

In Focus  
February 2023



Today we are delighted to be able to update you on Jacque's incredible running success. We entered Jacque into the Buckinghamshire Schools Cross-Country Championship at Stowe School on the 8th February. There were schools from all over Buckinghamshire and Jacque raced against 135 participants. Jacque finished the race 1st with a time of 0:17:12, 12 seconds ahead of the person in 2nd. He smashed it and we are very proud of him.

Tonight we are delighted to share some fantastic news about one of our students who has had a really busy start to her half term. Ivy has taken part in the Oxford and North Bucks swimming championships for the past 5 weekends and managed to win an amazing 11 gold medals in her age category and 2 trophies for the 800 and 1500 metre, under 16, events - meaning that once again, she has beaten off competitors much older than she is. Her timings have now placed her within the top ten nationally for some distances. Keep going Ivy; we're really proud of you.



Super Stars - the three of them!  
Huge congratulations to Amy, Lily  
and Hannah for becoming Radcliffe  
Centurions.



Huge congratulations to Layla  
for receiving your 2 stripe tie  
for 50 caps and Hannah has  
joined our prestigious  
centurions for her 100 caps.  
Well done girls we are super  
proud of you.



Huge congratulations to Molly who  
has achieved her 1 stripe tie for  
thirty sports caps and Lily who has  
represented our school an  
incredible one hundred times and  
gained the prestigious Radcliffe  
Centurion award.



Huge congratulations to Aliza and  
Emilija who have been awarded  
their 2 stripe tie for gaining fifty  
caps and a special mention to Amy  
who has gained our prestigious  
Centurion award for one hundred  
caps.



Huge congratulations to our three Cowper House super stars pictured here with their Sports Ties.

Daisy and Ruby have been awarded their 1 Stripe tie for representing the school thirty times and Lydia has gained her 2 stripe tie for fifty caps. Well done girls we are all super proud of you.

Year 8 students continue to embrace our Digital Strategy by using their new iPads in Maths. Well over half of the year group have already been allocated their devices with more being planned to be handed out this week.



Today 906 students voted for their preferred candidate to be elected on the Milton Keynes Youth Council.

Huge thanks to Mrs Craney and our A2B ambassadors for managing this event.



Today we are delighted to be able to announce that Jonty and Kwaku are our two successful candidates that have been elected onto Milton Keynes Youth Cabinet.

We are delighted to be able to report on even more sporting success this afternoon.

Our girls have been challenged with the task of inspiring more girls to play football.

We have entered an amazing programme that Barclays run called Barclays Game on – Lead.

This programme allows the girls to gain leadership skills and the by the end of the programme they have to run an extracurricular club for their new recruits.

We can't wait to see the programme in action.



Today we enjoyed another fabulous dance session from one of the incredibly talented MOTUS dance tutors.

Marta choreographed a sizzling Spanish Street Dance routine with our students who loved every second of her class.

We are delighted to have MOTUS working at the school now and will be advertising even more opportunities for our students to join their classes after half term.



We begin today by thanking all of the students and staff that went to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at MK Theatre last night. All of the students had an amazing time and represented us perfectly and our staff team went above and beyond again to provide fabulous learning opportunities for our students



Our Year 11 Boys won 5-3 against Brooklands last night and were absolutely brilliant!  
 A huge congratulations to Alfie, the goal keeper who was awarded managers player, and a big well done to Naysh for winning players player and scoring 4 of the goals! The other goal was secured by Danny with an awesome free kick.  
 Thank you to Jamie and Malayah for being our Assistant referees for the game!



Yesterday, we took our year 7 and year 9 Girls Football squad to Stantonbury for an away match.

Still unbeaten, the **Year 7's** came away with a huge **10-0 win** against Stantonbury. Gaining a quick lead allowed the players to try new positions which lead to almost every player scoring a goal. We are very proud of our Y7 team and they have bright futures ahead of them. Well done to Izzy who was awarded managers player in her first debut for the team. And well done to Lauren who won players player who is normally our rock in defence but ventured out as a striker and scored two goals!

Well Done to the **Year 9's** who won their game **5-2**. A Game based on a solid defence which allowed our creative players to bring the ball forward and if it wasn't for an outstanding performance from the opponents goal keeper, the score line would have been much greater. Congratulations to Charlotte who was awarded managers player, Robyn for winning players player, and Daisy for being voted players player from the opposition. This year 9 team have only lost one game this season and have a lot of potential to win the League some day.





Our Digital Strategy continues to gather pace in school as another group of Year 8 students received their iPads this week.

We have also delivered additional training for staff to improve their proficiency on the devices and extended the learning opportunities for our Film Studies students by encouraging them to experiment with animation.



Today we were delighted to invite Marta back in from MOTUS Dance Company to lead her Contemporary Dance Club. We feel very fortunate to work alongside MOTUS and tonight are super excited to be able to announce some really exciting news .... In the next few weeks we will launching a Street Dance Troupe



Our Year 8's and 10 girls were the next to face Stantonbury in football.

The Year 10 girls brought a very strong team to their last game of the league and won 1-0. Meda scored a brilliant goal from the half way line! For this, Meda was chosen as players player, and Emilija was awarded managers player for some really skilful play.

The Year 8 Girls unfortunately lost against Stantonbury's strong Y8 team but the team has fantastic players as individuals and after a bit of time training all together, they will be soon bringing in some wins. Congratulations to Hannah who was chosen for players player, and to Maa-afua who was awarded managers player for making some great saves.

Well done girls! Keep up the hard work!



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Every year Random Acts of Kindness week takes place in mid-February.

