

# HOLYWELL SCHOOL

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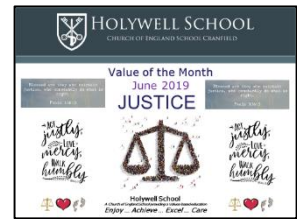
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Dear Parents / Carers



VALUES DAY: We had a great start to the second half of the Summer Term with our great Values Day last Thursday. This year the value for the day was 'Justice'. Students explored the nature of Justice focusing on: FAIRNESS, BALANCE and EQUALITY. They then had a series of challenges related to Justice:

- Year 5 looked at school rules and punishments around the world and acted as judges and juries to decide on just punishments.
- Year 6 studied social justice in the fashion industry linked to the Geography curriculum. They "bought" bin bags, designed clothes using them and modelled them in a fashion show during Lesson 4.



- Year 7 studied a series of lessons called "Who made my jeans?" linked to a curriculum strand in RE. They had to plan how to organise their clothing factories in a way that was fair and just and presented their ideas in a pitch to 'Lord Sugar'.
- Year 8 studied lessons relating to justice systems around the world, the British criminal justice system and justice and fairness in sport. They completed tasks in each lesson to receive "clues" to enable them to solve a crime.
- Registration and Lesson 5. Students were split into groups in Houses. Each group included students from Year 5, 6, 7 and 8. During the afternoon they had "community time" and an assembly where our House Captains briefed all students on 4 justice based charities (Fairtrade, Embrace Counselling, Citizens Advice and AVOCA-A voice for Central America). Students were given the opportunity to vote for which charity they would like to support at the Charity fair. The vote was made by the whole school and the winning charities were Fairtrade and Embrace..
- Pupils planned fundraising activities/stalls to raise funds for the chosen charities at a charity fair on the afternoon of Friday, July 5th. This was trialled last year and proved successful.



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STUDENT UPDATE: Amy is doing remarkably well following her accident before half term. She is now undergoing physiotherapy and everything is moving in the right direction. There is an e-petition for improved safety measures in Wootton – it would be great if all parents/carers could support and sign this (Hyperlinks are in the electronic version of this newsletter): [PETITION](#). The Watters family have also posted a [blog](#) (fully supported by the Brinds) and there is a fundraising page: [Amazing Amy](#). The money raised from this fundraising will be split three ways:

1. Acorn House provided vital accommodation for Amy's family whilst she was an inpatient in the intensive care unit. It costs £30 to run a room for one night - this is offered free of charge to families but funded by charitable donations. More information can be found at: [https://www.sickchildrenstrust.org/our\\_houses/Acorn\\_House/index.html](https://www.sickchildrenstrust.org/our_houses/Acorn_House/index.html)
2. The team at Addenbrookes are trying to raise enough funds for two children's ambulances - effectively an intensive care on wheels. Quick access to specialist services was vital to Amy's recovery so we would like to support this fundraising venture. Part of the funds raised will go towards this. More info can be found at: <https://www.chariots-of-fire.co.uk/news/the-chariots-of-fire-baton-is-poised-will-you-join-in-on-the-act>
3. It is unclear at the moment if Amy will need any long term support, she is making such good progress but there may be things she needs in the future to aid her recovery.

... as a start, we have sorted out a charity mufti day on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June to support the fundraising. Several classes have also offered to run Bake Sales – all proceeds will be added to the fund.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY: At Holywell, we believe our number one priority is the safety and happiness of every child. We have a legal obligation to keep children safe from harm and ensure we exercise our duty of care to teach students how to keep themselves safe. In September 2018 the updated statutory guidance for schools, Keeping Children Safe in Education, put legal responsibility on schools to ensure we are actively supervising and monitoring what students are accessing online. This legal duty upon schools does not just relate to what students access in lessons on school computers, but also includes any content they might access on the way to school when wearing school uniform, on the school bus or at breaks and lunchtimes on their phones via 3G and 4G. Mobile phones and, in particular, the new generation of smart phones, such as the iPhone, now include many additional functions such as an integrated camera, video recording capability, instant messaging, mobile office applications and mobile access to the internet. These allow immediate access to email, searching for information on the internet and other functions such as access to social networking sites e.g. Facebook, twitter and blogging sites. There has been an increase in the number of issues to do with online abuse via mobile phone technology and social media. As a result, students' wellbeing and mental health is being affected by this abuse of mobile phone technology. We are also finding it increasingly challenging to manage the number of mobile phones which are brought into school for storage. As a result of this, we are reviewing our Mobile Phone Policy – more details to follow.

PARENT FOCUS GROUP (Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June – 6.30pm – 7.30pm): As we are coming to the end of the year, we would like to review the year with a small focus group of parents. In particular, we would like to discuss: Communication; Restorative Practices; Mobile Phone Policy; Assessment, Reports and Parents' Evenings (NB. There will be a separate focus group to review the changes made to homework provision and practices). If you are interested in being a part of this group and if you are available on the 17<sup>th</sup> June (6.30pm-7.30pm), please return the reply slip.

Thank you for your continued support and here's hoping the current rainy weather doesn't last for too long!

MG Simpson  
Headteacher



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PARENT FOCUS GROUP – 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2019

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in joining the Parent Focus Group on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at 6.30pm

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_