Principal's Newsletter Friday 15th March 2024



Dear Families,

It's been an exciting week at Flegg as we have celebrated Science Week. With the theme of *#smashing stereotypes*, assemblies all week have been explosive – highlighting that science is for everyone. Thank you to Mr Guy and Mr Marno for leading the assemblies and to all the staff who bravely took part! Judging by the oohs and aahs, the students enjoyed them too!





Easter Fayre We hope you can join us at our Easter Fayre tomorrow:

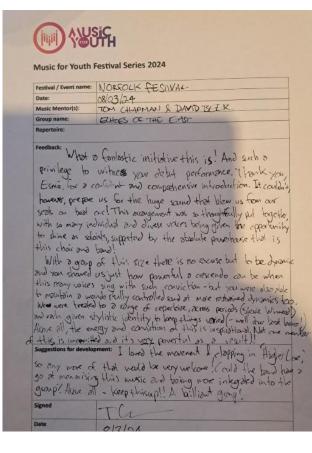




Ormiston's Got Talent

Well Done to Amelia who competed in the Ormiston's Got Talent Regional Finals on Tuesday. It was a great day watching performers from all over the Southeast region including dancers, singers, cheerleaders, guitar solos, baton twirlers and even a magician.

Marvelous Musicians





On Friday 8th March, Livvie Spencer Powell, Reuben Achenbach, Sophie Bancroft, Arden Woods, Florence Achenbach, Emily Ramsden and Molly Robinson travelled to Halesworth in Suffolk to take part in the Music For Youth Festival. They were part of a choir called Echoes From The East, which was made up of over 100 students from a range of Norfolk educational settings. Livvie, Emily, Florence and Reuben were chosen to sing solos which was a brilliant achievement. After the performance the MFY mentors gave the choir fantastic feedback which will hopefully lead to them being chosen to perform in Birmingham next term.







Golden Ticket Holders – Year 7 Breakfast

Today's Principal's breakfast celebrated the students in year 7 with the most golden tickets. This is a real achievement as they have collected tickets across many different subjects showing a true commitment to hard work in every lesson, every day. Well done to all of them – they were a pleasure to talk to.



Aspiration

Well done to Paige Newton who has recently passed her grade 3 in guitar with a good pass. Great work Paige!

Attendance Corner

Last week's 100% attendance winners:

Cianna Dyble 7DHA Leila Simmonds 8JCA Oscar Collins 9DWI Faye Nottage 10CBE Denis Balaz 11MHO





Sports Report – Mr Bending

Boys' Football

Yr 11 County Cup Semi-final v Springwood match report from Mr Bending

The journey was a long one, taking just under 1 hour and a half, but the boys were in good spirits. When we arrived, I could tell there was apprehension in the air as the boys did not know the opposition or what to expect. After a team talk and tactics regarding certain positions, we agreed to get the ball moving fast and forward to try and score on the break. This worked perfectly after 5 minutes when we forced a corner from a quick break. The ball came in and dropped in the area with Ashton Blogg slotting home into the bottom corner seconds asking after having his first shot blocked. The boys started to relax into their play moving the ball more effectively than the opposition and trying to be first to the loose ball.

With ten minutes left of the first half still at 0-1 to Flegg I decided to switch things up by moving Aaron Robinson upfront for more pace and bringing Danny Brown into midfield. This partnership combined instantly with Aaron set him free to the drill the ball home into the bottom corner. The defending was good and solid and despite some half chances they did not look like they were going to score. Half time.

At half time I switched Harry Moss and Archy Gore upfront to keep the opposition on their toes and brought Alfie Skoyles into midfield. His combative style started to put more pressure on and win the ball eventually leading to a breakaway by Archie who slotted home to make the scoreline a healthy 0-3 to Flegg.

Having challenged Harry Moss to make more of his chances at half time he duly obliged minutes later by beautifully chipping the keeper to make the scoreline 0-4. I was keen for the boys to keep pressing in order to give them no time and space as I did not want us to concede. I must add this was a proper team performance with all of the boys playing well. If I was to give a MOM performance it would probably go to Callum Kemp for his work rate, attitude and ball distribution – he was first rate.

On to the final, very exciting and hopefully a trophy to bring home!

