

Monday 20th March 2017

Spring Term 2017 – Newsletter 10

Dear Parents

House Cross Country Event Wednesday 29th March

This year's whole school cross country event will take place at Abington Park, Northampton on Wednesday 29th March at 12noon to 2.15pm. There will also be a cake stall. All parents, families and friends are invited to attend.

Pupils will come to school as normal and leave for Northampton at break time after lesson 2. You will need to contact your local transport coordinator for further information about pick up times etc.

There is now a video on our school website <http://dunstable.focus-school.com/> showing the thought provoking talk given by Mr Ben Sharp from Neuroblastoma UK at our assembly last week.

All pupils have been given sponsorship forms to record their individual sponsorship if they would like. Most of the money is donated directly online at our *justgiving* page.

Our fundraising target is £5000, please donate to the charity at our *justgiving* page below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Focus-School-Northampton-and-Dunstable>

If you want to find out more about this charity then please visit



www.neuroblastoma.org.uk

As an example of how funds are spent, very roughly:-

£500 will pay for maintenance and access to a sophisticated research microscope

£1,000 will buy equipment for analysing proteins in neuroblastoma cells

£3,000 will pay the fees for registering a known treatment product in a clinical trial

£5,000 will buy 6 months' supply of laboratory chemicals and disposable plastics for a neuroblastoma research scientist

£10,000 will pay for 4 months' salary for a skilled neuroblastoma research scientist

UK Intermediate Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 who excelled in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge. To be even awarded a Bronze Award is a tremendous achievement in this national competition!

Year 11

Josh Stedman – Silver Award and Best in School
Bronya Jackson – Bronze Award
Emmeline Stedman – Bronze Award
Joni Phillips – Bronze Award
Larsen Green – Bronze Award

Year 10

Melissa Magee – Bronze Award and Best in Year

Year 9

Camden Douglass – Bronze Award and Best in Year
Zac Stedman – Bronze Award

One School Skills Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have accumulated enough commendations in each One School Skills category to qualify for a Bronze or Silver Award:

Bronze: Ebony Calder Y8, Darcie Stanton Y8,

Silver: Bradley Moulding Y8, Fontaine Moffitt Y7, Megan Rowles Y7

These will be awarded in an assembly later in the term.



Key Stage 2 Stars for this week

Benji Stedman: For a consistently high level of achievement in mental maths

Liam Jay: For a really positive and cheerful approach to his home reading tasks

Sadie Morren: For showing social and academic maturity

National FLT Calendar for 2017-18

This has now been confirmed and released. A copy is included as an attachment with this mailing. Please note the October half-term dates have changed from the draft version and are now in line with our local schools.

Calendar for the Week

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	20 th March	21 st March	22 nd March	23 rd March	24 th March
March 2017	Dunstable Primary Parent Consultations (Dunstable Primary School closed)		Year 12 AS Geography Field Trip Learning Support Conference at Exchange Place	Year 10 GCSE French Conference Junior Team Maths Challenge at Cambridge University	AQA Accreditation Visit

Best wishes

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