



**Mrs Watts**  
Assistant Principal  
Head of Middle School

Dear Middle School families,

In assembly last week, Middle School were privileged to come together and share in the experiences of some of our Year 11 learners. Thank you to these role models, who shared their personal stories so clearly, outlining how essential equality, diversity and inclusion are, as we continue to celebrate Black History Month and build a kind, welcoming and respectful community here in Middle School.

It was lovely to see so many of you in school last week, at our Y7 cake, coffee and chat, and at the finale of the Active run, ride, row week! Thank you for the time you have given to work with our staff to best support all of our wonderful children.

As well as enjoying getting to know you and your children better, another benefit of events we share is the feedback that you share with us during them. One key theme that has arisen is around the clarity of home learning activities. Thank you for the helpful suggestions on how we might be able to improve this; we are working on how this might look and will communicate this to you after half term.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please contact teachers/tutors in the first instance: they will be able to work with you, or to guide you in the right direction to access support.

Many thanks for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Emma Watts

**Attendance Update:**

**8.2** really enjoyed our reward time with Apollo this week for having the **most improved attendance**.



We found out there were 14 space missions during the Apollo Program (1961-1972) and our Apollo Bear certainly lived up to his name by trying to get up into space at every given opportunity; we found him high up by our speakers and climbing our money tree! When he wasn't flying high, he could be found enjoying cuddles from the tutor group students - they couldn't believe how soft he was!

Congratulations to **Hawthorn Class**, who made the most progress in attendance last week! We look forward to seeing what Apollo has been up to during his time with them.

**Upcoming Dates**

<b>Thurs 12 Oct</b>	<b>Black History Month Drop-Down Year 5/6 Parents' Evening All-through Coffee Morning (Lower Site)</b>
<b>Tues 17 Oct</b>	<b>LS/MS Disco</b>
<b>Weds 18 Oct</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Parents' Evening</b>
<b>Thurs 19 Oct Fri 20 Oct</b>	<b>INSET Days</b>
<b>Fri 20 Oct</b>	<b>Last day of Term 1</b>
<b>Mon 30 Oct</b>	<b>First day of Term 2</b>
<b>3, 10, 17, 31 Oct 7, 14 Nov</b>	<b>Year 6 Swimming</b>
<b>Thurs 2 Nov</b>	<b>Year 6 Lifeskills Trip</b>
<b>Tues 14 Nov</b>	<b>Nasal Flu Programme</b>
<b>16 Nov</b>	<b>4pm – 7pm: Year 7 Parents' Evening English, Maths, Science focus</b>
<b>23 Nov</b>	<b>4pm – 7pm: Year 8 Parents' Evening English, Maths, Science focus</b>
<b>Fri 1 Dec</b>	<b>CLF BIG Parliament</b>
<b>10 – 14 June</b>	<b>Year 5 Swimming</b>

**Middle School Values Focus**

**October**



**KOA Value**  
Be Kind



**Learning Power**  
Ruby (kindness)



**British Value**  
Mutual Respect  
and Tolerance



**Ruby**

I listen to and value others

I know the power of a smile

I show respect and tolerance

I perform acts of kindness

I praise and help others

I show empathy

## Key Reminders and Updates

### Bikes and Scooters

It is lovely to see increasing numbers of Middle School students with bikes, now using our Middle School bike/scooter shed. Thank you for ensuring that your children are bringing their bike locks to allow secure storage. If your child bikes / scooters to school, please speak with them about the importance of being safe on and around roads, and about wearing a helmet.

### Road Safety and Mobile Phones

Please speak with your child(ren) about the importance of focusing on the right thing when they are on or around the road, including expectations of crossing safely and focusing on phones only when in a safe space.

### Brook Road

Just a reminder that Brook Road is closed to all vehicles from 08:25 – 08:50 and from 15:00 – 15:20 (blue badges exempt). This means that no vehicles should enter, be moving on, or leave the road. *This is to keep our children, families and staff safe, so please respect this road closure.*

### Book Corners

Thank you to families who have kindly donated books for our new Year 5 and 6 book corners. Our children are very grateful! If you still have any Year 5/6 appropriate books (fiction, non-fiction, poetry etc.) that you would be happy to donate, please send these in with your children.



### Year 6 and Year 8 Camps

**Year 6** - Are off to PGL Liddington! Final spaces have now been agreed with PGL. Please contact Jess Ware ([jess.ware@clf.uk](mailto:jess.ware@clf.uk)) with any questions about payment.

**Year 8** - Will be off on camp, too! We are currently finalising costings with our provider and look forward to sharing this information with you shortly.

## Extra-Curricular Opportunities: Term 1

### Lunchtime Clubs

<b>Monday - Friday:</b>	Y5- Y6	Lego / Reading / Drawing (LRC) - Miss Cox
<b>Monday:</b>	Y7-Y11	Gardening Club - Greenhouse - Miss Miller-Webb
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Y7-Y8	Homework Club - C18 – Miss Peach
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Y7-Y8	Homework Club - C18 – Miss Peach



### After School Clubs

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
<b>Monday</b>	Y5 – Y6 Multi-Sports Gym 1 Miss Southcott		Y7-Y8 Y7-Y11 Y7-Y11 Y7-Y11 Y7-Y9	Maths Homework - C18 - Mr Blake Drama Club - DA1 - Miss Morrel Netball - Courts - Miss Harrold / Miss Jones Fitness - Gym 2 - JCK Boys' Rugby - Field – Mr Heath / Mr Jackson
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y2 - Y6 Survival Skills Lower Site Sporting Chance*			
<b>Wednesday</b>			Sports Fixtures	
<b>Thursday</b>	Y5 - Y8 Y5 - Y11 Y5 - Y11	Homework Club Table Tennis Art Club	C18 Gym 1 E22	Miss Peach Mr Wilkinson Miss Smith
	Y6 – Y10	Girls' Football	Gym 2	Miss Salvage / Miss Harrold
<b>Friday</b>	Y3 – Y6 Football Lower Site Sporting Chance*		Y7 – Y8 Y7 - Y11	STEAM Club ( <i>Science Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths</i> ) DG2 - Miss Thacker / Miss Rowley Vocal Group - MU3 - Miss Morrel

**Year 5 and Year 6:** If you would like to attend a club, please speak to Miss Southcott.

**Year 7 and Year 8:** If you have any questions about a club, please speak to Mr Heath.

\*Sporting Chance: £4.00 per session. Bookings to be made via the website and payment via debit/ credit card / childcare vouchers or BACS. FSM places available - speak to the office for a letter