Year 9 tournament report

On Monday 11th March Flegg hosted the end of season year 9 league tournament, it was a great success for our team.

Flegg v Lynn Grove A - half time we were leading 3 - 0 full time score 4 - 1. Top scorer with shooting by Lacey and player of the match awarded to Amy.

Flegg v Lynn Grove B – half time score we were winning 8 – 0 and full-time score was 16 – 0. Again, excellent shooting, this time by Edith and Lacey. With excellent defence by Nia and Maddy.

The final game was against Acle, at half time the score was 10 - 0 and final score was 15 - 2. Top scorer in this match was Mia who was awarded player of the match.

Overall, there was excellent play throughout the tournament with superb linking play in centre court by elyssia, Dulcie, Matilda, Bryony and Lucy, solid defence with interceptions galore by Nia, Maddy and Amy.

Final standings –

4th– Lynn Grove B – 3 points

3rd Acle – 5 points

2nd Lynn Grove A – 7 points

1st Flegg 9 points



Team – Grace, Lucy, Dulcie, Lacey, Elyssia, Maddy, Edith, Nia, Matilda, Amy (captain), Mia & Bryony

SUBJECT FOCUS: COMPUTER SCIENCE

Mr. Wilkinson is an experienced teacher and leads the department. Mr. Hallam also teaches Computer Science and covers the majority of the year 7 classes. Mr. Wilkinson teaches the remaining year groups together with the GCSE classes. Both are enthusiastic about the subject and the topics that are delivered to the pupils.

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Year 7 have completed an intensive topic on E-Safety and there are some superb examples of their work below. They are now studying abstraction techniques, looking at algorithms and flowcharts for various problems.









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Year 9 are currently looking at flatfile and relational databases having completed a topic on html coding and network topologies. The choice of databases ranges across footballers, F1, animal parks and shopping.

Flat file Database

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Year 10 have been completing some Python code to convert between different number bases (Decimal, Binary and Hexadecimal) interleaved with work on Network Protocols, Network Topologies and Network Types.

Year 11 are working hard on preparation for their summer exams with revision topics and coding practice.

The Computer Science curriculum has been designed to ensure learners have sufficient knowledge to stay safe online and use computers safely in life. We want pupils to not only understand how to use technology effectively, safely and responsibly, but also how technology is developed and constantly redeveloped into new and exciting tools. The curriculum also provides a focus on developing resilient learners who can recover from mistakes and effectively solve problems. This will help develop a lifelong skill of learning and how to develop themselves further and prepare for the future. (Kindness, Aspiration, Respect)

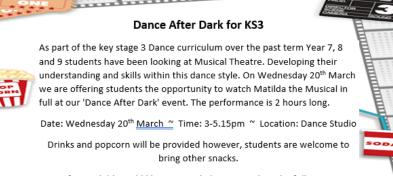
Pupil comments:

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"We cover lots of different topics like coding and networks. It is a nice class because the teacher is nice and everyone interacts and helps each other when they have a problem and we all work to fix it together." (Year 8 pupil)

"Computer science is one of my favourite subjects. During the few years I have been at Flegg, I have learnt many new skills like python, binary, hexadecimal, algorithms, cyber security and many more. My teacher always helps me if I am behind on any of my subjects and we always have fun learning. In life you get many opportunities, but Computer Science will definitely give you the boost you need in the future. I look forward to seeing more people, especially more girls like me, enjoying this subject in the future." (Year 10 pupil)

"I chose computer science as I found it interesting in year 8 and having done more work in the first year of it as an option, I found it enjoyable to explore different topics around it. It is also nice as everyone interacts with each other well which helps sir teach us and enjoy it as well." (Year 10 pupil)



If your child would like to <u>attend</u> please complete the following form: <u>https://forms.office.com/e/iNCPhDmNMW</u>





LOOK OUT <u>FOR ALL</u> THE ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK FOR COMIC RELIEF.

