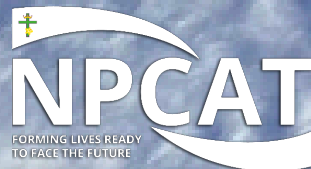




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Welcome

from the Headteacher



"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

November 11th, Remembrance Day, is the day we remember the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace; specifically, the First and Second World Wars and all conflicts since then in which members of the British Forces have participated to give us and others, freedom.

We have not sacrificed anything for our freedom. It was given to us, by those who came before us and sacrificed so much. So now, it is our responsibility to never forget the service and the sacrifices of our British Forces.

They died so we could have our freedom. So our children can have an education, get a job, live a free life. We are forever in their debt.

Lest we forget.

Louise Dwyer



Remembrance

Our act of remembrance is always a beautiful occasion in school and is one of the highlights of the year for me. Our whole community comes together along with Years 5 and 6 from St Benedict's to remember those who have died in war.

This service is led by the cadets, who represent the army, navy and air force in our school community. This year we had Sergeant Chris Playforth from Redcar Army Cadets who helped to prepare the cadets for the service. Danny in Year 11 took the parade on the day and with great respect and dignity led the other cadets through the service. Father Phil Cunnah, our parish priest was the celebrant and assisted by the cadets who read the readings and prayers took us on our journey of remembrance.

We laid our wreaths for the fallen at the foot of the cross. This was

done by a representative from each service.

Why do we do this? It's a mark of respect for the service of those in our armed forces who give their lives in defence of our freedom. As we stood together, over 800 of us gathered together to remember the fallen in silence for two minutes. It was a very moving moment as I reflected that many who served in the world wars were not much older than our Year 11's and yet they willingly gave their lives to defend our freedom.

So as we prepare our pupils to go out into the world, it's important that we remind them of those who have gone before in service to us.

We thank our cadets who made us very proud of the way they led the service and are a reminder of the commitment of those who have served in the forces throughout the decades.



Anti-bullying Week

Monday 13th November was the start of anti-bullying week which has the theme of 'Make Some Noise'.

As a school we challenge all aspects of bullying and pupils have received assemblies regarding the support they can access at school. To kick off anti-bullying week pupils were encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate their unique qualities.

Our team of young anti-bullying ambassadors designed activities to further raise awareness. These included designs of anti-bullying awareness socks and the selling of anti-bullying ribbons.



REWARDS

At the beginning of this half term we celebrated the many house points that the pupils have been awarded and over 800 certificates were handed out in our celebration assemblies. We had our 'spin to win' raffle where five pupils took home a hamper full of rewards.

The winning house Bakhita participated in an MC/RAP and Football Freestyle workshop. The pupils have truly embraced our school ethos of 'living life to the full' and have demonstrated this through our house virtues.

We look forward to celebrating more successes at the end of this half term.

SPORT

The Year 10 girls netball team finished second in the Redcar and Cleveland Netball Tournament. The team won their pool (3 wins and a draw) to qualify for the final but just lost out to LJS 2-1.

The Year 11 boys football team came 2nd in the NPCAT Cup, with 4 points from their 3 games, losing out to Trinity Catholic College in the final game 3-1.

The Year 7 B football team came 4th from 10 in their

competition losing to LJS on penalties for 3rd place.

The Year 11 boys rugby team have had 3 wins from 6 in the Tees Valley Rugby League, defeating previously unbeaten Dyke House in the process.

The Year 10 side have won 1, drawn 1 and lost 1 and the Year 9 side have drawn 1 and lost 1 in their competitions.

The under 13 boys handball side came 3rd in their Redcar and Cleveland competition, winning 3 of 5 games played.



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is still one of our biggest priorities in school.

Attendance levels have been and remain above national averages but are still lower than attendance levels before the pandemic.

In the run up to Christmas we are launching our attendance advent calendar. Pupils who are present everyday (unless attending medical appointments) for four weeks will receive a selection box and be put into a whole school draw to go on an ice skating trip in the last week of term.

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ICELAND, THE LAND OF ICE AND FIRE

We took an amazing group of 68 Year 10 and 11 pupils to Iceland during October.

The pupils were able to see so much Geography with glaciers, coastal landforms, tectonics and river landforms. Pupils immersed themselves in learning each day and grew their confidence in explaining and analysing the processes around them.

Highlights included the visit to the Lava tunnels, experiencing the stillness of Reykjavik Cathedral and being continually pushed out of their comfort zone.

We thank all the staff who supported this visit along with the parents and carers who made this possible for pupils to attend.

"Live life to the full"
John 10:10



SCHOOL LEADERS CHOSEN

Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Year 11 prefect team have been announced for 2023-2024.

All pupils had to apply for the positions either by a formal letter or a video, both of which needed to highlight why they thought they would be suitable for the roles.

The whole school was involved in voting for who they thought should be Head Boy and Head Girl.

Congratulations to Joe and Imogen who were successful in being elected Head Boy and Girl and to the whole of our Year 11 prefect team!

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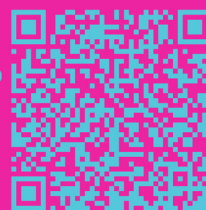
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