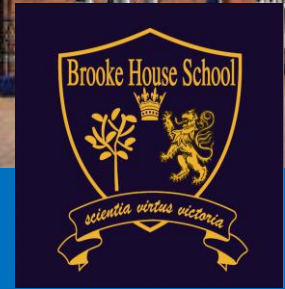


Brooke House School Bulletin

1st December 2023



County Lines

This week in school we have been following up our knife crime talk from Leicestershire Constabulary by having class discussions on County Lines. County Lines is where illegal drugs are transported from one area to another, often across police and local authority boundaries (although not exclusively), usually by children or vulnerable people who are coerced into it by gangs. The 'County Line' is the mobile phone line (or other form of "deal line") used to take the orders of drugs. Importing areas (areas where the drugs are taken to) are reporting increased levels of violence and weapons-related crimes as a result of this trend.

We realised that anyone buying 'weed' is vulnerable to County Lines as you are opening a door to the Black-Market economy. In particular, we discussed how you might be asked to launder money for a friend (put £500 through your bank account and then give them back £400), or be asked to look after goods for a friend, or collect a parcel from an Amazon lock up and keep it in your bedroom. Students were made aware that County Lines involvement starts at a low, relatively innocent level and escalates gradually.

Things to look out for are:

- New friends, especially if older;
- New clothes, especially if expensive;
- Leaving the house, especially late at night.

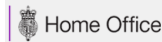
We concluded that some people are vulnerable to County Lines because they are anxious to be popular, make new friends and are afraid to say no. Drug dealers will target nice, kind, friendly people from clean, decent, relatively well-off backgrounds to help them store drugs, money and weapons, as the police are less likely to search their houses.

It was a very informative lesson/discussion.

Action on county line drug gangs



New powers would allow the police to shut down mobile phone lines



'County lines' are where urban gangs are supplying illegal drugs in suburban areas, market or coastal towns



Vulnerable children and adults are exploited by gangs to move drugs and cash around

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12th December, 2023
Christmas Production
(afternoon performance)

Wednesday 13th December, 2023
Christmas Production – evening

Thursday 14th December, 2023
Christmas dinner

Thursday 14th December, 2023
Christmas Party

Thursday 14th December, 2023
Christmas Sleepover

Friday 15th December, 2023
End of Term – School Closes at 5pm

Monday 8th January, 2024
Spring term starts

New Date – 12th January, 2024
Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
Palace Theatre Trip

Star Factor

The student with the star factor this week is
Luca Le Fondre
for super work in his English.
Well done, Luca!



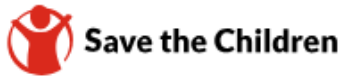
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Piano

A reminder to all parents of children who have piano lessons... The piano bills have been given out and the piano teacher would appreciate payment before the end of term.

Thank-you.

Christmas Jumper Day



Thursday 7th December is Christmas Jumper Day. Students can wear their Christmas Jumpers and donate £1.00 to Save the Children who run the event.

Lost bracelet

Last Friday (24th November) Mrs Wakley lost a small silver Swarovski crystal bracelet in school. If anyone sees it, she would really appreciate it being handed in as it has sentimental value. Thank-you.

PE

Stars of the week

Thursday group 1 – Hayley Gibbs

Thursday group 2 – Alfie Henfrey

In PE this week the students played 'Sports Bingo' – here they are busy cheering on their teams. Apparently, the ones who received a 'Golden Ticket' will be getting a small prize....



Food Technology

Last Friday and this week the students from Kestrels, Goshawks, Ospreys and Kites all made some delicious, savoury cheese straws. The star bakers were Craig Johnson from Kites, Mason Michaelides from Goshawks and Emmie Parker and Hope Toone from Kestrels and Ospreys.

Well done everyone!



This week has seen the installation of our very own Cubbie! It provides Personalised Sensory Regulation (PSR) and is a new and effective way for everyone to have a fun and relaxing 'time-out' and enjoy their own personal space. It is distinguished from traditional analogue environments by being an easy-to-use, immersive safe, personal space of sound and vision. It is free of disruptions and driven by software that is regularly and automatically updated. Outcomes are predictable and reliable, achieved in 5,10 or 15-minute Cubbie Sprint. Some students have already tried it out this week – word on the grape vine is "Cool! It's like going into a time-machine!" – And there is a rumour that teachers are eagerly looking forward to their turn in 'The Cubbie'!



Latin word of the week

This week's Latin root word is: 'sens'

'to feel'

Some examples of modern English words that contain this root are

Sense, Sensitive, Sensient

What other modern words can you find which contain this root word?

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Mathematics

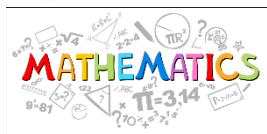


Times Tables Champion

The award this week goes to Ava-Rose Nixon for a quick and accurate recall of the 3x tables.



The Mathematics Star for this week goes to Joe Mortimer for excellent effort in his work.



Mathematics Work of the Week by Sukhmani Suwali for brilliant work on multiplying using the lattice method.

This week's question: Work out 18018×13 using the lattice method. Answer to follow next week.

Last week's question and answer from one of our year 9 students

| length L | spread width F | mid point M | F x M |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|-------|
| $20 < L = 24$ | 13 | 22 | 286 |
| $24 < L = 28$ | 35 | 26 | 910 |
| $28 < L = 32$ | 24 | 30 | 720 |
| $32 < L = 36$ | 8 | 34 | 272 |
| | 80 | | 2188 |

$2188 - 27.35 \text{ cm}$
80



Congratulations

Congratulations go to Vincent Parker for passing his Pre -Grade 1 Piano exam on Saturday. He passed with a Merit.

Well done!

Kickboard
Star



The student with the most Kickboard points this week is;

Kaci Dawkins

Well Done!

Menu for next week



Monday

Chicken Casserole
Vegetable Casserole (V)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli
and Green Beans
Rice Pudding



Tuesday

Pasta Carbonara
Tomato Pasta (V)
Served with Sweetcorn and Garlic
Bread
Iced Lemon Cake



Wednesday

Savoury Mince
Plant Based Mince (V)
Served with Mashed Potatoes,
Carrots and Cauliflower
Cherry Shortbread



Thursday

Sausage Plait
Plant Based Plait (V)
Served with Diced Potatoes, Baked
Beans and Peas
Fresh Fruit Platter



Friday

Star Factor – Luca Le Fondre
Cheese Pizza
Cheese Pizza (V)
Served with Baked Beans, Chips
Chocolate Cake and Ice-Cream

Jacket Potatoes

If you need to order a jacket potato for your child on any of the days please can you email the bulletin with the day(s) and the choice of filling. Please can all orders be in by **2200 on Sunday evening**.

The filling choices are cheese, baked beans and spaghetti hoops.