Amethyst have been learning different art techniques and have used our school colours and logo as inspiration for their collages and sculptures.



Emerald and Ruby Class

Emerald and Ruby classes have enjoyed exploring different places for their Outdoor Education lessons. They've been able to take advantage of the improving weather and have had a great time! They've had visits to Wynard Park, Preston Park and this week they are going to Summer Hill Park in Hartlepool.



Primary's new soft play room

Primary are enjoying the new soft play room as part of their Occupational Therapy programmes and as a choice for their reward time. Parents and carers have commented to us about how much their child enjoys time in this room!



Primary Red Nose Day Celebrations



Sapphire's Trip to the Beach

Sapphire have had a lovely trip to the beach this week!



They also really enjoyed making submarines as part of their Blue Abyss topic .

FUNDRAISING

Thanks for your support with fundraising last half term. We managed to raise £52 from the tabletop, cake sale and hamper raffle. All money raised will go towards the end of year trip.

Update on the Leading Parent Partnership Award

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have filled in our survey already. There is still time to click on the link from the school's text message if you have not yet done it, it takes two minutes to complete. Helping to make policies is one of the areas that you have said in the survey that you would like to have more to do with. We are currently drafting some parent policies which will be appearing on Facebook for you to look at in the coming weeks, please look out for these. The LPPA Working Group are also looking at the parent survey results to see how we can further meet your needs. So far we have fully achieved 53% of the objectives needed to gain the award so we are over half way there!

Thank you for your continued support.

