

Breakfast Club

Kellogg's Grant

Voyage Learning Campus was fortunate to receive a grant from Kellogg's to support the delivery of Breakfast Club for students across the Campus. Much of the money was used to purchase games and activities for use during this timeframe. The following statements have been written by staff from each of our PRU's, Primary, Year 7 & 8, Tuition and Weston.

Primary

The new supply of 'Breakfast Club' games has made breakfast a much more positive experience for our students. The games have encouraged the students to get involved in games at breakfast time as well as giving them the



opportunity to have something to eat. Not only has it allowed us to improve our weekly Breakfast Club but we also use the games at our termly Saturday morning family breakfast where the children bring their families into school to share a breakfast and get involved in activities together. It spreads the message of the importance of breakfast and also gives our families the opportunity to interact with their children and build relationships with school staff.

Weston

This funding has had a positive impact in a number of ways on our students. It has gone some way towards providing activities for the social and emotional development of our students and the purchase of a number of interactive board games, used to engage and stimulate student participation and interaction with staff. This has encouraged and built confidence and resilience within our students. They are often not used to interacting with adults or other young people in a social setting where others can display a range of emotions, such as

excitement, frustration, or anger and show that they are able to control these emotions. Board games can help with this learning, in a relaxed setting, by teaching our young people that different emotions are normal and acceptable; but it is how you react to them that will make you interact well in our society. When board games were first introduced into Breakfast Club the students would not participate and refused to do so. Therefore staff played the games amongst themselves until eventually students started to watch staff play, comment on the game, then get involved by playing in a staff team. Now they actively seek out the games and get cross if staff answer questions before they have had the chance to do so! This is now the one time of the day when students who would not normally mix socially are happy to sit around a table and play a game together.

Year 7 & 8

Students enjoy using the games during breakfast club. The games are developing their social skills and they are learning to take turns and play in small groups. The games help settle students in the morning and allow staff to interact positively with students helping them to have a good start to the day. This also allows students to follow rules confidently in a positive environment.

Tuition

Everyone at Tuition would like to say a BIG thank you for the items that we've received from the Kellogg's grant. Break times and lunchtimes in our Centre have been transformed, thanks to the excellent selection of games which we've bought with our share of the grant.

All of our students have some sort of medical condition and many have been isolated and out of school for a very long time. As a result, some students find it difficult to chat to one another in a social setting. Packs of playing cards and games such as Name 5, Uno, Play Your Cards Right and Downfall allow everyone to be actively involved at break times. Students and staff can talk to one another during the games without having to think of conversation or feel awkward in each other's company.

These experiences are invaluable for our students. The games have helped provide small but very significant steps in widening social opportunities and encouraging a return to a fuller school life.

Term 4

20th March 2018

NEWSLETTER

A few words from our Vice Principal - Mr Tony Hill

Term 4 has been highly successful for our school and students. Our Y11 Art students have completed their 10 hour Art GCSE controlled assessment and are working hard towards their formal examinations which will start for in May. I hope all Y11's complete some revision over the Easter break. Across the school our students are making very good progress, attendance levels have risen with many students attendance reaching 100%.

Many of our students entered this years VLC Literacy Competition. The remit was to re-tell a well known story in any format and we had some amazing entries.

Amazon Fire Tablets were won by Caleb, Yr 6, Primary for his Rap on Little Red Riding Hood, Stephen Yr 8, REAP for his model of The Boy in the Dress and Summer Yr 9, Tuition for her book

cover for Wonder.

Book vouchers were awarded to Primary students Rhys Y5; Harry Y4; McKenzie Y5; Millie Y5 and Connor Y6; REAP students Dionne Y9; Corey Y9 and Jordan Y10; Weston students Josh Y10 and Kion Y10; and Tuition student William Y7.

Primary Turtle Class won £50 worth of book vouchers for their video re-telling the story of the Three Little Pigs to be spent on books for the class.

Sadly World Book Day was disrupted by the snow but KS3 and KS4 students were all given a book to take home.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Tony Hill, Vice Principal

Management Committee - Parent Representative Vacancy

The Management Committee is looking for two volunteers willing to serve as a parent / carer representative on the Management Committee (the equivalent of a Governing Body). We do not ask for a huge commitment from you just a willingness to attend meetings regularly. Our Committee meets six times a year, once a term, for approximately two hours and meetings are usually held on a Wednesday at our Nailsea site.

Our Members are passionate about ensuring that the highest standards of education, care and support are offered to our children and young people and as such you would join a Committee of professional, enthusiastic and dedicated individuals committed to securing the best

possible outcomes for our students. Attendance at meetings is subject to a satisfactory DBS clearance.

