

Primary Matters!

Over the last 4 weeks, we have been busy welcoming Year 6 students to The Kimberley School.

Our Induction Club goes from strength to strength, with many students wanting to join up once word has spread about what great fun it is. Activities were varied this year, ranging from a challenge to see who could design a harness from paper and string that was strong enough to ensure that an egg dropped from a great height didn't crack, to a Tutor's Challenge to design a shield that represents the students' Tutor Group and House.

The transition process concluded on 6th July with Induction Day where students came into school to spend the whole day with us. In the morning, they took part in a CSI investigation into who killed Mr Murray. The queue of suspects was long but it was eventually revealed to be one of our science technicians whose dastardly deed was eventually solved by the use of the latest technology. Said technician is still employed, however, as we fully understand that having to work with Mr Murray for so long was provocation and provided the excuse of mitigating circumstances!

In the afternoon, the Tutors' Challenge was judged and we were impressed by the presentations given by two students from each Tutor Group to a packed Hall. The confidence of these young people in standing up in front of over 200 strangers was inspiring to us as staff and we congratulate all who took part. Mrs Boddice's group won in a closely fought competition!

The day finished with a presentation by PC Edwards about the 999s Challenge. The project aims to provide young people between the ages of 10 and 13 with skills around personal safety and dealing with potentially harmful situations. It is a free activity and each student took home with them an information leaflet and an application form. If you haven't seen it then it is probably at the bottom of your child's bag! If you would like a copy, please get in touch and we can pass one on to you.

The day finally concluded with the opportunity for parents/carers to come in to school and meet their child's Year Head, Mr Field, and their tutor.

The transition process began for us in September of last year. It has been a long and complicated process and I would like to take this opportunity to thank, unreservedly, all those who have been involved in the transition process, whether it be the staff at the primaries, you as parents/carers or our own staff here at The Kimberley School. The successful transition of young people from one school to another doesn't happen by accident and it is testimony to the dedication and hard work by all involved that this year's transition has been so successful. Thank you.

Arrangements for September

Year 7 students are expected in school at the normal time on the first day back, 6th September. They will spend the morning with their Tutor going through procedures and expectations as well as having their finger print taken for the finger print recognition system that is used at lunchtimes. In the afternoon, normal lessons will start. The only equipment that students will need for their first day is a pen, pencil and ruler, although it would be useful if they could also bring their trainers just in case they have PE that afternoon.

For those parents/carers who have ordered uniform but were not able to attend the Induction Evening and collect it you can do so on 5th September from Main School Reception during school hours.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's transition to The Kimberley School please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you.

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Primary Liaison