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Headteacher's Fortnightly Blog Week Commencing 24th January 2022

It has been a fantastic start to the new term at CODA. Although Covid cases rose dramatically over the winter break, the virological etiquette in school has results in relatively low positive cases. I would like to thank the community for their efforts as well as reminding us all that we need to carry on with the strategies we are using to protect each other.

In addition, the quality of learning has been amazing, and this was also evident in the school reports that were sent out on the last day of last term. We have recognised and celebrated both Holocaust Remembrance Day and Black and White day (A city effort to try and save Derby County football club) this week as well. The week after next we will be providing activities and education for Childrens Mental Health Week. Please look out for more information.

I am delighted to include some of the wonderful snapshots of excellence that have taken place over the last two school weeks.

As a reminder, any student who gets a mention in my blog, gets awarded 20 additional Classcharts points.

Activities Day



Before the winter break, over 800 students qualified and participated in their reward trips/activities for team 1. The day was amazing, and we provided a number of memorable experiences. Mrs Eames, who coordinates these days, said'

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Wednesday 16th December saw the relaunch of Activity Days. All students who had received 95% positive to negative ratio had the chance to participate in the day. This time saw the highest number of qualifying students - 826 students met the criteria and took part in a wide variety of activities. These included (amongst others) Paintballing, Ninja Warrior, Ice Skating and a visit to the National Space Centre. All qualifying students had an excellent day – as the smiling faces on the photos testify. Well done to all students who achieved the necessary ratio. The countdown has now begun for AD2, which will take place in April. Students, who work hard, aiming to go above and beyond staff expectations, will see themselves with a high enough ratio to take part in even more activities. Let us see if we can beat December's record.



In addition, Mr Cholerton said 'A super day at bowling and cinema. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, see pictures. I also had the pleasure of seeing many other coda students past (former year 11) and present (DNQS mainly) in Derby.'



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Miss Bone also said 'I took 36 kids to the inflatable park with virtual reality (Mr Lowe bird was screaming when he was in the rollercoaster that turned him upside down) but the staff, who were amazing, came up to me and said how polite the children were and that they were giving money into the charity box. So I thought I would let you know we had a brilliant day'

Readers of the Week

Miss McQuilton wants to say a big well done to the following students for being readers of the week. Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

Year 7

Saina B, Garbiel F, Malaak A – Nominated twice!, Viera L, Dawud N, Agnesa D, Evie A, Mohammed A, Christian A, Harsimran B, Maja B, Estera B, Bushra B, Alexandra B, Zuraiz C, Kristian D, Saywa F, Patricia G, Miley H, Xenia H, Zain S, Dominik S, Max M, Zakir A, Lucy C, Matthew O, Jonathan M, Ramandeep T, Jonathan M, Maheen I, Slavomir P, Malad S,

Year 8

Simrat S, Corey H, Hermione P, Kashaf Z, Connor L, Harleen K

Year 9

Ashley B, Hani H, Layla RB, Zaviyan M, Ash L, Taranvir S, Leeya M, Zane T, Abou M, Harvey S,

Year 10

Scott I, Aiden BT, Tia H, Joshua W, Justin D, Imogen G, Callum H, Ellie R

Year 11

Ibraheem M

In other library success:

BookBuzz - this week CODA has recieved over 400 books that have been chosen and ordered by our year 7 and year 8 students. Over the next few weeks the students will receive their free book!

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Reader Leader - Miss McQuilton wants to thank the year 10 and year 11 reader leaders for their hard work and determination over the last 3 weeks. The morning reading in the library is wonderful!

Star Students - Miss McQuilton has awarded Rhema Israel 20 classchart points as star of the week for taking a real interest in our reading group. He said, "Miss I never knew reading could be so interesting, some books are actually really good".

Student Librarians - This week over 50 students have volunteered to be student librarians, Miss McQuilton has had to do a rota as so many students wanted to help!

