

Risdene Academy Weekly Newsletter

October 2017

PRIDE

I wanted to finish this term by saying thank you to everybody who is part of the Risdene family. This term has been incredibly busy but as I led assembly this morning I was full of PRIDE for what has been going on here over the term. A considerable amount of work continues to go on behind the scenes to improve the opportunities for the children at Risdene.

We have introduced a new PSHE scheme of work called Jigsaw and this has supported the children in developing their teamwork and expectations within their new classes. We have Mr Butler leading on our PE and club development. The new leadership team have embraced their roles as Phase Leaders and subject Leaders, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what happens in their subject areas. We have seen new learning journeys developed. We have had visits and assemblies from local members of the community, dress up and enrichment days, a residential, Pupil Forum elections, district competitions, bullying workshops, hate crime awareness activities, discos and parent workshops. I'm sure there are also many more things that I have not listed that have inspired and enthused the children. Many of the activities happen because of the dedication and support of the staff and I wish you and them a happy half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 30th October.

Leadership Structure

Kerry Mills—Principal

Liz Abel—Vice Principal

Tamsin Webber—Foundation Stage and Phase 1 Lead (Y1/2)

Vanessa Harris—Phase Two Lead (Y3/4) and maths lead

Lucy Oliver—Phase Three Lead (Y5/6) and PSHE Lead

Helen Moody—English Lead

Donna Mann—SENCO

If you have any queries or concerns these should be raised with your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you feel that your query or concern has not been resolved please contact the Phase Leader and subsequently Mrs Abel or Miss Mills. Our working relationships are paramount in improving the outcomes for your children and we will always listen to your concerns and feedback.

Disco Success:

Thank you for your support and attendance at the disco which raised over £120 for the school. The children had a fantastic night and I know the staff who supported were impressed with all of

Key Notices and Reminders

PE KITS: Please remember PE Kits should be in school for the whole term!

PARKING: We have had a number of complaints about parents parking blocking the path and restricting access to pedestrians

NEXT TERM: You should all have received your curriculum overviews to show you what exciting learning opportunities your child will have next term. Alongside this, to further enrich our Curriculum, we will be having visitors in to explore Diwali with our children, our choirs will be performing and there will be a film night. We also look forward to welcoming you to parent's evenings.