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Parent Communication 15.11.24

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another positive week at SAIL – with lots going on, some great learning and much for our fantastic students to be proud of.

Armistice day assembly and coffee morning

On Monday 11th we held an Armistice Day assembly in our Ocean theatre for our students and parents. Thank you to those of you who joined us – and stayed on for coffee and cake!

A big thank you to Caroline Morland for leading and setting this up and to our fantastic primary students who helped run the coffee morning.

Parents evening - Thursday 28th November

On Thursday 28th November we will be holding a parents evening event between 4.00pm and 6.30pm – which will be the opportunity for parents/ carers to come into school and meet either their child's class teacher (primary/ Inspire) or their child's tutor (secondary).

We will also use this opportunity for parents to visit and tour the school, and see where your children are learning every day, where you would like to do so and the SLT will also be on hand to talk through anything you may want to raise.

Further specific details will be coming out about this next week, including how to book.

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week in school with the theme: **Choose Respect.** During this week we have been focussing our tutor times and assemblies on this important topic, and this coming week we are launching our Anti-Bullying Ambassador programme in line with the work carried out by The Diana Award.

Odd Socks Day, which forms part of anti-bullying week took place on Tuesday this week, with many adults and children wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. It was great to see and talk about this with our students.



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Safeguarding Update – sexualised language

This week in school we have needed to address a rise in the use of sexualised language being used between peers within secondary. Having investigated this, we understand this is also being shared on personal devices outside of school. Although we will always address this directly and contact families where we need to, we have found in doing so, that pupil's initial response, when this addressed with them, is to say that it is a joke and relate it to something they have seen online, outside of school. This indicates to us a clear lack of understanding of what is being said but also a concern in relation to what is potentially being accessed on-line.

As a school we take this use of sexualised language very seriously and it is essential that we work together to tackle any sexualised language and what students are viewing on their own devices outside of school to ensure they are kept safe.

As a school we will be running assemblies on Thursday (KS3) & Friday (KS4) next week to talk about Internet Safety and Sexualised Language and behaviour. But on top of this it would be great if you are able to discuss the importance of this at home and check what your children are accessing on their personal devices.

We understand that these topics can be tricky conversations with your child therefore below are some links from the NSPCC which can support you with this:

Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC

Understanding Sexual Behaviour in Children | NSPCC

If you have any concerns or feel like you would like some support in raising this with your child, please do not hesitate to get in contact with Charlotte or either of our Pastoral Managers.

Food bank collection - final week

Thank you to those of you who have been sending in food for the Salisbury food bank over the last two weeks – if anyone else would like to contribute we will be keeping the donations open for one more week before this is sent to the food bank

If you are interested in supporting us in this collection the top ten list of items that are most useful are set out here: Shopping-List-Blank-2024 word.pdf (foodbank.org.uk)



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Key dates

November

• Thursday 28th November – Parents evening (4.00pm - 6.30pm)

December

• Friday 20th December – Last day of term 2