



FAMILY NEWSLETTER JULY 2019

Highlights this month

July has got to be one of the busiest months in school. Not only does the year continue with focussed lessons and course completions, but special events such as sports days (thank you all so much for making those a great success), consultation evening and end of year reports, activities week (KS3, 4 and 6th form), residential trips (6th form) and class excursions, but we are also preparing for September. Granta continues to grow in popularity and next September we will have more pupils than ever in our history. This is an exciting time to lead the school.

Sports day results

All three teams achieved outstanding results and the winner was the Red team. Well done! Pupils enjoyed the gentle competition and, more importantly, they all really enjoyed themselves (as did I). The "golden moments" lucky dip will take place next week.

Film awards for 6th form

Our 6th form Duke of Edinburgh students chose to learn film making for the skill section of their DoFE and were supported by Total Arts at the Junction to make a music film all about themselves. They had great fun making it and learnt a lot of new skills. Staff were also fortunate to have two training sessions on film making, which we are hoping to put to good use.

I am delighted to tell you that at a lovely ceremony at the Light Cinema last week they won two 'oscars': the peoples vote and most creative film. Well done everyone! You will be able to see the film, called Making Myself, on our website soon.

Gold DoFE Expedition

4 of our 6th formers recently went to the Lake District to complete their gold expedition. They spent the week canoeing on Lake Coniston, and exploring the quarries and mines around Coniston culminating in a walk to the top of The Old Man of Coniston (803m). Well done everyone; what an amazing achievement.

School reports

Thank you for the many response slips and comments at consultation evening regarding the school reports. The overwhelming response was very positive and so we will be keeping the new format. One additional suggestion has been that we might also include more assessment data and so we will amend them again next year to include that suggestion.

Parent governor vacancy

Next term we will be on the look out for a new parent governor. Please consider if you could join our strategic team. Governors make important decisions that shape our way forward. I know that attending meetings can be really difficult but we would provide as much support as possible including covering costs and having a 'dial in' option. More details will be provided in September.

Research request (external to Granta)

I have received a request to distribute information about a research project being led by Anglia Ruskin University. The university is recruiting children between the ages of 5 and 6 and a half years old for this research who were born at full term (37+ weeks) . They are researching the possible effects on development of being born at usual birth weight or born small for gestational age. If you want to find out more about this research then please let the office know and they will forward you an information sheet.

Diary reminders

Still to come: 6th Form Prom on Friday 19th July

Move up morning on Monday 22nd July

Leavers assembly Wednesday 24th July.

Next term

Just a reminder that the last day of term is Wednesday 24th July. I wish you all a happy and sunny summer and I look forward to welcoming pupils back on Wednesday 4th September.

To our leavers

What a pleasure it has been to know each and every one of you. Remember what I say at the start of every holiday: be healthy, be happy and be helpful! I hope that Granta has taught you the joy that keeping as well as possible, enjoying the good things that come your way and being kind towards others can bring. You have all brought joy to our school, thank you.

Best wishes

Lucie