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Dear Parent/Carer,

The penultimate week of the spring term has been one full of activities and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the various events.

Mr Finan led assemblies for all year groups which focused on the importance of celebrating neurodiversity. The story he used to bring the key messages to life was Winnie the Pooh which encouraged students to reflect on each of the characters and what they represent. As usual the children were keen to offer answers and engaged well with the assembly.

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed many of you into the school for our Year 9 options evening. The evening shared the key information about the various options and gave you a chance to speak with teachers about what each of the option subjects entails. The options form has been emailed to all parents or carers but if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Finan or Mr Siddons who will be happy to help.

On Thursday evening, we had the grand opening ceremony for the state-of-the-art astroturf. We were lucky enough to have the Mayor of Rothwell, Councillor Ash Davies and Michael Jacobs, professional footballer and former Montsaye student, in attendance to formally open the wonderful facility. Once the astroturf had been opened, our Year 10 and 11 mixed teams had the honour of being the first students to play a game on the pitch. It was close fought game which ended 2-2 and went to penalties to decide the bout! To keep the pitch in perfect condition, there are very strict rules regarding footwear which Mr Wing will be writing to parents about with respect to PE lessons. In short, only moulded football boots can be worn on the surface – no trainers at all.

On Friday morning, I had the pleasure of taking some Year 6 parents on a tour of the school and it was great to hear them speaking so positively about what they had seen on the tour. We will be going out to primary schools soon for early transition visits for all the children who will be joining us next year.

The week ended with a WOW day and what a day it was! Mrs George, Mr Lyon, Mrs Walker, Mrs Harris and Mrs Denton, all worked incredibly hard to ensure that this WOW day was a turbo- charged version of the ones that came before and the children absolutely loved it. With more prizes, a special WOW day menu, extended lunch, WOW day lesson activities, new clubs and staff karaoke, it was a truly wonderful day for all.

The top praise point earners this week:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average Points
7	Ruby C – 20	Christy J – 21	Louise F – 22	8 points
8	Madelyn E – 21	Eva M – 23	Riley J – 26	8 points
9	Laci D – 19	Julian S – 21	Emmie V-C – 24	7 points

10	Zak C – 15	Alex B – 18	Aramis V – 20	6 points
11	Rhys F – 9	Caitlin B – 9	Alie R – 11	3 points

The current attendance league standings are as follows:

Premier League	Form	% attendance	Position	Championship	Form	% attendance	Position
1	11ABI	96.4	=	1	7KL	93.7	↑ 1
2	11PHM	95.6	=	2	7JEL	93.4	↓ 1
3	7ZHD	95.4	=	3	10SEC	93.1	↑ 2
4	10IJA	95.2	↑ 1	4	8AWH	92.9	=
5	7TRC	95.2	↓ 1	5	11CDA	92.8	↑ 3
6	9VPA	95.1	=	6	9LHM	92.8	=
7	7JOB	94.4	=	7	8DAS	92.6	↓ 4
8	7EJG	94.2	=	8	9SC1	92.4	↓ 1
9	8ERO	94.1	=	9	10NG	92.2	↑ 1

League 1	Form	% attendance	Position	League 2	Form	% attendance	Position
1	10MS	91.8	↑ 3	1	8JJW	90	=
2	7REL	91.8	↑ 2	2	11FAL	89.9	↑ 2
3	9SCO	91.7	↓ 1	3	8GDB	89.9	=
4	9ELB	91.6	↑ 1	4	10LFE	88.8	↓ 2
5	8MCO	91.5	↓ 4	5	9RL	88.8	=
6	11MAS	91.1	↑ 1	6	8EBL	88.4	↑ 2
7	9LUC	91.1	↓ 1	7	10AJT	87.9	↓ 1
8	10SPU	91	=	8	11SLY	87	↓ 1

Finally, I wanted to share a single act of exemplary character from one of our Year 11 students. I was made aware of a social media post which was less than complimentary about the school and this Year 11 student had written a response to the post defending the school which was so heart-warming and made me incredibly proud to lead a school with such wonderful children in it. The student stood up for the school and spoke about the improvements in grades for children, the quality of teaching and behaviour. To see a child demonstrate such character is wonderful.

Have a pleasant and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines