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Scholars of the Week

I love it when staff contact me with a really great news story. This is what I received today from Ms Mitchell. I would like to nominate Dan for scholar of the week.

Today there was a mixed up with bookings for the Sports Hall which meant that our table cricket session was cancelled, despite the fact that we had all got changed. Dan coped fine with this mistake and then he went to our yoga lesson, which he has never taken part in before. He then did the full lesson of yoga completing every pose and clearly listened to all of the instructions. He normally runs out of yoga and then goes on LEXIA instead, refusing to even enter the room.

He has also had an amazing week, staying in class and he got all smiley faces on his traffic light chart. In news he actually told the other children what he did on holiday and showed them pictures, which again was lovely to see. Therefore I think he deserves to get scholar of the week!

We all agree – well done **Dan**, Moorcroft are very proud of you and so are we!

Holly (Wedgwood) for being a great friend

Salma (Gladstone) for being extremely helpful and caring to her peers

Alisha of Portmeirion and **Mariya** of Bridgewater for settling into Blackfriars so well

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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Are you up to date?

Please let us know if we need to update your contact details. We need to have 2 sets of emergency details .

Christmas Cards

A huge thank you to all who have placed orders for cards, mugs, T Towels, bags & gift tags. At this point in time, we have raised £170. A few parents / carers have placed late orders – before we send these in, please can you check that you have definitely got all that you want from this offer & place any remaining orders by Friday 16th November. After that date, we will not be placing any more orders.

House Captains and Vice Captains



Many congratulations to Ciaran and Salma who were elected the House Captain and Vice-Captain respectively of Jaguars. Megan is House Captain of Tigers and Courtney is their Vice-Captain and Armaan and Leonie were elected the House Captain and Vice-Captain respectively of Panthers. Very many congratulations.

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

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Blackfriars Christmas Fayre - Friday 14th December 1:45pm

Merryfields Christmas Fayre - Friday 14th December 5:30pm

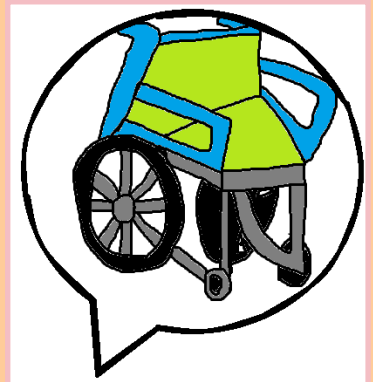
Christmas Holiday – close at 2pm on Thursday 20 December to Friday 4 January

As parents and carers of children with a disability, I am sure you all know the frustration of people looking and judging when they don't really understand or know what the needs are of your child. Maisie is one of our very talented Year 8 students who got completely fed up last half term when her bus driver and escort referred to her as 'The wheelchair'. She took out her frustrations by penning the following poem. We love it so much that we have sent it to the Local Authority Transport team to share with their staff to make them think more and we have placed the poem in prominent places in school, just as a reminder!



*When I sit down in my chair, I get called something I can't bear
I get called a wheelchair.
When you look down at me what do you see,
I bet you see a wheelchair but there's something more to me,
When I ask my friends what they think of me,
They say I'm funny don't you agree? I'd like to be seen as more than just a
wheelchair
I am just a normal person but do you care?
We are all different unique in our own way,
We should all get to have our own say.*

Written by, Maisie Lou
Illustrations by, Ciaran



Anti-bullying



On Monday, we all had the day off timetable to concentrate upon the theme of Respect. Our assembly focussed upon respecting ourselves and each other and making respectful choices. In class, students looked at feelings, supporting each other and particularly, how to stay safe. Portmeirion, Gladstone and Royal Doulton had a very powerful session on cyber-safety – keeping themselves safe when on line. Our new anti-bullying policy is on the website in draft form awaiting ratification from our School Council. If you wish to make any comments about it, please do get in touch.

Tiger's Tea Party



As a reward for all in Tiger's House as they had worked so hard last term and collected the most house points out of all the House groups, Mrs Parr and Miss Mitchell put on a Tiger's Tea Party.

All the children in Tigers got together at the end of the day, to congratulate each other and celebrate with some cakes and biscuits. They danced to "We are the Champions" and "The eye of the Tiger."

They also made a deal with Miss Mitchell that they would work even harder this half term and get as many house points as they can to win the cup again and have another party.

As you can imagine the children thoroughly enjoyed their party and cannot wait for the next. They are revved up to carrying on working as hard as the first half term.

GRRRRREAT TIGERS!!!!