

Friday 12 November 2021

A busy week ahead.



THE BULWELL ACADEMY



Principal's Weekly

with Mr Nash



There is a busy week ahead but I start by congratulating our new East Midlands boxing champion Vorne.

The Year 13 became the 69kg (welterweight) Ed Bilbey memorial belt holder after years of hard work and dedication. Vorne needs to defend the belt three times to keep it outright and will be in the ring tonight in another title challenge. He has come a long way since attending Mr Baxter's Elite Athlete programme in Year 10. Good luck to him for tonight's bout and his future.

Year 11s start their practice exams in 10 days. Revision guides have been given out to every student this week with personalised timetables and a list of topics to revise. We understand the issues given the last 18 months and are supporting our Year 11s as much as we can. Please encourage them to speak to staff should they have any concerns.

It is national Anti-Bullying Week from Monday, a day when students and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to show we are all unique and different and respect each other's individuality. We are keen to promote the theme of the week 'One Kind Word'. Little acts of kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of people around us. During the week, we will be launching tootoot, an app to empower students to share concerns confidentially. More details will be shared in assemblies throughout the week.



A week today, Friday 19 November, we will be hosting a near 'cashless' fundraising event in support of three charities. Donations of long-life food are being sought for the Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank. In exchange for contributions, students will receive tokens to "spend" during break on the day on fun sporting activities and competitions organised and led by our 6th Form.

The day coincides with Children in Need Day. We have Pudsey ears, wristbands and pin badges for sale on ParentPay. A Children in Need donations page can be found under 'other items'. We are also raising money for 'When You Wish Upon a Star', a charity which grants wishes for children living with a life-threatening illness. This is part of annual fundraising by Year 11's Bethany Dunn's family in memory of their son and brother, Kristopher Dunn. Bethany is organising a cake sale and tokens can be purchased on ParentPay. Cash will also be accepted as we try and raise as much as we can. The deadline for purchasing Pudsey merchandise and cake tokens is Tuesday (16 November).



On the day of Friday 19 November, all students must wear full school uniform but that can include small items of official Pudsey merchandise. Food donations will be collected by 6th Formers as students enter the site.



I know we are only in mid-November but I must highlight the 'The Big Draw' Christmas card competition, launched by Creative Education Trust. Artists from Years 7 to 13 are encouraged to design a festive card to be shared across the Trust's schools. Your design should be suitable for people of any faith or none, featuring either the phrase 'Joy to the World' or 'Peace on Earth'. The design should be A5 and can be created using any media which can then be scanned as a graphic image (.jpg or .png file). We are offering prizes for the top three from Bulwell including an Amazon Fire Tablet and ClassCharts points for all entrants. For more details, please see Mr Barlow in the Architecture Room after school on Monday 15 November. The entry deadline is 24 November.

So, plenty to think about and lots of activities to get involved in. Wishing you all a nice weekend.