

# School Newsletter

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**NEWS FLASH:** Students return to school on Wednesday 8th January 2025

Dear All

As the year comes to a close it is the ideal time to reflect on all the great things that have happened this term in school.

We welcomed 13 new students to school in September, these are settling well into their new school routines, are embracing the new expectations while forging new friendships.

In September, we were accredited with the **UNICEF Silver Award for Rights Respecting Schools**. Achieving Silver status is a significant milestone that demonstrates our strong commitment to upholding children's rights across all aspects of school life.



This recognition highlights our ongoing efforts to create an inclusive, respectful, and supportive environment where the rights of every child are protected and promoted. Being awarded silver status reflects the successful integration of children's rights into our school culture, policies, and teaching practices. It fosters a sense of respect, responsibility, and empathy among both students and staff, and underscores our dedication to continuous improvement.

This achievement also reinforces our commitment to ensuring that children's voices are heard, valued, and respected in everything we do. We are now commencing our journey towards Gold.

The school was also proudly recognised as a Thrive Approach Ambassador School for Excellence in Environment in October. This award acknowledges our commitment to fostering a nurturing and supportive atmosphere where students feel safe, valued, and empowered through the Thrive Approach, which promotes emotional well-being and resilience.



On behalf of the staff team, I would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Alison*

## Notification

Please remember not to use Class Dojo to report student absence or to pass messages through the escorts.

All absence must be reported via StudyBugs.

If the office does not receive an explanation of why a child is not in then legally they must mark your child as having an unauthorised absence.

May I remind parents / carers that if students have medical appointments that school is given advance notice and that a copy of the appointment letter is sent to school. If the appointment is in the morning, we expect to see the student in the afternoon. Similarly, students should attend school for the morning if the appointment is in the afternoon. Good attendance is the key to success.

## Transport:

Should you have any questions regarding transport, please contact them on 02476 834 004. If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding your child on transport you may call the number above.





We are extremely grateful to SEGRO who financed a team from Groundworks to work with a range of students across the school on a project to refresh the **sensory garden**. This work-related learning opportunity allowed students to develop new skills and understand safer working practices while doing something that was of benefit to the school community. Thanks to their hard work and tremendous effort the garden is completely transformed and an area enjoyed by all.

**Moonbeam Theatre Company** visited school with their touring production of *Once Upon a Flowerbed*. Our students on the Discovery and Explorers pathways joined “Mint, Rosemary, Lemongrass and Lavender on a sensory journey through the seasons in their fairytale flowerbed” The actors are Resident Artists at the University of Kent and specialise in Creating multi-sensory theatre for young people with special educational needs and/or profound and multiple learning disabilities! It was an amazing morning and a sensory delight for the audience.



Local politicians visit school. We were honoured this term to host Zarah Sultana, Member of Parliament for Coventry South, and Kindy Sandhu, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills at Coventry City Council. The two were hugely impressed by their meetings with students. Kindy posted on her social media accounts, “**Talking to the young people about their work, their ambitions or just about a shopping trip left me with a sense of a school where young people thrive**”.



**Student council** have been busy this term leading fund-raising activities. In September students made cakes to share in celebration of the MacMillan coffee morning. It was lovely to see so many family members join us on the day and thank you for all the donations of so many delicious cakes. Next was **Children in Need** in November, the day finished with staff and students performing their own hilarious version of Blankety Blank. Then a few weeks ago student council, with a few additional friends to support, were off carol singing outside UCHW to raise money for the hospital charity.



There have of course been numerous community visits throughout the term, too many to list but here a just a few. M4 visited HS2, a number of key stage 3 students took part in the Rotary Sports event at Excel where they were competing against other special schools across Coventry and Warwickshire, one class went to the cinema to support their cross curricular learning in English & science. Key stage 5 has been involved in a number of work-related learning visits, the latest one being to the Talisman Theatre, after which we now have a few budding actors of the future.



For one morning only Baginton Fields Academy presents **You're a mean One Mr Grinch** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am. Students from across school have spent the last two weeks working exceptionally hard to learn their cues, lines and songs so if you haven't already, make sure to contact the office and book yourself a ticket, you don't want to miss out on the fun.

Following the performance, students will all get the chance in the afternoon to visit Santa's Grotto. **We are extremely grateful to Dunelm and their customers who have provided gifts for each student**, we have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown. This would not have been possible without the support of Lisa and Matt. Thank you!

The end of year festivities will be rounded off by Christmas dinner on the last day and class celebrations.