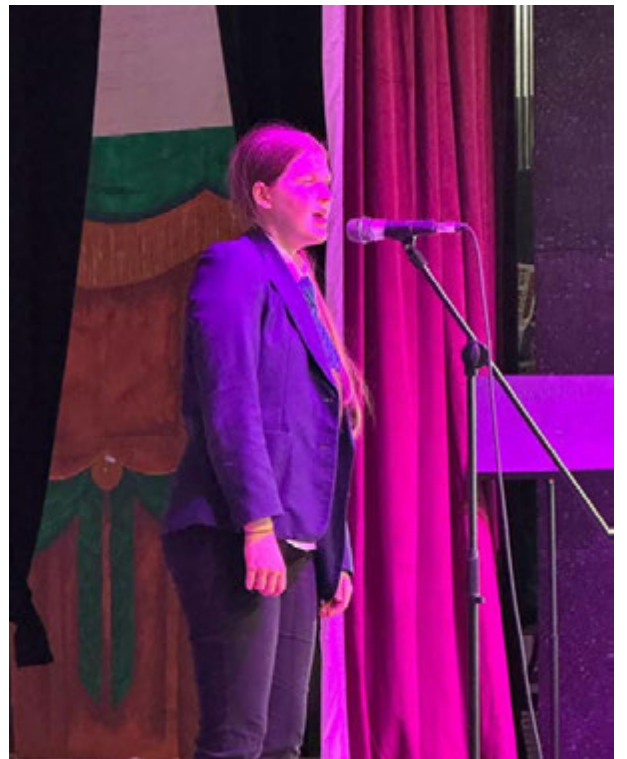
It is a week dedicated to kindness and taking that extra step to brighten somebody's day. This year it was held from 12th – 18th February, which was during our half term week.

So, a little later than usual, our A2B group have prepared a presentation for tutors to share this week which gives plenty of ideas for adding kindness to our daily routine – in fact, there are 52 acts, not only for this week but one for each week of the year.

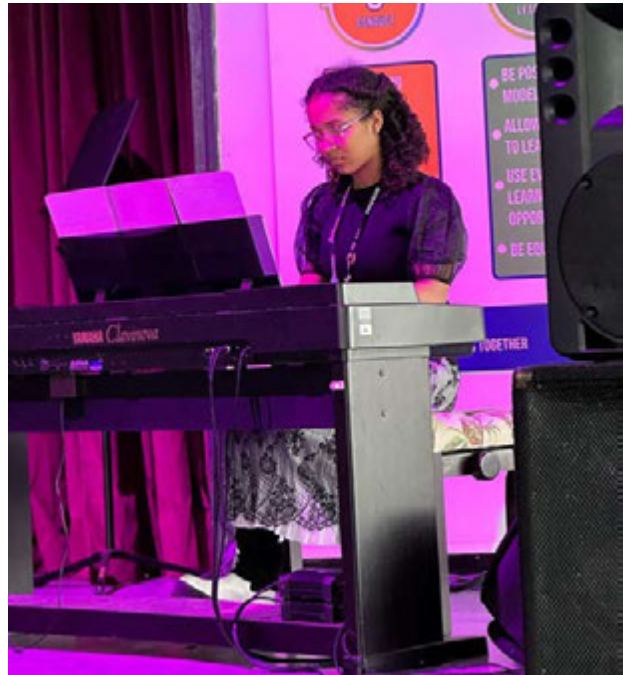
It has also been shown that even the smallest actions can have a big impact and kindness helps not only the people around us but has positive health benefits for us too!

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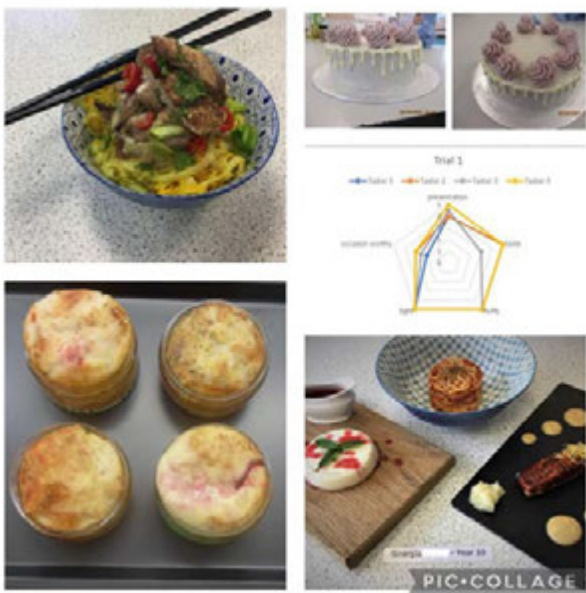








Today our Year 11 students organised a Talent show as part of their Btec coursework. They organised the auditions, rehearsals, staging, running order, publicity and technical support.



Year 11 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition Students are gearing up for the challenge of their Practical Exams which will happen on 22nd, 23rd and 24th March.

These are intense 3-hour challenges where students showcase their skills by producing and presenting selections of technically demanding dishes and accompaniments.

They have already spent several weeks planning the written folder work to prepare for these sessions and many will be spending time over half term honing their skills.

Families have been invited to support their youngsters in getting ready and should look out for the "TOP TIPS" email for extra ideas on how to help



Earlier this month thirty seven of our students took part in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge. We are delighted to announce that ALL the students received certificates for their achievements.

3 received gold certificates, 12 received silver certificates, 11 bronze certificates and 11 received certificate of participation.

The three Gold certifications are Hashir Iqbal, Lucy Roder and Bella Rule.

Huge congratulations to all our participants for all the hard work.



Year 7 have had a fabulous start to the morning creating these wonderful scones in Food Tech.

Their next big decision of the day is cream or jam first?



We are delighted to start today by recognising all of our Pride of House and Stars of the Term winners from last half term. Huge congratulations to all of you

