

Newsletter 8

6th November 2017

Head's Message

This week we are pleased to welcome our local Member of Parliament, Andrew Selous, to Dunstable Campus on Thursday to present the awards at the One School Skills Ceremony. I have also invited him to speak to the pupils about his role as an MP and answer any questions they may have. This is part of a national Parliament Week which is designed to raise awareness of the British constitutional system.

In this Newsletter I have also included an explanation of the school Rewards system and how it links to the One School Skills.

One School Awards Ceremony – reminder

Parents are very welcome to attend but please be aware there will be limited space available so please contact Mrs Coleman (louise.coleman@focus-school.com) so we can try to manage demand for seating.

The ceremony will start at 11.00am. Please could all attendees be seated by 10.55am.



Staff Stars of the Week



Congratulations Mrs Swindell and Mrs Wright who, after an extremely rigorous course last year and a recent external assessment, have both been awarded the status of Higher Level Teaching Assistant!

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100% Attendance Competition

As of this week, 91 pupils still have 100% attendance so far this term. This is now under 50% of the pupil population – hang on in there you 100 percenters! Six weeks to go...



Pupil Rewards – how does our system work?

In line with One School Global we use a rewards system which recognises skills in five different areas, turn them into citations and then Bronze, Silver, Gold and now Platinum awards are presented when certain levels are reached.

The 5 skill areas are:

- Academic achievement (AA)
- Management skills (MS)
- Participation and contribution to the school (SA)
- Fulfilling potential (FP)
- Leadership and relating to others (LR)

This is how the system works in different parts of the school

KS2 – Years 3 to 6

Pupils are awarded citations directly by their teachers and these are recorded on individual pupil reward cards.

Once a certain number of citation are reached in all 5 categories a One School Skills award (Bronze etc) is made. The table below shows the levels required for the different years.

KS2	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Year 3	3 citations	6 citations	9 citations	12 citations
Year 4	4 citations	8 citations	12 citations	16 citations
Year 5	5 citations	10 citations	15 citations	20 citations
Year 6	6 citations	12 citations	18 citations	24 citations

KS3 and 4 – Years 7 to 11

The pupils are awarded commendations in line with the 5 categories of One School Skills. These are recorded by teachers in the back of a pupil's planner. When Mrs Tompkins takes in the planners each week she converts these into citations which are recorded in the school management system SIMS.

For AA, MS and SA 3 commendations = 1 citation

For FP and MR 2 commendations = 1 citation

The One School Awards are then made according to the following criteria:

Level	no. of citations	requirements
Bronze	25 citations	Total across all categories
Silver	50 citations	With 1 points at least in each category
Gold	85 citations	With 3 points at least in each category + A pupil must submit a testimonial discussing how the <i>TopDux</i> helped him/her as an individual and how it increased their collaboration with other pupils. Each pupil has a choice on how they would like to present this. If it is a written testimonial it must be between 100 and 300 words or if it is a video testimonial it must be between 30 – 90 seconds.
Platinum	125 citations	With 5 points at least in each category The same testimonial requirement for the Gold Criteria (unless this was finished in a previous term). A pupil will interview with the Head Teacher, Campus Administrator, select teachers, and parents.

KS5 – Years 12 and 13

The same as KS3 and 4 except that 1 commendation = 1 citation is all categories.

Our campus system has been designed to ensure that the frequencies of rewards remains high whilst supporting the global system. Our tariffs on our previous experience of what works at the different levels whilst trying to provided parity between Key Stages. Please be assured the system is regularly reviewed both by the school and by the pupils (we now have pupil leaders for motivation).

Key Stage 2 Teacher Awards



The Teacher Award in Year 5 and 6 this week is awarded to Brendon Stedman for showing a much improved approach to all his learning and in Year 3 and 4 is awarded to Finley Rowles for a positive change to his approach to learning. Congratulations to both of you!

Pupil Leadership

Our Year 13 pupils led an assembly last Friday in which they presented details of the new pupil leadership structure:

Whole School Liaison – Marcel Remmington, Glenna Chattell, Carmen Tunley

School Culture Committee – Aaron Remmington, Florence Allen, Stefan Reeves

Marketing – Bethany Reed, Bronwyn Tunley, Carlos Jay

Pupil Motivation, Rhiannon Keam, Aliesha Stanton

Events – Harvey Stedman, Zena Banes, Zachary Godden,

Charity – Ella Gardner, Jessica Stedman, Harland Wiltshire

Peer Support (incorporating the School Council) – Warrick Hayes, Beatrice Chattell

These roles are in addition to the House Leaders across the school announced in an earlier Newsletter.



STEAM Day – Wednesday 8th November

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths

On Wednesday November 8th we are holding a STEAM day for years 3 to 9. In Years 7 to 9 the pupils will be divided into small groups to form Young Enterprise teams. They will be required to create a saleable item from plastic.

Please could you help them by sending your empty plastic bottles, carrier bags and any other plastic items you no longer need or use for them to create their product.

The winning team will be entered into a national competition with all the other One School Global campuses in the U.K.



Supporting Children in Need 2017

On Friday 17th November the Sixth Form girls are cooking up a curry in support of BBC Children in Need. For only £4 pupils and teachers can enjoy a home cooked Indian meal complete with rice and all the usual accompaniments with a drink thrown in (not literally).

Order your meal with payment by Friday 10th November!