

Head's Newsletter

8 October 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that all is good with you and your families.

Safer Schools Partnership Assemblies

This week, we welcomed Norfolk Police to the school, who delivered assemblies to year groups. The important themes covered in the sessions (one per year group) included the following:

Internet Safety and Sexting
County Lines and Knife Crime
Grooming
Healthy Relationship and Domestic Abuse

There were also opportunities for the youngsters to ask questions



Return of Face to Face DICE Meetings



It was brilliant to see the return of face to face meetings for our Diversity Inclusion Equalities and Campaigns (DICE) group this week. This year, DICE is looking to firmly embed different themed sub-groups with a staff member link for each. The meeting this week was used to confirm the themes and explore how they will work. Students linked to a group can, of course, share their ideas and get involved with other groups too. I am looking forward to the next meeting which will be further publicised within assemblies for Black History Month that take place next week.

X22 Bus Update

Some of you have contacted the school regarding a change of timetable for the X22 public used by some students. This has caused challenges for the timings of journeys to and from school. I have contacted the bus company on two occasions and have heard back that they will be reviewing the times. Thank you to all the families who have raised this with the bus company – hopefully the changes will take place soon!

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Advanced Warning – Roadworks on George Lane

This week, I have been made aware the next stage to build a roundabout on the A146/Georges Lane junction. This may affect the timing of buses as it could take longer for them to leave/arrive at the school site.

The company carrying out this work have shared the following information:

Walker construction has been instructed to perform roadworks commencing the 25 October 2021, for a duration of seven weeks, on the junction between Georges Lane Loddon and the A146.

Georges Lane will be one way with access from the A146 towards Loddon. Access to Georges Lane from Loddon will be via Kittens Lane. There will be no right turn for school buses/HGS onto the High Street from Georges Lane.

If you wish to contact the construction company, please email the school for details (mbillington@hobart.org.uk).

Year 6 Maths Code Breaking Event at Hobart

It has been a very important half term for Year 6 transition at Hobart. In addition to the primary school visits and open evening that have featured in previous newsletters, this week we have held our Year 6 maths coding event. Supported by Year 10 leaders, Ms Brigham (thanks for a super job!) and other department members have led code-breaking sessions which have provided opportunities for Year 6 youngsters to meet the maths team, and begin to familiarise themselves with the Hobart environment.

Support from School

We are aware that this week saw a cut in universal credit for eligible families. A reminder that families with particular circumstances may be eligible for free school meals – you can read more and apply through this [link](#). We can offer financial support with uniform and equipment if there are certain circumstances for families – please contact the school if you would like to discuss what we may be able to provide: mbillington@hobart.org.uk

Hello Yellow Non Uniform Day

We are holding a non-uniform day next week on Thursday 14 October, and are encouraging one pound contributions towards Hello Yellow. It would be great if youngsters could wear a splash of yellow on the day! Funds raised will go to Young Minds – a charity supporting young peoples' mental health. A poster for the event is on the last page of this newsletter.

Best wishes and have a super weekend.

Ross Li-Rocchi
Head of School

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ON THURSDAY 14TH



Non-school uniform day with a splash of yellow (hair accessories, socks or a top) to raise awareness for young minds by donating a pound.

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YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health