



Monday 19th September 2022 – Friday 23rd September 2022

Headteachers' Blog

The extra Bank Holiday allowed us all, should we wish, to watch the extraordinary spectacle of the Queen's funeral. Monarchist or Republican, I doubt anyone could not stare in wonder at the scale of the pageantry, the attention to detail and the faultless execution of the myriad of roles and functions. The scale was certainly fitting for marking the Queen's passing after such long and distinguished service.

Moving on

With all official procedures now complete, the country turns to face the future. For us at school, this involves the continuation of our internal review meetings whereby Directors of Faculty and Heads of Subject meet with myself and Mr Rourke Beasley to review last summer's examination performance.

For students, we have Bury Christian Youth in school to run a prayer space, my thanks to BCY and to Mrs Standen for organising this.

On Thursday we host our second Pupil Passport Tripod afternoon for those students covered by the SEND team. Also Thursday afternoon we are hosting the Year 11 Next Steps evening, where families of Year 11 students explore the options available to these young people when they graduate from our school.

On Friday 70 visit Stowmarket Library, as part of the English faculty literacy programme. My thanks in advance to our colleagues at the library for their support.

SHELF – Stowmarket, Health, Education & Leisure Facility

Thursday to Saturday sees a sequence of public consultations regarding the SHELF project. This project will hopefully see considerable sports and wellbeing facilities for the school and the local community. The following events are all held at The John Peel Centre;

Thursday 22nd

- 3pm - 4pm Press
- 4pm - 5pm Businesses
- 5pm - 7pm Public

Friday 23rd

- 8am - 9 am Councillors
- 9am - 1.30pm Public

Saturday 24th

- 9am - 3pm Public

Important Information regarding Non Pupil Days

We have two days this term of essential staff training, one of which has only recently been confirmed due to the training provider being unable to confirm before now. The dates are as follows;

Friday 7th October

Wednesday 16th November

Sorry in advance of any disruption these training days may cause.

Have a good week everyone, and thank you for your support.

Mr Lee-Allan

Bake Sale for MacMillan Cancer Support

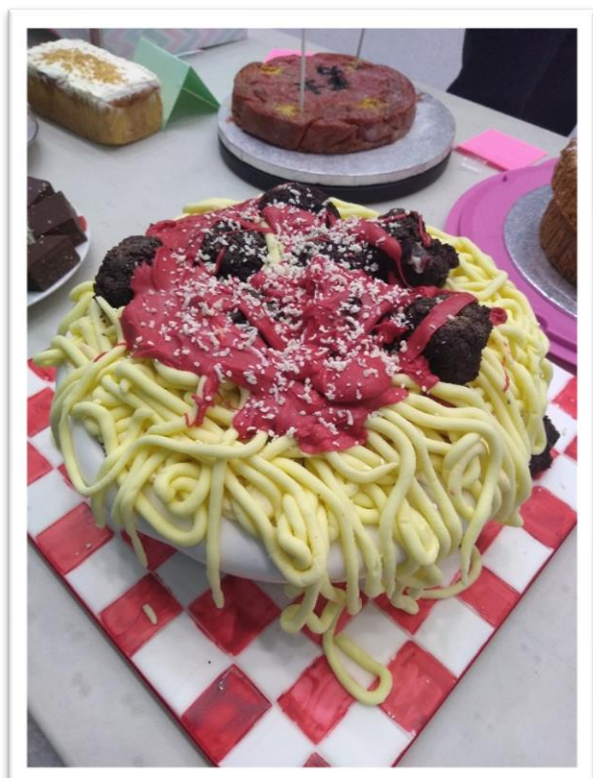
We need you!

On Friday 30th September, we will be having a cake sale in school to raise vital funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. As part of that, we would like students to either bring in some cake (either home made or shop bought) and bring to the Atrium before 9am on 30th September.

However, if you would like to enter the Great European Bake Off competition, please design and bake a cake with a European theme and bring to the Atrium between 8:30 and 9:00 that morning. They will then be sold at the cake sale. All donations must be nut free and don't forget to bring in some coins to buy some cake too!

