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Poppies, Poppies Everywhere



Gladstone Class and Royal Doulton Class were lucky enough this week to be taken to the Middleport Pottery to see the incredible display of thousands of poppies emerging from one of the few remaining Pot Kilns. The students are about to embark upon an Arts project which will have the theme of remembrance woven through it and so this was too good an opportunity to pass up. In the last remaining week of the display, our students were given special access to get up close and personal with the individually handmade poppies, each commemorating a life lost in the

Great War of 1914-18. The students were amazed by what they saw, one exclaiming that it was like 'History coming alive'



Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :
0800 1313 126
Outside office hours:
0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:
01782 235100
Outside office hours:
01782 234234

Cheshire East

Referral Team :
0300 123 5012 Option 2
Outside office hours:
0300 123 5022

Shropshire

Referral Team:
01743 254 259
Initial Contact Team:
0345 678 9021
Outside office hours:
0345 678 9040

Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –
0845 604 2719

Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –
0800 561 0015

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LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property we have from the last school year will be donated to charity, if not collected by the end of next week. Please ensure that ALL uniform is clearly labelled, including PE kits and trainers. Lost property will only be kept for 6 weeks.

Dates for your Diary

New Starters' Coffee Morning – Tuesday 25 September 10.30 am

Special Persons' Lunch – Wednesday 24 October – details to follow

October half term – Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November

Progress Review Evening for Wedgwood, Moorcroft, and Portmeirion - Wednesday 21 November 6-8pm

Christmas Holiday – close at 2pm on Thursday 20 December to Friday 4 January

PUPIL PREMIUM / FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We would like to inform you about Pupil Premium and whether your child may be eligible. Pupil Premium generates extra funding for schools in order to support children. To qualify for Pupil Premium, pupils must satisfy at least one of the following :

- They have received Free School Meals at any point in the last 6 years
- They are in the care of the Local Authority
- They are adopted from care
- They are children of Service Personnel

Your child might also be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following :

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think your child may be eligible please go to <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/> or ask at reception for a FSM Form

Scholars of the week:

Bridgewater's Chelsey – has been put forward as the scholar of the week because she has improved on the time she spends on a task independently and has responded to Mrs Emmens , Mrs Ansell and her class mates when asked to do something.

Maisie-Lou in Royal Doulton is one of our scholars this week because of the positive way that she has embraced school life. You may meet Maisie and her friend Hazel if you call into school at lunch-time because the girls are helping out at reception taking messages during their lunch-hour.

Thomas in Portmeirion has been nominated because, as a new Year 7 student, he already embodies the PRIDE motto that is at the heart of all that we do in school:

Pride in our appearance and in all that we achieve

Respect for ourselves, others and our environment

Independence skills

Determination to succeed

Enjoyment of learning and life



Let's Get Playing and Have Some Fun! We are currently

featured in the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme to raise funds for playground equipment. you can vote with the little counters at Hartshill Tesco Express, Newcastle under Lyme Tesco Express (Next to Blackfriars Academy) and Tesco Stoke (Trentvale).

Wanted



Any real pocket binoculars, stencils and jigsaws up to 50 pieces for use by students at break

and lunchtime.

Train to Teach:



Do you have a degree? Wondering what to do next as your child is now in secondary school? Have you thought about teaching as a career? Do you have a son or daughter graduating this year who thinks it is too late to apply – If so, please give Larah at the Blackfriars Teaching School a ring – 01782 987161 – she will talk you through the possibilities.

Get in touch today