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## NEWSLETTER 20.06.23

This half term has certainly started with a bang with lots going on both in and outside of school. Rehearsals for 'Seussical the Musical' are keeping our resident thespians very busy and in the classroom, students are completing end of year learning checks and teachers are writing reports.

Year 5 made us very Proud to be Perton during their visit to the Harry Potter studios in Watford and Year 6 have returned from Standon Bowers this week – a little tired, but full of their experiences out in the wilds of sunny Staffordshire! A special thank you goes to the staff who enabled this experience by giving up their evenings/nights and even sleep, to supervise this special trip.

Whilst the weather continues to be warm, please send children with water bottles, hats and well-applied sun cream. Full school uniform should be worn, but we will make concessions during the day if the weather is particularly hot. We do allow shorts, but please note that they should be tailored like school trousers (not sportswear, cargo style or jersey). We recognise that the school year is nearing its close, but we aim to maintain high standards until the very end in order to sustain good behaviour and positive attitudes to work. If your child is outgrowing an item of uniform, please contact us as we might be able to provide it and we do not wish to see trainers creeping in. Your support is very much appreciated.

## Mrs. Burrington

#### BIG IDEAS



Once again, some of our students continued developing their projects from our "Big Ideas" day back in November and recently represented our school at the regional finals held in Wolverhampton University. Both teams did us proud and we are very excited that one of our teams will be representing us in the National Finals held in the Houses of Parliament in

Westminster. Their team, ReSeaving, will be presenting their idea of a robotic squid that will collect plastic from our oceans.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- > Tues 27th Thurs 29th June: Seussical Jr production
- Fri 30th June: INSET day
- ➤ Weds 5<sup>th</sup> & Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July: potential strike action
- Weds 19th July: Y8 Presentation Evenina at Perton Civic Centre
- > Fri 21st July: Drayton Manor, **Y8**

### SCHOOL PRODUCTION



There is still time to buy tickets for Seussical Jr. through ParentPay. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £5 for

concessions (under 18s/65+). When purchasing your tickets, you will need to specify (in the notes field) the tickets you are purchasing. Your tickets will be ready to collect on the evening of your chosen performance.

Tickets need to be purchased in advance and will not be available on the door.

## HARRY POTTER WORLD - WARNER BROS STUDIOS

Year 5 had an absolutely magical time when they visited the Warner Bros studios to see behind the scenes of the Harry Potter books. It was a brilliant trip where pupils got the walk down Diagon Alley, take a tour through the Dursley's house and explore the vaults at Gringotts Bank. We even had to dodge the very scary fire-breathing dragon who was guarding the treasure. All of the children were fantastically behaved and we were so proud of each and every one who came on the trip! They made us all very Proud to be Perton.







### Standon bowers residential

Last week, 109 Year 6 students went to Standon Bowers on their residential following the successful completion of their SATS. The students took part in caving, bridge building, archery, BMX skills and an amazing session on a BMX pump track!

There were smiles all round as they took leaps of faith on the power fan drop, conquered their fears of enclosed spaces in the caving rooms and went higher than they could have imagined on the climbing wall. It was a wonderful trip building lifelong friendships built on trust, courage and teamwork. Well done Year 6!







#### FUNDRAISING



Last Friday, Year 6 raised £143.61 selling Jubbly ice lollies and guessing the number of jelly beans in the jar. The lucky winner is Olivia from 6JM.

## OTHER NEWS

#### SAFEGUARDING

Years 5, 7 and 8 have had an assembly on safeguarding, to explain what safeguarding means and who they can speak to in school. Year 6 missed this due to the residential trip so they will have their assembly at a later date. If you have any safeguarding concerns, you can find out who to contact on our website.

## ANTI-BULLYING: WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIEND?



It is important that your child understands both how to be a good friend to others and what to expect from a good, healthy friendship. A good friendship is a two-way relationship where both people are valued. The <u>Kidscape</u> website also states that ...

- Good friends support each other
- Good friends make you feel good
- Good friends are trustworthy
- Good friends handle conflict respectfully and respect boundaries
- Good friends don't always have everything in common
- Good friends will accept that you have other friends who you also want to spend time with