

Weekly Newsletter

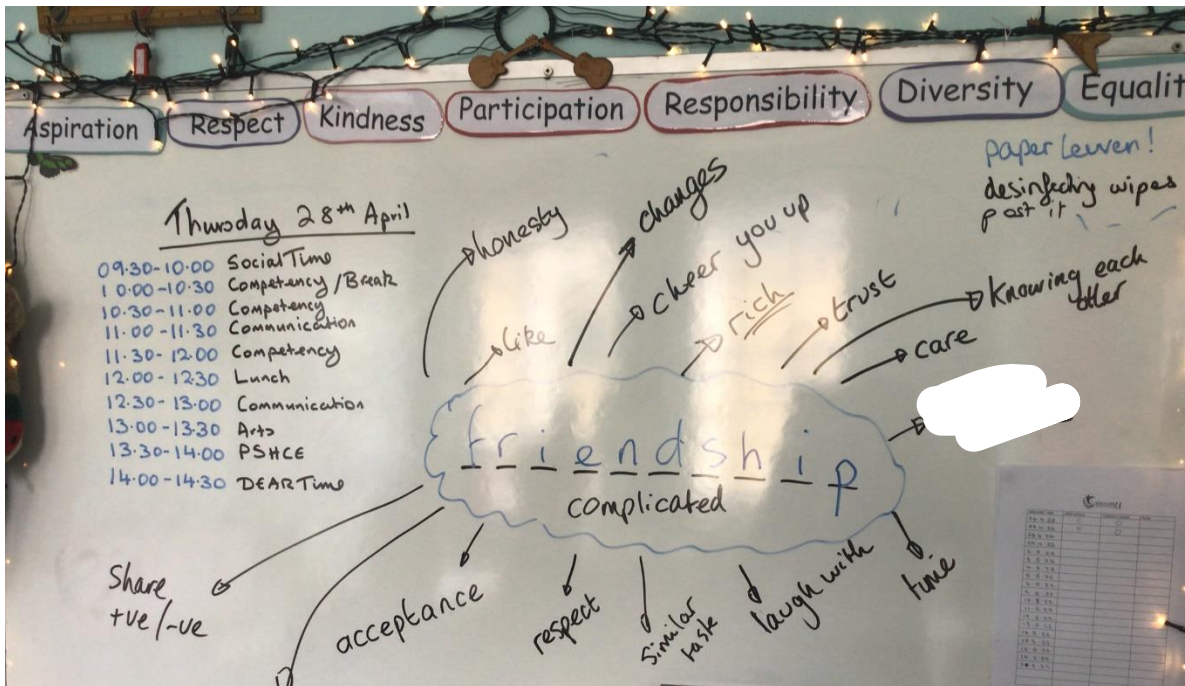
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all. We hope you had an amazing Easter holiday, and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces on our first day back. One parent commented on how she had spent years battling to get her child to access any form of education, yet they had literally dragged her up the footpath as they were so keen to catch up with friends and start this term's learning journey!

Although it took a while to settle in, our pupils have been hearing about the activities and learning they will be participating in this term. Our Ofsted report stated we were Good, but our goal is to achieve Outstanding as this is what our pupils deserve, so this term we are going for it.

Our Communication focus centres around descriptive writing. Already pupils have been learning about the five senses – sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch and how we can use them to describe scenes, settings, and characters. One activity involved walking around the locality picking out objects and people: some of the descriptions certainly matched what was observed! Through an ongoing cross-curricular set of activities, the aim is for pupils to develop their skills in this subject area culminating in a 'TripAdvisor' style report on a local venue.

Friendship is the topic theme for Competency. Pupils have already engaged in topical debates on what constitutes a friend. Throughout the term we will focus on friends – then and now, famous friends, Twinning towns and Agape. Watch this space!



Swimming is back in full swing, and we look forward to reporting on pupil achievements weekly. Outdoor Education is starting again for Secondary pupils each Wednesday. We have a new venue which provides scope for a wider range of exciting activities for our pupils to

do. For this activity it is advised pupils either wear or bring a suitable change of clothes and footwear and ensure they have an outdoor coat. Some of the activities may be muddy!

We are pleased to be able to provide a wide range of trips this term. These may either involve all or specific pupils depending on the event. Please do encourage your child to participate where possible as the benefits to self confidence and outdoor learning opportunities are enormous.

Key Stage four pupils are progressing with their coursework. Their progress to date has been very commendable and we will continue to support them.

Best wishes,

The secondary team