



# MAHARISHI SCHOOL

CONSCIOUSNESS - BASED EDUCATION

27 October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the events that have taken place over the first half term of the new school year, and to inform you of upcoming events leading up to Christmas.

On Tuesday 10 October we marked Mental Health Awareness Day with a morning group meditation and a sharing breakfast with staff, parents and pupils from both phases. After school we had a 'Walk & Talk' in the local woods. We raised £153.30 for Young Minds, a mental health and wellbeing charity. The event was well attended and was a very positive experience. Thanks to all who supported the event.

As you know, we very sadly lost our Executive Director, Richard Scott, to cancer recently. In light of this, pupils and staff raised funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. We held a 'Wear what you like Day', had a cake sale, donated money and wore green in support of the charity. Thanks to the efforts of staff and pupils, and the generous support of our parents, we raised £365.59.

Our new weekly Headteacher award is well underway in the secondary phase. This half term's recipients of the award have been Layken Doherty, Isabela Kovacevic, India Corrin, Isabelle Beasley, Faye Higham, Dylan Taylor, Josh Wynne, Ben Wilkinson and Maiya Critchley. Pupils are nominated by their teachers for a variety of reasons which this term have included enthusiasm, outstanding effort, fearless participation, leadership, thoughtfulness and demonstrating a growth mindset.

We held an Open Day in September that was very well attended. Our next Open Day event is taking place on Saturday 13 January at 10am.

Extra-curricular clubs have been taking place at both phases including Construction Club, World Cinema Club, primary French Club, Eco gardening Club, Karaoke Club, secondary lunchtime Walk & Talk, GCSE Dance, GCSE French, GCSE Photography and GCSE Computing Science.

Due to concerns about the health risks surrounding the use of water fountains, the fountain at the **primary phase** will be removed during the half term break. **Please provide a water bottle for your child to be kept in the classroom.**

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Staffing update

We are very pleased that Christine Riaz, a creative writing specialist, began working at the school on a voluntary basis this term. She is currently working with Mr Lowrie and Year 4.

Jan Jones, a Key Stage 2 literacy specialist, has returned this term to work with our Year 6 pupils. She will be focusing on writing and reading throughout the year.

I can confirm that, as of Friday 6 October, Bob Stirk has left the school and we wish him well for the future. We will provide you with notification of an new appointment in due course.

Forthcoming primary school events (further details to follow)

Wednesday 8 November	Poetry competition deadline (R-Y6)
Monday 13 November 4:15-5:15	Parents Maths class (Y5-6)
Thursday 16 November 3:30-4:30	Book sale (R-Y6)
Friday 24 November	Shoebox appeal deadline
Wednesday 13 December 1:45	Y1 and Y2 Christmas play
Friday 15 December 9:30	Citadel theatre trip (R-Y6)
Tuesday 19 December 2:00	Y3 and Y4 Christmas play
Wednesday 20 December AM (TBC)	Reception Christmas play

Reminder: Please continue to donate books (in good condition) for the Book Sale donations. These can be adults or children's books.

Forthcoming secondary school events (further details to follow)

Thursday 9 November 7:00-8:00	DofE presentation evening
Monday 20 November 4:15-5:15	Parents Maths class (Y7-9)
Friday 24 November	Shoebox appeal deadline
Monday 18 December 3:45 - 7:00	Parents evening (Y7-8)
Tuesday 19 December 3:45 - 7:00	Parents evening (Y9-10)

Please find attached a copy of the holiday dates for 2018-19.

With best wishes

Mrs Edwards



Headteacher.