

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th June 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,



Today we said farewell to our Year 11 students and we had a wonderful morning together. This year group has been through so much with the impact of the pandemic. They have worked hard and shown a positive attitude, despite all of the challenges they have faced. This morning the Year 11 students spent some time with their form tutors in their tutor groups before attending their final assembly. We love these events because they are very special and there is such a strong sense of community. I said a few words of thanks and congratulations to the students. It was quite an emotional moment for me as it is the final time in my career I will be saying farewell to a Year 11. Progress Leader for Year 11, Mr Morris, then became master of ceremonies. There were prizes for individual students, including one who has never missed a day of school in five years, form prizes and photos of the students in Year 7 and Year 11! Students also enjoyed looking at staff photos from our younger years and trying to guess who they were! Some of them couldn't believe I had hair once! It was wonderful to have two live performances from our students followed by a final rendition of Angels for the whole hall to sing together. Finally, we had shirt signing and photos on the front field, with ice creams, juice and cookies. Students thanked staff for all their support and efforts. It was a very special send-off for a very special set of young people.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the assembly by 9S3 and Mrs Aiello and Mr Fitzhugh this week. It was on the theme of diversity and students spoke so well and covered a range of examples, using powerful video. Moments like this in a school are so important and really uplifting.

This week I have sent out the details of our expectations on school uniform and personal appearance following our recent consultation. Please kindly note the details of this so your child/children is/are fully prepared for September.

Today I am launching a parental consultation on changes to the school day for 2022-23. Please kindly respond to this by the deadline of 4pm on Thursday, 30th June.

I hope you have a pleasant weekend and enjoy the amazing weather.

Best wishes,

Headteacher



31,947



31,791



30,154

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All Years

Annual Review Process Survey

As part of a project to improve the Annual Review Processes, Warwickshire County Council are seeking the views of parents and carers whose children have an Education Health and Care Plan which has had, or was due to have, an Annual Review between 1st June 2021 and 31st July 2022. If this is true for your family please could you complete the survey.
To access the survey please scan the QR code.



Or follow this link <https://forms.office.com/r/mTfJgYKkJV>. The survey will close on 31st July 2022.

If you would prefer a paper copy of this survey please contact sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk to request this.

This survey can be made available in other languages, again please contact sendchange@warwickshire.gov.uk to request this if required.

The SEND and Inclusion Change Programme
Warwickshire County Council

Year 11

School ties

If you have a school tie that is no longer needed we would be very grateful to receive any donations of ties for our spare uniform stock.

If you are happy for your son/daughter to donate their school tie once they have finished their last exam in school, please ask them to leave their tie at Student Services when they leave school.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 18th June – Sunday 19th June
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Weekend
Wednesday 22nd June – Friday 24th June
Year 12 Work Experience Monday 27th June
Sixth Form Induction (for Year 11 applicants) Year 6 SEND Meet & Greet
Evening 6pm-7pm
Thursday 30th June
Vaccine Mop Up Sessions – all years
Monday 4th July – Wednesday 6th July
School Musical
Thursday 7th July
French Trip Parents Meeting 6 – 7pm
Monday 11th July – Friday 15th July
Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th July
Year 9 HPV 2 Vaccines
Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th July
Year 8 HPV 1 Vaccine
Friday 15th July
Years 7-9 Rewards Trip
Monday 18th July – Wednesday 20th July
Enrichment Days
Wednesday 20th July
Last Day of Summer Term
Thursday 21st July
Inset Day

BOOK OF THE WEEK

October, October by Katya Balen



WINNER OF 2022 CARNEGIE MEDAL

Eleven year old October – named for the month she was born in – lives in the forest with her dad. She refuses to see her mum who lives far away in London and, in October's eyes, abandoned her and her dad. Yet October is happy with the way things are – she doesn't go to school, preferring to live as wild as she can in the woods, learning about nature and doing things the old-fashioned way with Dad.

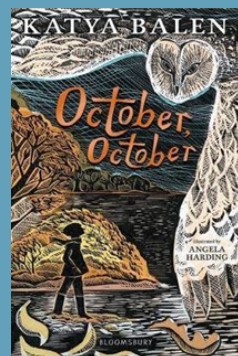
When her mum reappears on October's twelfth birthday, Dad is horribly injured in an accident and October is forced to leave her wild home in the woods to stay in London with her mum. Everything in the city is wrong, from the cars and underground trains that make her sick to school, where the other kids tease her. Worst of all, October hates her mother and refuses all her efforts to build a relationship – all she wants is to go home with Dad.

Gradually, though, as Dad slowly recovers in hospital, October starts to adjust to her tamed city life, making friends with a boy in her class and discovering the semi-wildness that is mudlarking on the Thames.

Slowly, October lets her mum in to her heart and life starts to change for the better.

Can October and Dad ever return to the wild? Or are there some things about the city that aren't so bad after all?

This book is about the power of friendship and the ordinary things that make life fun.



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