



MAHARISHI SCHOOL

CONSCIOUSNESS - BASED EDUCATION

9 January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to share some important messages and details of recent and forthcoming school activities.

Attendance and Punctuality

When we return after half term, we will have an Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) on our school staff. Janet Ellis will be monitoring attendance and punctuality and will be liaising with families where repeated absence and late arrival occurs. She may conduct home visits to offer support and assistance where appropriate.

Growth Mindset

Primary phase pupils have been learning about the difference between having a 'growth mindset' and a 'fixed mindset' since the start of the autumn term and it has been wonderful to hear them encourage each other to "...do your best...", "...if you find something hard, remember that you just can't do it YET..." and "...mistakes are good because they make you grow...". This term secondary phase pupils have also been introduced to this simple and effective way of retraining thought processes in order to develop a 'growth mindset'.

There are some wonderful 'growth mindset' videos on Youtube that may be of interest to our parents and carers which could support your child to develop their positivity and resilience.

Extra-curricular activities and events

Our year 6 pupils were a credit to the school at the recent SHARES swimming gala. Not only did they represent our school with a great deal of maturity and team spirit, they also won six gold medals, one silver medal and six bronze medals between them. We are very proud of our wonderful pupils.

Mrs Steele introduced 'The Word of the Week' to the secondary phase in order to focus pupils' attention on learning new vocabulary and to encourage them to use it throughout the week. This half term we have been introduced to: eclectic, superficial, truculent, compelling and pugnacious.

This term Year 1 have been creating their own counting stories in English and rainforest fact files in geography. Next half term the class will visit Blackpool Zoo to learn all about rainforest conservation.

The secondary phase School Council is now up and running with pupil representatives from each year group. Key roles have been allocated and our representatives have a varied range of suggestions that they would like to introduce to our secondary phase. Pupils are being supported by Mr Pye and Miss Webster to develop a professional and effective School Council team.

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Duke of Edinburgh award

Group 4 Silver and Group 5 Bronze met up at the start of this half term to report on their 'Sections' progress. We would like to welcome Donna Harding to the DofE team - she will be our new expedition leader, supporting our pupils with their expedition training and on their expeditions. We have had three offers from parents to help with expedition supervision. Our DofE team is going from strength to strength.

Open Day

Our spring term Open Day took place on Saturday 13 January at 10am. We welcomed many new families who were keen to find out more about our school and about Consciousness-based Education. Many thanks to all of the pupils who happily came into school, with their smart uniforms and newly polished shoes, on a Saturday morning, to act as guides and ambassadors for our school. Parents and prospective new pupils were very impressed with our wonderful pupils. Well done to you all!

Forthcoming primary school events

Y4 Catalyst Museum visit	23 February
World Book Day activities	1 March
Y1 Blackpool Zoo visit	1 March
Y2 Staircase House visit	15 March
Last day of spring term	23 March school ends at 12:15

Film Club & Eco Club will be continuing after half term. Design & Technology Instrument Making Club will also be taking place next half term

Forthcoming secondary school events

World Book Day activities	1 March
Book Exchange	2 March
Y11 Thackray trip	13 March
Last day of spring term	23 March school ends at 12:15

Mondays	DofE Volunteering Bronze group - 3:30 - 5:00
Tuesdays	Dance GCSE at Base Dance 5:00 - 7:00
Wednesdays	Photography GCSE 4:00 - 6:00
Thursdays	Computing Science GCSE 4:00 - 5:45
Fridays	Karaoke Club 12:30 - 1:00
Fridays	French GCSE 3:30 - 5:00

We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday 19 February at 9:00 am at the secondary site and 9:15am at the primary site.**

"What we put our attention on will grow stronger in our life" - Maharishi

"It always seems impossible until it is done" - Nelson Mandela

Have a wonderful half term break.

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