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Update Letter 25-05-2022

Dear all

Welcome to the last week of this half term! ... and what a packed half-term it's been. Year 6 survived SATs (magnificently, I might add) and we saw the return of the school trip! **Year 8** went on a residential camping trip to the Wyre Valley:



Thanks to all the staff and students for making this such an enjoyable experience for everyone ... although, we're not sure that everyone has been converted to camping!



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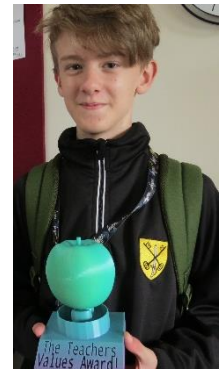
This week, on Thursday 26th May, it is **National Thank a Teacher Day 2022!**



Every year on National Thank A Teacher Day students, parents, carers and everyone in the community celebrates schools, colleges, teachers and support staff across the country. You can send an e-message to staff via the 'Thank-a-teacher' website

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/national-thank-a-teacher-day-parentsandpupils/>; you can write your own 'thank you' card or you can even just say 'thank you'.

We are lucky at Holywell to have such amazing teachers (and support staff) who care for and inspire our students. I would like to say a personal 'thank you' to the Holywell team for their hard work and constant focus on helping students to live our values, be the best they can be as part of our Holywell community. We are blessed to have their time, talent and thoughtfulness.



We also have some very thoughtful and caring students – one of our Year 7 students – Tom - asked if he could help to thank his teachers. He has designed a **Values Award Trophy for Teachers**. It was such a thoughtful idea and the actual trophy is amazing ... we will add this in to our Values awards and Tom has chosen the first member of staff to receive this – we'll reveal the recipient in the next update letter!

Another thoughtful act took place last week with Miss Stewart and our West End singing superstar – Pippa – organising a concert to showcase the work the students had done during their music sessions. We heard a wide range of songs – everything from Ed Sheeran to Disney ... and more Disney ... the concert ended with the annoyingly catchy song from the latest Disney film - 'Encanto': 'We don't talk about Bruno!'



Today, the first cohort of Year 5 students have set off on their '**Lifepath**' adventure – an exploration of John Newton. Lifepath Newton offers a whole day of fun activities including craft, music, drama and games culminating in a corporate celebration involving a dramatic interpretation of Newton's life. The day is organised by the Scripture Union, Bridge Builder Schools Trust (MK), Impact, Bedford Schools Trust and is supported by Bedford Borough Council. The aim is to give our students the opportunity to explore the Christian faith through the lifepath of John Newton who lived in the area. It will also provide students the opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of local history whilst learning outside the classroom.

On **Friday** afternoon, we will be taking time to celebrate the Queen' Platinum Jubilee with a brilliant bunting challenge, a contribution to the national choir singing The National Anthem, and a few more treats! This will also be a '**just-for-fun**' **non-uniform day** – **red, white and blue is the theme!**

I wish you all a good half-term when it arrives – stay safe and enjoy the jubilee celebrations.

Best wishes

Mike Simpson

Headteacher