PE Success

Miss Bulloch wants to congratulate the following sports people. She said 'Miss Bulloch took 8 Y7 pupils to Woodlands school on Thursday the 20th of January to compete in the Y7 Sports Hall Athletics. They did the school proud and tried their hardest in every event which included track and field events. The group came 4th overall with 102 points and one point behind 3rd! We scored most points in the 4 x2 relay, vertical jump, shot and speed bounce. The pupils involved were Reece W, Reece D, Rytrel P, Faris A, Kayson G, Cerim A, Slavomir P and Jonathon M. Well done boys!'

Well done, we are very proud of you.

Music Success

Mrs Bell wants to say well done to Faith K. She said 'I would like to highlight to you that one of the GCSE music students (Faith K) did her grade 3 singing exam and got a merit. She was very close to a distinction!' Well done Faith we are very proud of you.

In addition Miss Bell said 'A massive thank you to all those who took part in the Winter Arts Festival including the choir, Michael W (year 11) and Miss Bulloch's dance group. The virtual concert was well received and was accessed widely across the community and beyond, showcasing the amazing music that happens in our school.

This half term we will be creating 'Music Ambassadors' who will be awarded yellow music badges – these students go above and beyond in their music lessons, clubs, choir, and instrumental lessons. Their role as ambassadors is to promote music in this school and mentor younger students who come up through the school years. Watch this space!

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Well done to students who take part in Guitar and Drum lessons with Mr Chadwick – They are making exceptional progress and improving their life chances. Rio Q, Gemma G, Olivia S, Kim O, Luqman R, Lucas B, Kai P, Deanna S, Alex Z and Rajvir V, Arkan M, Magina P M, Jasmine S, Gabriel W, Angel N, Isra C, Dominik K, Romeo M

A record number of students received the termly Music Stars award – the certificates are on display on the music corridor! Very well done to all.'

Great work everyone, we are very proud of you!

MFL Success



Modern Foreign Languages success

There's been a lot of great work going on again in the MFL department.

All the teachers are really impressed with year nine and their recent efforts with recalling vocabulary. Special mentions to...

Hayden F, Chater K, Riley H, Ted E, Jasleen K, Mika M, Victoria K (in Mrs Nielsen's groups)
Jaya N (in Mrs. Sagoo's and Mrs Nielsen's group)

Charnayo HR, Aya G, Shayaan A, Yuvraj S, Brayden G, and Lovejot S, Georgia B (Mr. Milner's groups)

Year 11 have been working hard to complete their mock spoken tests and a big 'Molto bene' (well done) to all our Italian speaking pupils who completed their test this week. Keep it up.

Geography Success

Mr Barker would like to thank Kayla G (7A), Jasleen K (9B) and Tanya D (10XBGo1) for their consistent levels of help they provide in giving out books or resources at the beginning and end of Geography lessons. Their help has been ongoing since September and they are very much appreciated.

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Last week's top scoring class charts students, who will be awarded 20 extra points are: -

Year 11 – Leah E (594), Jaskiren K (465), Ella D (447)

Year 10 – Amanpreet K (334), Muhammad S (270), Jessica R (232)

Year 9 – Jannat R (216), Bushra M (189), Hani H (188)

Year 8 – Zaviyan M (511), Jasmine S (279), Helen C (274)

Year 7 – Maheen I (382), Ekampreet K (361), Harja B (352)

Overall

First - Leah E (594)
Second - Zaviyan M (511)
Third - Jaskiren K (465)

This week's top scoring class charts students, who will be awarded 20 extra points are: -

Year 11 – Tyler G (172), Ella D (167), Michael W (167)

Year 10 – Jaswinder K (241), Christina N (230), Harman K (196)

Year 9 – Courteney B (309), Rylan H (262), Marcel W (249)

Year 8 – Zaviyan M (418), Helen C (321), Lukas K (285)

Year 7 – Klara S (396), Harneet K (306), Harja B (281)

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Extra Rewards

In addition, I would like to say a massive thank you and well done to all of the students who achieved 100% attendance. To be at school EVERY day for a whole year is phenomenal. Attendance is so important to learning and I will award an extra 20 points for those with 100% attendance.