If you are interested in joining the Committee or you would like some further information please contact Anna Chapman, PA to the Principal and Clerk to the Management Committee on 01934 425522 or by email to:

Anna.Chapman@voyagelearningcampus.org.uk

Further information can also be found on our website at the following location:

www.voyagelearningcampus.org.uk/about-us/management-committee

Important dates for your diary

Last Day of Term	Friday 23rd March 2018
First Day of Next Term	Monday 9th April 2018
Next Inset Days	Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th July 2018



News from Assistant Vice Principal Mrs Alyson Mitchard - Primary

Our school topic during Term 4 has been 'Living Things and Their Habitats' which has led to lots of exciting work. During our Forest Schools sessions we have been finding out what lives in our Forest School area and making things to encourage more animals into the area. This has included making a Bug Hotel, bird feeders and hedgehog homes. Each class has also had the chance to visit Court Farm to identify the animals that would be found in a farm habitat. Due to the time of year we were really lucky to see lots of baby lambs.



Part of the topic has also involved looking at the environmental impact on different habitats especially the problem around rubbish and specifically plastics in our oceans. As a result of this we got in touch with the Council and we now recycle each week. We have set up our own recycling station in

school and each class takes it in turns to put the recycling out. I have been very impressed with how all the children have taken the problem seriously and ensure that everything that can be is recycled. They also check that staff make sure they recycle too.

Our focus for our weekly Special Breakfast is; 'We all believe different things and have different

views, but that is OK'. Each breakfast we have been looking at the beliefs of different religions and trying different foods linked with these religions. We were very lucky to have Pastor Bob McKay from the local Baptist Church join each class for breakfast and answer their questions about Christianity. We have been invited to go and visit the Baptist Church at some point this year.

It is always lovely to see lots of you at our fortnightly parent & career coffee mornings on a Friday morning. Please remember that you are all very welcome and we would love to see you there. They provide a chance for you to just come and chat and meet other parent/careers with the added bonus of biscuits!

Next term we are continuing our 'Living Things and Their Habitats' topic and are going to include looking at plants, which will include a weekly 'try a different fruit' as well as lots of cooking. We are also hoping to have a visit from the Guide Dogs for the Blind, a charity we are hoping to support next term.



I always like to take this opportunity to remind you that we really do value the support you give us as a school and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any worries. In the meantime can I wish you all a very Happy Easter and an enjoyable spring break.

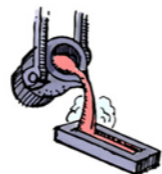
News from Assistant Vice Principal Mrs Nicola Young - Tuition

Science Week

At VLC Tuition we have been celebrating Science week during the last week of term. 4.

The students have had the opportunity to carry out several activities linked to the theme - Discoveries and Inventions. We will also be carrying out some exotic fruit tasting and sowing seeds to investigate growth in pea plants.

What do you consider the greatest INVENTION/DISCOVERY?



Term Four has been incredibly short, however the students have completed many important tasks. Yr 11 Art students have completed their 10 hour Art GCSE controlled assessment. The focus and commitment was really impressive this year - well done everyone. GCSE Biology students have been investigating how germination is affected by light and also how temperature affects decay in milk.

News from Assistant Vice Principal Mr Peter Williams - Year 9, 10 & 11

Even though it has been quite short, term four has been a busy and challenging period for both staff and students.

The year 11s have been busy working towards their GCSE exams, with many of them having already taken their GCSE exam in Art this term. They have also been assessed in their spoken language for their English GCSE, this involves giving a speech to an audience about a researched topic.

Many year 10s have been for work experience interviews and have got placements in local businesses such as construction and animal farms.

The theme for the Year 9 Enrichment activities this term has been History. As a part of this they

World book day took place in week 3 which was slightly hampered by the snow! Each student has been given a free book and pupils carried out literacy based activities and quizzes. Several students have entered the story telling competition which is really pleasing. We are often successful within VLC competitions so fingers crossed everyone!

have been to Clifton Suspension Bridge, St Fagans and Filton Air Museum, unfortunately the visit to The Big Pit in Wales had to be cancelled due to a little bit of snow!

The year 9s and 10s are also embarking on a series of Bushcraft days where they are taking part in a variety of activities out in the wild. Be prepared to see the new series on ITV 'VLC: Surviving the Island!'

Finally I would like to say that all the staff are looking forward to meeting the parents/carers at the student review afternoon which is going to be held on Wednesday 18th April next term.

I hope you have a lovely Easter and see you next term.

Peter Williams

News from Lead Teacher Miss Ashlee Copeland - Year 7 & 8

Term 4 has flown by at KS3. Two new students have joined us and I would like to extend a warm welcome to them and their families

As the weather improves our students will have more opportunities for outside activities including daily football, and other sport based games. Within our Multi Use Games Area we are in the process of creating a Fitness Course, where students can complete 24 different exercises. These will include Squats, Sit Ups, Planking, Kettlebells, Sprinting and other Gym style activities. Students will be encouraged to make short term and long term goals to improve their own health and fitness.

We are also focussing on improving our environment and have started planting some fruit and vegetables in our garden, which we hope to eat before the birds!

Maths, Numeracy and English

Students are working well through our 'Number Up' activities in Maths and teachers have recently been trained in a 'Catch Up' project for numeracy. Students who would benefit from extra support with this project will be identified and their families will be contacted.

Science

At the end of term we are planning to go on a 'Neuroscience Tour' at Bristol University. I am sure this will be a fascinating and memorable trip for our students.

Thank you for your continuing to work with us to help support your child. It is vital that we work together so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.