



Principal's Bulletin

Friday 17 May 2024



Since 2001, the Mental Health Foundation has been leading Mental Health Awareness Week (MHAW) - bringing together the UK to focus on getting good mental health. We have been supporting this fantastic cause in school this week, honouring this year's theme, 'Movement: Moving more for our mental health' – even small movements can make a big difference.

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed dancing and 5-4-3-2-1 breathing exercises with our friends from NHS Mental Health Support Team, while Years 7-11 took on a Nature Trail challenge during PSHE lessons, clocking up 2,200kms and even more being added at end of day!

[The Lowdown](#) – a mental health charity for 11-25-year-olds – also came in to share information about their various services and to hear from young people about what supports their mental health.

Finally, in one of our new Wellbeing Champions' first initiatives, key stage 3 students completed a survey that digs deeper into why people feel uncomfortable talking about mental health. The champions will be analysing the results next week and finding ways to tackle the issues that discourage some from speaking about their mental health. As Wilbur, our wellbeing mascot, keeps reminding us "it's good to talk"!

SATs for our Year 6 children have now concluded, and the cohort celebrated the end of their assessments with a special picnic and games this afternoon. They were able to sit outside and soak up the sunshine, while enjoying some extra time to catch up with their peers and relax after a busy week. A special thank you to all our primary colleagues who supported SATs, and also, to our wonderful CCS Friends, who ran a breakfast club each morning, fuelling the children with a delicious meal each day and lots of encouragement.

Just one more week until the end of term is upon us, which has seemingly flown by once again! If you would like to support our termly Caring is Sharing food drive, which provides food hampers for our disadvantaged families in need, any donation you can give is gratefully appreciated and can be dropped off up until 9am on Tuesday 21 May to either our Primary or Secondary Reception. Please [click here](#) for more details of suggested items to donate.

Key dates

Key Stage 3 Assessments

Monday 13 May – Friday 24 May

Students in KS3 will be completing assessments across the curriculum on the dates listed above. To help support our students, Performance Leaders have provided revision resources from each faculty. Please view communications shared on 1 May for more information.

Year 5 Black Country Museum trip

Tuesday 21 May (5AP) &
Wednesday 22 May (5CS)

Year 5 children will discover what daily life was like during the Victorian era and even take part in an underground mining experience.

End of Term 5

Friday 24 May

Year 11 and 13 leavers assembly will be held at their designated times.

Start of Term 6

Monday 3 June

Start of our final term of the academic year.

Congratulations to our Year 8 girls' football team who were the cup winners at the Northampton Town FC Community Trust tournament against 11 other teams. They played incredibly well showcasing not only their fantastic skill, but also their hard work and determination. Our year 8 student, Molly Wittich-Jackson was also recognised by the NTFC for the player of the tournament! A massive well done to all the players and their coach, Mrs Amanda Evans, for their dedication and teamwork across the whole tournament.



A reminder to parents/carers who are using the car park in the morning for drop off, please only use the designated drop off bays. The improper use of the staff car park during morning drop-off has resulted in staff members being unable to find parking spaces, consequently causing delays in their arrival to work, and impacting their ability to start the day promptly.

We understand that the morning rush can be hectic, but it's crucial that we prioritise the availability of parking spaces for our staff members. By utilising only the designated drop-off bays, you ensure that our staff can access parking spaces efficiently, enabling them to fulfil their responsibilities and teach effectively.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter. By working together, we can create a safer and more efficient drop-off environment for everyone involved.

Warm regards,

David James
Principal

CCS Friends meeting

Thursday 23 May

If you would like to get involved in the school community and help to raise much needed funds, please come along to the CCS Friends meeting. For more details, email: friends@ccs.northants.sch.uk

Meeting will be held at 6:30pm in Primary.