Wednesday – 20th March – Breaktime – long corridor – cake sale 50p Lunch time - cake sale & activities - 50p netball boys v girls challenge – yr. 7, 8 & 9 Back playground – 20p to watch starts 1.35pm Thursday – 21st March – lunchtime -1.30pm – beat the keeper Mr Woodhouse in goal – 50p for 5 penalties – prize for best attempt. Table tennis – beat the teacher - 50p entry to the sports hall – challenge matches – first to 11. Friday – 22nd March – lunchtime -1.30pm – Volleyball match watch the yr. 11 challenge the staff at - sports hall 50p entry all money raised for Comic Relief



Dates for your diary

Saturday 16th March 10am-4pm Easter Fayre Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April Easter Holidays

With kind regards,

Jane Bernett

Mrs Jane Bennett, Principal

Attachments

A parent's guide to Cyberbullying

East Norfolk College dance and cheerleading clubs

National Online Safety – Developing healthy sleep patterns

Online Safety advice for parents and carers

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators **DEVELOPING HEALTHY** AI

Quality sleep is paramount for wellbeing as it impacts our cognitive function, emotional balance and overall health. A World Health Organisation study highlighted that 44% of young people reported difficulty sleeping - potentially affecting their mood, concentration and immune system. Our guide offers expert tips for helping children to sleep more healthily.

MINDFUL TECH 1 USE

Encourage a balanced approach to screen time. While phones, laptops, tablets and so on can serve as a helpful means of stress relief, it's advisable to minimise their use right before bed. These devices can keep the mind racing long after they're switched off, impacting how easily and how well a person can sleep.

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EFFECTIVE SLEEP PRACTICES

Offer practical advice on reinforcing certain habits that have a positive influence on sleeping patterns. Children could start keeping a diary which there used to be available to be availabl which they add to each evening, for example or they could use up excess energy by exercising during the day.

HYDRATION 3 HAB/TS

Underline the importance of drinking plenty of water throughout the day, while limiting drinks close to bedtime to prevent disruptions during the night: is's a lot harder to switch off if you keep needing to get out of bed for the toliet. Avoiding caffeinated drinks later in the day also allows the body and brain to slow down naturally, without any chemicals firing them back up. back up

CONSISTENT BEDTIME

Assist children in developing consistent bedtime routines that tell the body it's time bedtime routines that tell the body it's time to wind down, promoting a more relaxed state. Establish specific activities for young ones right before going to bed – such as brushing their teeth – to set up an association between that action and falling asleep.

OPTIMAL SLEEP 5 ENVIRONMENT

Ensure that the bedroom is comfortable, dark and free from distractions, fostering an ideal space for quality rest. The room's temperature should also be suitable for sleeping – that is, not too hot and not too cold – while rooms should be kept as tidy and free of clutter as possible.

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Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. Winner of the Social Enterprise UK: 'One to Watch' award, the charity provides training and support to education organisations and local authorities. This guide has been written by Adam Gillett – a learning and development specialist who is also Associate Vice-Principal for Personal Development at a large secondary school.

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RELAXING EVENING 6 ACTIVITIES

Recommend activities that have a calming effect on the mind – such as reading or gentle stretching – in the lead up to bedtime, to prepare the mind for a peaceful night's sleep. Doing something quiet, relaxing and low intensity signals to the brain that it's time to rest and makes falling asleep much easier.



Emphasise the crucial role of sleep in Emphases the cluck in order to steep im maintaining physical and emotional wellbeing. It's especially important to sustain a healthy sleep pattern during challenging and intensive periods in our lives; during the exam season for children and young people, for instance

NUTRITIONAL 8 BALANCE

Highlight the significance of a healthy, balanced diet – and its role in establishing a more consistent sleep pattern. Try to lean towards preparing meals with plenty of fruit and vegetables, served in reasonable portion sizes: not only is this a lot healthier, but it also reduces the chances of feeling too full to be comfortable in bed. in bed.



Parents and carers, of course, are uniquely situated to support their children in establishing and maintaining healthy sleeping habits. Parents can review their own sleep habits (incorporating anything from this list that they don't do already) to model a balanced bedtime routine and reinforce the importance of self-care.

MILITARY SLEEP 10 METHOD

Look up 'the military sleep method': it's a technique for falling asleep quickly, which incorporates deep breathing exercises. You could encourage children to try it or even use it yourself. While it can take a good deal of practice to perfect, eventually it will start to feel protuce on the secult area often extremely. natural – and the results are often extremely impressive!



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