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NEWSLETTER 19.07.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you for your support this year. A school year is always full of activity, challenge and opportunities and I am grateful to the Perton team who have enabled us to provide numerous trips and experiences for our students and great learning opportunities and pastoral care throughout the year. I would also like to extend my thanks to the students who always bring a different and new perspective to school life and whose company and interaction I genuinely enjoy. It is true to say that my role is very varied, but the part that gives me the most pleasure is being in and around the students, watching them learn and sharing their good humour.

As our Year 8 students prepare to leave us, we have reminisced about their time here and what a privilege it is to watch them grow and develop in to the lovely young people they are now. We wish them every success in the next stage of their journey and hope that they will reflect fondly on their time here with us.

Also leaving us this year are the following teaching staff: Miss Bell, who has covered Miss Harley's maternity leave; we wish her every success in the next stage of her teaching career. Mrs Williams, who has taught Art predominantly, moves on to other business ventures related to teaching and Mr Pritchard, who has been offered a promotion, will be leading a secondary Drama department. We also say a fond farewell to Miss Watton and finally, we say goodbye to Mr and Mrs Edwards, mathematicians extraordinaire, as they take retirement and rediscover the world outside of the classroom. We wish them all the very best and thank them for their contribution to our school community.

In September, we will welcome some new faces: Mrs Fellows, a new Mrs Williams, Mr Jones and Mrs Jessel. Miss Harley will return from maternity leave and Miss Shercliff, who joined us this summer, will continue with us whilst Mrs Pawar continues her maternity leave.

We wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer break and look forward to working with you in the new term.

Michelle Burrington (Headteacher)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon 2nd Sept: INSET day
- Tues 3rd Sept: School
- reopensFri 27th Sept: INSET day

LEAVERS



Good luck to all of the students who are leaving us today. We hope that the skills and knowledge you have gained here will take you where you wish to go and that you reach your full potential.

You make us all very **Proud to be Perton.**



BIG IDEAS NATIONAL FINAL



On Tuesday 2nd July, our winning team from the Regional Finals went down to London to take part in the National Final of Solution for the Planet's Big Ideas Programme. Unfortunately, the event could not be held at the Houses of Parliament as planned due to the General Election. However, a

great day was had by all at the Science Museum, which proved to be an apt place to hold this event due to its many displays on innovations designed to help with some of the problems facing our world today.

Our students known as "The Seedlings" presented their robotic robin REMI, designed to aid with the re-seeding of areas of deforestation and were received well by all in attendance. They handled questions from the judges and the audience with confidence and intelligence and it was evident how much quality research they had undertaken. The standard was exceptionally high and we unfortunately did not place in the top 3, but feedback was extremely positive and we are very proud of their achievements. We would like to particularly thank our mentors from Tarmac, Rachel and Paul and give a special thanks to our PTFA for helping to fund transport costs to get own to London so that they could take part.

SUPPORT OVER THE SUMMER

Whilst most of us are looking forward to the summer break, we know that this isn't an easy time for some of our families. Here are some local support organisations which may be of use.



OTHER NEWS

EQUIPMENT

As mentioned in our <u>recent letter</u>, from September all students will be required to bring a writing pen, pencil, rubber and ruler to school.



USED UNIFORM



If you have any outgrown or unwanted items of school uniform in good, clean condition (including PE kit), we would be grateful if you could donate them to us. Please drop them off with Mrs. Prior (reception) during the first week back in September.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a number of items of unclaimed lost property – these will be available to sort through in reception during the first week back.

Please ensure that **all** unform is labelled for the next school year as this makes it much easier for us to return mislaid items to their owners.

If you don't have name labels available, please use a Sharpietype pen to write your child's name on the garment label.