

Lady Lumley's School

Newsletter





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Dear Parents and carers,

It would be remiss of me not to start this newsletter without paying tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore who sadly passed away this week. I am sure you will agree, Captain Sir Tom was a real inspiration to us all and what he has done, really reflects the core values we have at the school. Values such as resilience, integrity, respect, kindness and community all come to mind when you reflect on what Captain Sir Tom achieved. There is a really important message here for our students, of how a simple gesture of walking laps of the garden to raise money for a good cause can have such a huge impact and that it is often those little acts of kindness that make the biggest difference.

Last week we ran a virtual theme week, with the students focusing on our core values and I was so impressed with some of the students' responses as to the importance of those core values and what they mean to them. Students wrote about:

Resilience - not giving up when something gets you down and trying hard no matter what happens.

Community - pulling together as a team and looking after friends and family.

Equality - treating people how you would like to be treated and treating people the same no matter what their race, religion or how they identify.

Respect - understanding peoples' views and respect for others even when you do not always agree.

Integrity - always doing the right thing.

Kindness - so many different examples about being kind to friends, family, neighbours and pets! I think as we come to the end of the fourth week of lockdown, with at least four more weeks to go, displaying these core values are even more important than ever.

As you will be aware school will remain closed to all but key worker children until at least the 8th of March. We are expecting an update just after half term and I will of course communicate arrangements for school reopening when we know more. What is very likely, however, is that the mass testing of students before they return to school will happen and in preparation for this, we will be sending out consent forms next week.

We will of course continue to set work remotely (other than over the half term break) and you should by now have received an "engagement with remote learning" report for your child. These reports are simply designed to give you a brief snapshot as to how things appear to be going from the teachers' point of view and help identify some of the barriers your children are facing. These reports have certainly had a big impact already in Year 10 and 11 with a big improvement in engagement scores - there were 130 more grade 1s given to Year 10 alone over the last 2 week monitoring period!

As always, if you have any concerns with regards to remote learning, please get in touch with Mrs Thompson (Years 7, 8 and 9), Mr Fairclough (Years 10 & 11) or Mr Ambrose (Years 12 & 13) and please encourage your children to take advantage of the support offered through Microsoft Teams - some of them appear a little shy at the moment! Please remember students should be working for a maximum of 100 minutes per lesson. If they have not completed the work by then, please let the teacher know rather than spending time outside of the lesson trying to complete everything.

Whilst we all worry about students falling behind academically, I am equally as concerned about the impact of school closures on students' mental health. You should have received a really useful wellbeing newsletter this week and I would encourage you to take the time to read it and discuss it with your children.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Stuart Cleary

P.S. Get well soon Mrs Paul!



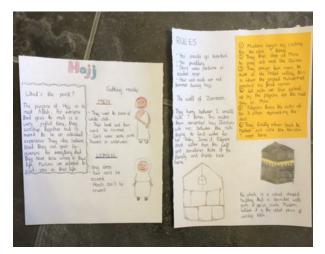
Jade Appleby-Askew (Y8) and her sister are doing a four-mile charity walk every day after lessons.

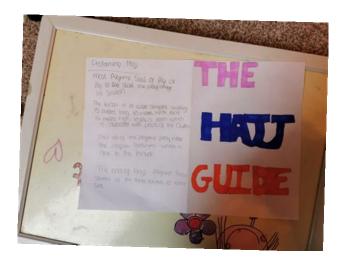
"We are fundraising for The Bone Cancer Trust in memory of our Grandad, and we have managed to raise £215 so far."

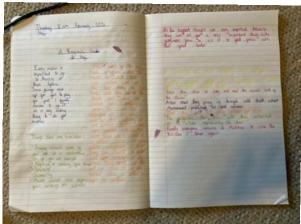
Keep it up girls!

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Well done 7MBR and 7GPN for their work in RE this week. Mrs Hughes asked them to produce a leaflet about the Muslim Hajj to Mecca. Here are just a few examples.



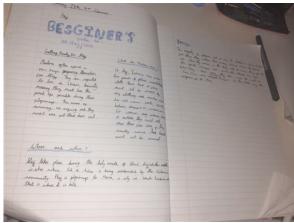












Friday 12th February - School Closes for All Students Monday 22nd February - School Reopens for Critical Workers & Vulnerable Students **Remote Learning Resumes**



Food in School Holidays

We know that a lot of people are finding things difficult in the latest lockdown and we are trying to make sure that children in the Pickering area (YO18 postcodes) do not go hungry. Help is available through FISH - Food in School Holidays. We have funds and food and if you would like some help, please advise the school and they will pass on your name, address and contact details so that we can get in touch to see how we can help with a food parcel. Everything will be in the strictest confidence as we try to give you a helping hand through these trying times.

Contact the school at Tel: 01751 472946 or Email: admin@ladylumleys.net

Please also note that Food Share in Pickering distributes food, free of charge, on Monday evenings between 5.30-7.30pm and Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am-1pm, at Ings Garth Centre, Pike Road.



Supporting wellbeing

During these uncertain times it is important to look after our wellbeing, so here's a reminder of where you can look for support or guidance:

Student Support email - support@ladylumleys.net available for students who might be finding things difficult at the moment. A member of the pastoral team will reply to this email.

Young Minds – Their website includes guides for both parents/carers and young people. As a school we successfully raised over £500 through our 'Hello Yellow' non-uniform day back in October.

One You - The 'Every Mind Matters' campaign from the NHS includes guides on dealing with change, self care and dealing with social media. There are tips for parents/carers to help support children who may be struggling with their mental health.

NHS England – A clear article with tips and guidance on what to do if you're a young person and you're struggling, including further links to other websites and support.

Rise Above – Orientated towards young people, this website has plenty of videos and tips on a wide range of wellbeing and mental health issues.

Compass Buzz 'Buzz US' service - Compass BUZZ offers a confidential text messaging service to young people aged 11-18 across North Yorkshire. By texting the service on 07520 631168 you will be able to receive confidential advice, support and signposting from a wellbeing worker within one working day via text.

Useful Contact Information:

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