



WEEKLY BULLETIN

15th October 2021



STUDENT COUNCIL

Last week the pupils took to the ballot boxes and voted in their school council members.

Each class has elected a representative and a deputy who will attend school council meetings and discuss pupil's concerns, ideas to improve pupil interaction & school matters with Senior Leadership.



HYGIENE RATING

We are thrilled to advise that our fantastic kitchen team has just been awarded a 5-star food hygiene rating. We are so proud of all they do for our pupils & Staff.



COVID UPDATE

While infection rates are still high on the Wirral, we are asking parents & carers to be extra vigilant.

In order to keep the school and local community safe, we are encouraging all our staff and pupils to continue to do the Lateral Flow test at home.

If your child has a temperature, a sore throat or stomach upset please do not allow them to attend school until they have had a negative PCR test

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test result should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. This still applies even if you have received one or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

ATTENDANCE

This weeks attendance has dropped a little, please keep up with your attendance. Well done to our pupils in the Top 5



Year groups attendance percentage.

Top 5 Form groups attendance percentage.

Year 5 & 6 - 80%
Year 7 - 87%
Year 8 - 78%
Year 9 - 78%
Year 10 - 57%
Year 11 - 43%

Woodman - 100%
Parks - 95%
Curie - 91%
Daley - 89%
Turing - 81%

100% ATTENDANCE

Huge congratulations to Miss Jackson & her pupils in Woodman for 100% attendance this week.

If your child is going to be absent please notify the school on the day by 9am.

SMOKING POLICY

There has been an increase in the number of pupils bringing both vapes and cigarettes to school. The Observatory School is a non-smoking environment. Pupils found to be smoking on site will be asked to hand in their vapes/cigarettes. If pupils continue to bring them into school & use them on school grounds, parents will be called in for meetings.

Please see "Our Smoking Policy" below which is included in all pupil induction pack



**NO SMOKING
OR VAPING**

We are fully compliant with the Act introduced in England on 1st July 2007 which prohibits smoking in certain premises including schools - this covers all of our buildings, school grounds and car parks. This Law applies to everyone who works in, visits or attends the premises during and out of school use time.

Smoking is also prohibited on vehicles hired by the school or in any vehicle on the school premises.

The penalties for the smoke-free offences set out in the Health Act 2006 are:

- Smoking in a smoke-free premises or vehicle: a fixed penalty notice of £50 (discounted to £30 if paid within 15 days from the issue of a notice)
- or a fine by a court not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale (up to £200). These fines may be subject to change.

Smoking refers to smoking tobacco or anything which contains tobacco, or smoking any other substance. Smoking includes being in possession of lit tobacco or of anything which contains tobacco, or being in possession or any other lit substances in a form in which it could be smoked.

Therefore no cigarettes or related items such as lighters, tobacco, cigarette papers etc are allowed on site.



We are delighted to announce that our reward trips will be restarting from next week.

Those pupils who are in the top ten will have the chance to go on one of these trips. Merits are earned throughout the week for attendance, appearance, participation, positive behavior, classroom target, work posted on the wall of fame & School Values.

Our first trip of the year will be to Knowsley Safari Park.

Parents of those attending have already been notified.

ECO SCHOOL SILVER AWARD



Our school has already achieved its bronze award status and we are keen to work towards our Silver one.

To achieve our Silver Award we need to complete the following criteria:-

- **Curriculum Links** - Environmental issues have been covered in at least three areas of your school curriculum; this is evident in pupils' work and/or schemes of work and lesson plans.
- **Informing and Involving** - a prominent and designated Eco-Board detailing all of your work on the Eco-Schools Seven Steps and chosen topic actions. This includes Eco-Committee members from all year groups (with photographs if possible), meeting minutes, a copy of your Eco-Schools Environmental Review, your Action Plan, examples of Monitoring and Evaluation, and your Eco-Code.

The next terms topic will be **Single-use plastics** and how we reduce this within our school