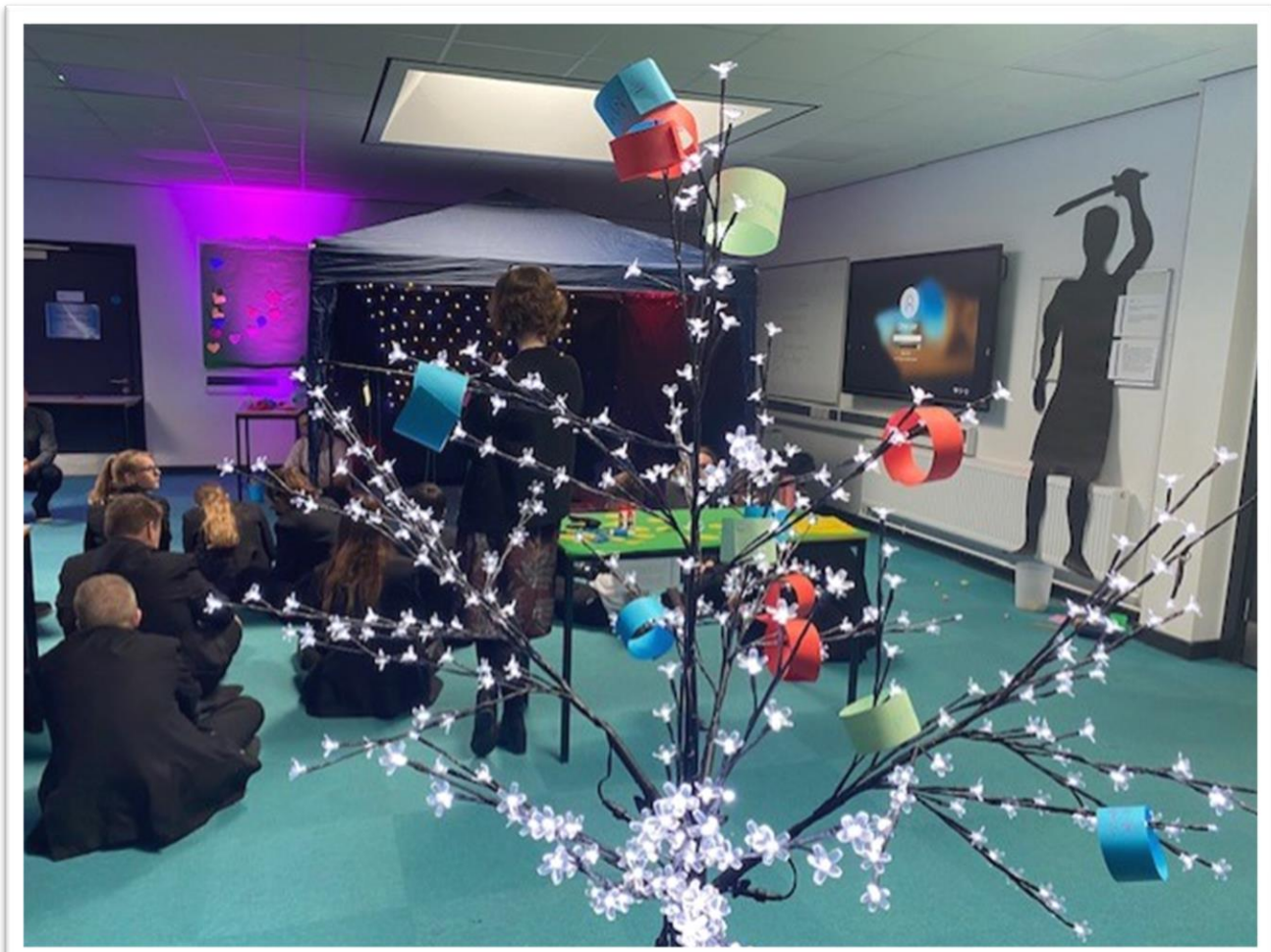
Thank you and we look forward to seeing your entries!

Pictured below are some of last year's entries



Prayer Space

Prayer spaces enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore life's questions spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way.



COVID Guidelines for Student Absence

The school policy follows current government guidelines which states that there are no testing requirements and Covid is to be treated the same as any cold/flu symptoms.

If a student tests positive, there is no set period of time to be off school. They are to return to school as soon as they can. If they have no symptoms or are feeling well enough to attend, they are expected to be in school. They should try and manage any symptoms with paracetamol and attend school as normal.

Food Allergy

We do not claim to be a 'nut-free' school as The Anaphylaxis Campaign advises that this is not a pragmatic approach. But as a reminder, we ask that you or your child do not bring any products containing nuts in to school as we have a number of students that have severe allergies to nuts and products containing nuts. Some examples are:

- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Nutella
- Peanut butter
- Cakes made with nuts
- Muesli bars
- Baklava
- Any loose nuts



Dates for your Diary

22nd September 2022	Year 9 Pupil Passport Tripod Afternoon 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
22nd September 2022	Year 11 Next Steps Evening 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
29th September 2022	Year 11 Success and Support Evening 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
4th October 2022	Year 6 Open Evening 5.30 pm – 7.15 pm
5th October 2022	Year 6 Open Evening 5.30 pm – 7.15 pm
6th October 2022	Year 6 SEND Open Evening 5.30 pm – 7.15 pm
7th October 2022	PD Day

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