



St Johns Hill School

Karearea Team Newsletter

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Welcome back to the new term, it promises to be a very busy and an interesting one.

Thank you for your attendance at our recent interviews, they were very positive and informative.

Please ensure the Year 6 Profile Books have been returned to enable the children to share their two stars and a wish. Could Year 5 parents ensure they have completed the two stars and a wish in the e Portfolio please.

Our team is committed to explicit teaching, learning and trialing collaborative teaching practices.

We will be providing opportunities around the Key Competencies of and the virtue which will be integrated into all areas of students' learning.

Stationery: Could you make sure your child is prepared with the proper stationery. There were some children who needed to replenish their equipment. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to check.

KEY COMPETENCIES

The Year 5 Key Competency is Language, symbols and texts.

"I am reliable and resilient.

I can make personal goals, make plans, manage projects, and set high standards.

I have strategies for meeting challenges.

I know when to lead, when to follow, and when and how to act independently."

The Year 6 Key Competency is Thinking. This includes:

Mind mapping, Reading strategies, thinking critically, reflectively, creatively.

VIRTUES

The Year 5 Virtue is Caring:

"I care for others and myself. I pay loving attention to the needs of people and animals. I give my best to every job."

The Year 6 Virtue is Cooperation.

"I am cooperative. I work and play well with others. I respect the rules. I keep myself and others safe."

LITERACY

The foci for literacy will be different for each class. However students will all continue to refine the work within the Gaye Byers Writing programme. The Spelling Bee will be held this term 4 September.

Reading programmes will encompass skills such as questioning and summarising ideas and skills where learners scan, skim, take notes, identify key words, topic sentences, key questions through both instructional reading and inquiry learning.

NUMERACY

Children are encouraged to learn basic family of facts and tables. Our learners will be gaining experience in reasoning and problem solving strategies.

We will be celebrating maths during Maths Week 13-17 August with a Maths day in 16 August

The Mathex competition will also be held this term on 29 September.

THEME

Our context this term will be Flight for Year 5 and Bushy Park and Solar Energy will be for Year 6

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

We are refining our fitness and cross country skills. Children are expected to have an appropriate change of clothing to run in. Fitness will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. A note is required if your child is unable to participate for genuine health reasons.



UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform including black winter shoes. If you need clarification regarding the uniform, please enquire at the office. Students may also like to wear slippers in the classrooms.

Home -School Partnerships: Good communication is the key to positive partnerships so please keep in touch throughout the term. Pop in or send us an email.