100% ATTENDANCE (YEAR 7-11)

YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		YEAR 11	
A	Mujtebah	A	Ayokanmi	A	Haroon	A	Hilda	A	Joyce Acheampongmaa
A	Ibrahim	A	Ayotomiwa	A	Francis	B	Harry	A	Basil
A H	Tomas	A	Soleen	B	Konika	B	Sara	B	Imaan
A	Adineh	A	Divjot	B	Amisha	D	Charlotte	B	Thomas
A	Keren	B	Abel	C	Izzy-lou	D	Aj	B	Prince
B	Benjamin	B	Leah	D M	Rozh	G	Martin	B	Michela
B	Jake	C-S	Leo	E	Ted	G	Imogen	D	Letisha
B	Harsimran	E	Mohammed	E	Arsenii	H	Kemal	D	Tanisha
B	Oliwia	G	Sukhdeep Saini	F	Hayden	K	Amanpreet	D	Alexandra
C	Kristyna	H	Mohammed	G	Alena	K	Gurleen	F	Oliver
D	Finley	H	Sana	G	Aya	K	Gurleen	G	Ryan
D	Jessica	I	Tayyibah	G	Jagveer	K	Harpreet	G	Sahil
E	Lee-James	J	Amleena Kaur	H	Riley	M	Archie	G	Kristyan
F	Saywa	K	Douaa	H	Amara	O	Roni	G	Sian
G	Kyle	K	Vithuran	K	Sebastian	P	Jaskaran	H	Harkeeret
G	Kaja	K	Aleeza	K	Jasleen	R	Sajan Singh	I	Amina
G	Kayson	K	Harleen	L	Sarah	R	Juwiria	I	Mojeed
G	Kian	K	Bryar	M	Manpreet Singh	R	Zubda	J	Siham
G	Tia	K	Bilal	M	Leeyah	S	George	K	Gurveer
H	Daniel	K	Mohammad	M	Omar	S	Sarthak	K	Karan
H	Liam	M	Harry James	M	William	S	Jashandeep	M	Marek
I	Komal	M	Selina	N	Hasiba	S	Pawandeep	M	Oliwia
I	Khadijat	N	Maria	R-B	Layla	S	Prince	N	Ahmed
J	Abdulkadir	N	Amina	S	Riya	W	Jayden	N	Sallimata
J	Dmitri	P	Markuss	S	Halimah	W	Dean	O	Amarachi
J	Tulisa	P	Dainius	S	Kimran	W	Joshua	O	Vivian
K	Harneet	P M	Megina	S	Ishkaran	Z	Minahil	P	Eddie
K	Shah Meer Ali	Q	Hadia	T	Annie			R	Mohammed

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K	Daniel	R	Abdul	V	Mirela		S	Gurmeen
L	Xuan	R	Deepanshu	W	Joshua		S	Gladis
M	Nellie	R	Hadi	W	Liam		S	Yara
M	Beatrise	S	Nicola	W	Ella-louise		S	Anshika
M	Farhan	S	Amar				S	Gurditt
N	Azaan	S	Gurpeet				S	Jaskiran
N	Angel	S	Jasmine				S	Jaspreet
O	Sahra	S	Tanpuneet				S	Lewis
P	Ansh	S	Yuvraj				S	Piotr
R	Sarah	S	Fatima				S	Abigail
S	Jana	S=H	Aydan				T	Paramveer
S	Eakam	T	Marwa				U H	Saad
S	McKenna-Leigh	W	Kien				W	Michael
W	Sana	Z	Laiba					
W	Muhammad	Z	Malaika					
W	Daniella	Z	Kashaf					
Z	Javeira	Z	Elmir					
Z	Ahmad							