



SMSC Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

During this first half term, we have had a number of events to promote the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development of the pupils at the Academy. One of the ways we focus on this is with our programme of "Themes of the Week". Pupils explore these during assemblies and in tutor time and you can see these and their reflections on them, in their Planners. Over the next month, we will be exploring the following themes:

Desmond Tutu; Remembrance Day; World Philosophy Day; Imagine; Patience

We would encourage you to discuss these at home and help your children to explore these different topics.

Yours faithfully,

Samantha Graper - Senior Leader SMSC



Extra-Curricular Awards

Pupils in Y7&8 are encouraged to collect stamps every time they attend a club. Awards are given after they have attended a number of times. Zac Santos is the first pupil to achieve his Gold Award. He is a member of a number of clubs, including Ukulele Ensemble and Eco Team.

Harvest Festival

The Academy celebrated Harvest with a number of themed events. All pupils had Harvest Assemblies, with Year 7 also having a talk from local farmer, Luke Ablitt. Chamber Choir performed music and we also welcomed local clergy, Rev. Luke Smith and Rev. Sherine Angus. All of the donations were taken to the Holbeach Community Larder and they were extremely grateful for everything we donated. The W heatsheaf competition between Year 7 tutor groups was won by 7C and the results of the photography competition will be announced very shortly. It is important for children to consider from where their food comes and take time to reflect on the food we all enjoy.





Diwali Day for Year 8

On Monday 17th October, all of Year 8 took part in a day exploring and learning about Hinduism and the Festival of Light, Diwali. Pupils took part in a range of activities, including dance, making curries, light experiments in Science, playing a Diwali song on the keyboards, creating lanterns in Art and learning about the story of Diwali in RS. Pupils all had a one hour workshop led by the Hinduism Education Services, which included pupils dressing up as some of the gods and learning about cultural aspects of life as a Hindu. It was an extremely fun day and the pupils worked really well on all the different activities.

UAH Eco Team is one of the Academy's newest groups. Pupils from Year 8 and 9 are invited to join this environmental group, which, this term, has focussed on improving recycling in school. As part of this, the group is organising a Bake Sale, which will raise money to purchase a crisp packet recycling box.



Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we held a commemorative assembly. Chamber Choir also recorded two which you can listen to



Forthcoming Dates

- ◇ **Shoobox Appeal** - Each tutor group will be creating gifts for the Rotary Club of South Holland's Shoobox Appeal. Please bring in gifts after Half Term.
- ◇ **Remembrance** - Poppies and other RBL items will be available for purchase in school. We will also be holding special assemblies and the main window will be decorated in commemoration.
- ◇ **Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need** - We will be holding an "Odd Socks Day" on Monday 14th November, in order to show that we stand up against bullying at UAH. There will also be a Tutor Group poster competition for Y7 and 8. On Friday 18th November, we will be holding a non-uniform day, along with other activities, in order to raise money for Children In Need.



Elizabeth Morris-Sampson, Aleksejs Moskalenko, Florence Southon, Madison Walters, Emma Tickner & Noah Parr

These pupils have been selected to be our Senior Prefects and work with the wider Prefect team to be aspirational figures for the younger pupils in school. Prefects spend one tutor time a week with Y7 and 8 tutor groups. They also support in school, doing duties at break and lunchtime. They wear different ties, in order for everyone to identify them and are always willing to help the younger members of our school community.