

ALT BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 2019

School Values

Care

Courtesy

Resilience

Determination

November has been a busy month at Alt Bridge and we have many exciting new developments in school. Our new post-16 vocational centre is due to be completed in the next couple of weeks. We will organise an opening ceremony in January 2020 for this exceptional provision.

I am delighted to announce that we have a new Well Being Team led by Miss Pritchard our Pupil Welfare Coordinator. The team includes three new learning mentors who will be in post from mid-December and they will begin to develop a menu of support which will be shared with staff, students and parents/carers.

At the end of this term, a longstanding member of staff will be leaving us. Mr Garner who has worked as a teacher in Knowsley for 45 years will be retiring. Mr Garner has taught Maths to the pupils at Alt Bridge school for 29 years and is a well-respected and highly valued member of staff. We will be sorry to see Mr Garner leave and we wish him well in his retirement. I am pleased to inform you that Mr Austin will be assuming the role of Head of Department for Maths from January 2020.

Mrs Menagh – Head teacher

Celebration assemblies

There will be special assemblies in the week beginning the 9th December to celebrate the achievements of pupils this term. We hope that parents and carers will join us for the appropriate year group assembly. Parents and Carers are welcome to remain in the hall for refreshments after the assemblies have ended.

Whilst not all students will receive an award, we do encourage parents and carers to participate in showing care and support for all students at Alt Bridge and celebrate positive news together. We will arrange these assemblies for the end of each term and will recognise pupils for their efforts in making progress, demonstrating our school values and any other significant achievements during the term.

The dates for these assemblies are as follows;

Monday 9th December 9:00-9:30am – Year 7

Tuesday 10th December 9:00-9:30am – Years 8 and 9

Wednesday 11th December 9:00-9:30am – Years 10 and 11

Charities

- **Children In Need** – The school raised **£329.70** for Children in Need. This is a fantastic amount! Well done to all!
- **Tickled Pink** – The school raised **£109.40** for this breast cancer campaign. Another great result!

Good News!

Two highly successful parent/carer consultation evenings were held in November. The feedback from parents/carers was overwhelmingly positive and the staff thoroughly enjoyed meeting with parents/carers to discuss all the achievements of their children.

Great to be working together so effectively!



Sports

Alt Bridge students have taken part in some excellent sporting events this month and achieved great results!

07/11/19 – Merseyside Boccia competition - We secured 2nd, 3rd and 4th place which was quite an achievement considering the competition that we were up against. Our 2nd place finish ensures we are invited to the regional finals in Sheffield!



11/11/19 - Alt Bridge hosted the New Age Kurling Primary event

13/11/19 - Finch Farm Football completion at Everton Training ground; Alt Bridge came 2nd overall.

18/11/19 - New Age Kurling Secondary event; Alt Bridge entered 4 teams and came 1st, 3rd and 4th

18/11/19 - Girls football tournament at Green Bank Sports academy; A team came 1st, C team came 2nd and B team came 3rd

We are delighted to welcome Active Soccer coaches on site during the morning breaks and lunch breaks to offer football and other sports club for students every day. This has been going well this week and more students are joining in with games on the yard.



Careers

Our careers team; Mr Reynolds, Mr Austin and Ms Beasley worked extremely hard to organise a spectacular careers event in school this month. Parents and carers were able to attend alongside pupils and they were able to find out lots of information about what is on offer locally after leaving school.

We are very grateful to our many local partners who came on the day to support our students and their families. It was a great success!



Safeguarding

Our school safeguarding team includes Mrs Menagh, Mr Farrimond, Miss Richards and Miss Pritchard.

Coming up Soon!

Christmas BINGO – Wednesday 11th December 6:30pm – TICKETS ARE ON SALE!!

New indoor games club during lunchtime - This club will be available every day during the lunch break from Monday 2nd December in rooms 10 and 11. The games club will be available every day for students in all year groups and will include activities such as LEGO building, War Craft gaming, board games and crafts.