

Alt Bridge School

Head teacher's Bi-Weekly Newsletter

8th March 2024



Dear families,

You will have seen an important survey coming out to you this week via the app to gain your views regarding a change to the timings of the school day. Please respond by Monday 11th March so we can continue to plan this change effectively for our students. The proposed new times are below and are due to come into effect from September 2024;

Current	Proposed
Students arrive from 8:30am	Students arrive from 9:15am
Form time starts at 8:45am	Form time starts at 9:30am
School day ends at 3:00pm	School day ends at 3:30pm
Lunch time 45 minutes	Lunch time one hour

Soon we will be celebrating neurodiversity during national neurodiversity celebration week 18-22 March! We are delighted to be welcoming back Lizzie Aker as our celebrity guest and also to welcome the ASC advisory teacher from the LA in to meet with our parents and carers to discuss Autistic Spectrum Conditions and various strategies which offer support.

We recommend that parents and carers check out the free online sessions available to you during ND celebration week on the ND celebration week website at: <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/events>.

We hope that you enjoyed reading the mid-term reports sent home to you last week. If you wish to share any feedback on the different format, please do let us know your thoughts.

We hope that the events coming up in March will be enjoyable for all!

Best wishes,

Mrs Menagh
Head teacher

SOME KEY DATES

MARCH 2024

Monday 11th March – Parent consultation regarding changes to the school day ends

Week 18-22nd March – Neurodiversity celebration week. There will be an exhibition of a range of students' art work and design work in relation to neurodiversity on display.

Tuesday 19th March – 10:00-11:45am Parent session delivered by the Local Authority ASC advisory teacher Stephanie Hill.

Thursday 21st March – Alt Bridge bake off with Lizzie Aker and selected classes

END OF TERM CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES – Parents and carers welcome

Thursday 21st March 9:00am – Year 10 end-of-term assembly

Friday 22nd March 9:00am – Year 11 and post-16 end-of-term assembly

Monday 25th March 9:00am – Year 7 end-of-term assembly

Tuesday 26th March 9:00am – Year 8 end-of-term assembly

Wednesday 27th March 9:00am – Year 9 end-of-term assembly

Wednesday 27th March – TERM ENDS for students

Thursday 28th March – INSET for staff

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We ask that all parents and carers support school with our mobile phone policy by ensuring that students ***leave mobile phones at home*** when they board transport to school. Only students who are independent travellers would be expected to bring phones to school and these must be handed into our office on arrival.

STAY CONNECTED

Would you like to know more about how your child is getting on academically and socially? Look no further!

Parents and carers have a wealth of information available to them on how their child is getting on in school. We send out letters, newsletters and information via **ParentApp** and we also use **SeeSaw** and **Epraise**. Both of these systems can be accessed by parents and carers.

SeeSaw will show you your child's work in school and comments by teachers. Each student's learning journal is available online. The link to log onto SeeSaw is via our website;

Epraise is our behaviour for learning system and we give students merits and demerits for behaviour for learning. You will be able to communicate directly with staff via Epraise as well and catch up on how they are getting on in school. The link to log onto Epraise is via our website;

Safeguarding Team

LOCAL SAFETY INFORMATION

Two incidents have been reported to the school of a man claiming to be from the Council's Education Service conducting unplanned home visits to ask about children living in the property.

Please remember that any visits to parents would be arranged in advance and Council staff have an identification badge which clearly shows their

photo, name and a statement which confirms they are a Knowsley Council employee.

If in any doubt about a person's validity, contact the Council's Customer Services team on 0151 489 6000.

The ***Designated Safeguarding Leader for the school is Miss Richards*** (Assistant Head teacher). We also have four other members of staff who are trained to the level of Designated Safeguarding Leaders;

Mrs Rodgers – Assistant Head teacher

Miss Pritchard – Pupil Welfare Coordinator

Miss Townson – Learning Mentor

Miss Freeman – Learning Mentor

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child who attends Alt Bridge, please report them to one of the DSLs above. You can also contact Knowsley Multi- Agency Safeguarding Hub on **0151 443 2600**.

Please note if you believe a child, young person or adult at immediate risk, you should contact the police urgently, CALL 999 EMERGENCY.

WOW recognition

This week, one of our year 10 students Mirrame achieved something outside of school which we wish to celebrate.

She won an Amateur Boxing Skills fight and was award Boxer of the Night! Mirrame boxes for FKB ABC Boxing club. Well done to Mirrame! We are proud of her achievements.



Residentials

UPCOMING RESIDENTIALS

25th-28th March: Post-16 Duke Of Edinburgh residential visit to Bibby's Farm – key contact would be Mr Wray

15th-19th April: Years 10-13 PGL five day residential visit – key contact would be Mrs Rodgers

9th-11th July: Year 9 residential visit to Bibby's Farm in Chorley for Duke of Edinburgh – key contact would be Miss Dallas

Date TBC for Year 7/8 residential visit – parents asked to express interest now to school so arrangements can be made for the summer term. Key contact – Mr Randall.

Staff changes

We say a fond farewell to Ms Breed who has been one of our wonderful job coaches in our post-16 provision this week. She will be greatly missed by us all and we wish her the best of luck with her future endeavours.

Epraise Behaviour for Learning Champions

EPRAISE UPDATES!!

The leading year group for the last week is **year 7!**

The new leading form group for the week is **7.4** with **15,150 points** earned so far this year.

Our top points achiever this week is;

1. Jazmine in 8.5

Our top points achievers this year are:

1. Thomas in 10.5
2. Paige in 10.5
3. Riley in 7.4
4. Lorenzo in 7.4
5. Tyler in 7.4

If any parent or carer still needs to log onto the Epraise support or needs support, please contact Mrs Richards via the school office. We will need your email address in order for you to get set up.

Parents/carers can keep up-to-date with their child's merits and points via this system and also send us messages.