

Weekly Vyne Bulletin

HEADTEACHER'S Newsletter 6 December 2019

The first of our two Governor's Days took place on Monday. This saw the majority of the Vyners Governing Body spend the entire day in school engaging in a range of activities such as Governor training, meetings with staff, student groups and visiting lessons. The Governor Days have become well established at the school and provide an excellent opportunity for staff and students to engage with our Governors, whilst also providing the Governors the opportunity to gain a more in depth insight into the inner workings of the school. My sincere thanks go again to all of our Governors (and Trustees) who dedicate a significant amount of time to support the school.

The successes of Vyners in recent times has meant that we receive regular requests from other school leaders to visit the school. On Monday and Tuesday of this week we hosted five Headteachers on two separate visits through the PiXL Outstanding Headteacher Programme. It was wonderful to have met school leaders from as far afield as Northern Ireland, Weston Super Mare and Cornwall. We are a school that continues to understand the benefits of such collaborative activities, as school leaders are able to learn from our strengths as an organisation, whilst we learn from listening to their experiences in their varied contexts. On this occasion, I would like to thank former Headteachers from Vyners and Bishopshalt School, Mr Heale and Mr Rowe, for facilitating the visits. We will, of course, continue to visit other outstanding institutions, both educational and in industry, to ensure that we learn from the very best practice in the country.

This year's Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday in the main canteen, during the lunch break. Tickets are currently available from the canteen tills. A reminder that no other lunch is served on Wednesday (other than the Christmas lunch), however hot food, sandwiches and snacks may be purchased before school as well as during the morning break. As a reminder, the Christmas Fair takes place on Friday and another plea for families to support the school through the sale of raffle tickets.

Both the U13 girls and U13 boys handball

teams won their borough tournaments over the past week, each hosted by Northwood School. The girls team won all 3 games, en-route to becoming borough champions. The boys won their competition by winning 3 games and drawing 1. Both teams have now qualified to represent Hillingdon in the London Youth Games and will have to go through a number of qualification rounds if they want to reach the finals, which are held at the Copper Box Arena at the Olympic Park, later in the year. A marvellous achievement by both teams.

I would like to bring to the attention of all stakeholders that there will be a consultation opening on Monday 9 December for admissions to the school for September 2021. The information will be shared via email and I would encourage all parents and carers to review the information carefully regardless of whether this will directly affect your family or not. If you do not receive the email by the end of the day on Monday then please do contact the school via the school email address.

Gary Mullings, Headteacher

BEST TUTORIAL FOR WEEK ENDING 29TH NOVEMBER 2019

Year 7 - 7P - 98.33%
Year 8 - 8W - 97.18%
Year 9 - 9F - 95.97%
Year 10 - 10M - 95.45%
Year 11 - 11G - 98.05%
Year 12 - 12C - 97.83%
Year 13 - 13H - 96.15%

BEST YEAR GROUP FOR WEEK ENDING 29TH NOVEMBER 2019

Year 7 - 95.23%
Year 8 - 94.00%
Year 9 - 93.76%
Year 10 - 92.27%
Year 11 - 95.24%
Year 12 - 95.24%
Year 13 - 90.59%

Reminder Christmas Fayre Friday 13th December from 3pm

Donations of boxes / tins of chocolate would be gratefully received for this event, thank you.

VLT Spelling Bee

Vyners students attended the first Vanguard Learning Trust Spelling Bee Competition on Thursday 5 December. The competition took place at Ruislip High School and the atmosphere was "buzzing"!

Khushal Pankhania and Xerise Yousafzai in Year 7 represented Vyners in the Spelling Bee. They were assisted by their support team of: Mika Assumption, Georgia Lamerton, Darcey May, Summer Logan and Aiyanna Insley.

The hall was packed with students and teachers, cheering on the competitors, who were representing their respective primary and secondary schools. All of the participants worked incredibly hard to prepare themselves for this spelling challenge and every competitor should be proud of their achievement.

Twelve students battled it out to become Spelling Bee Champion, correctly spelling various capital cities and countries from around the world such as Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. After a number of un-BEE-lievably nail biting rounds, we finally had our Spelling Bee winners and the Vyners team finished fourth out of the six schools participating. Images from the Spelling Bee will be available in the Christmas issue of the GrapeVyne magazine as well as via the school's Twitter page.

Mr Maheady, Year 7 Leader

