

Academy News

10th November 2023



Good afternoon,

We are now on the cusp of the arrival of **Destiny Africa**. Last week's Academy News shared videos of John Mark - a young boy found in the streets of Kampala and his adoption into Kampala Children's Centre. Destiny Africa will be performing short assemblies next week for our students but we have also invited Holbrook Primary and Mr Perry and his staff to join us for a performance. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Destiny Africa will be performing to the wider community from 6.30pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for concessions - please contact the main office for tickets.

Ahead of their arrival they have requested the following donations:

Calendar / Upcoming Events

14th/15th November - Destiny Africa Choir Concerts

28th November - GCSE Presentation Evening 2023

30th November - Year 9 Options Information Evening
(details to follow)

Item	Age Range	Gender	Condition
School shoes	5-18 Yrs	Male & Female	
Back packs	5-18 Yrs	Female	
Football boots	13-18 Yrs	Male	
T-shirts, blouses, dresses, skirts & shirts	12-18 Yrs	Male & Female	
Jeans & trousers	10-18 Yrs	Male	
Knickers	10-18 Yrs	Female	New Please
Socks	5-18 Yrs	Male & Female	
Pants or briefs	8-18 Yrs	Male	New Please
Non-Wired Bras	12-18 Yrs	Female	New Please
Sandals/Flip flops	5-18 Yrs	Male & Female	
Deodorants	12-18 Yrs	Male & Female	
Children Bibles	5-10 Yrs	Male & Female	
Bibles	11-18 Yrs	Male & Female	
Small toys	5-6 Yrs	Male & Female	
Teddy bears	5-10 Yrs	Female	
Balls for playing volleyball	10-18 Yrs	Male & Female	
Puzzle games for kids	5-9 Yrs	Male & Female	
Puzzle games for teens and young adults	10-18 Yrs	Male & Female	
Bed sheets	10-18 Yrs	Male & Female	

If you have any of these items that you would be able to donate, please bring in to the Academy office and we will organise it for our guests.

We are also pleased to announce that the first few weeks of orders have been fulfilled from our new rewards store. Students have been able to purchase a selection of items, ranging from pens and pencils, to phone chargers and power banks. Students are able to purchase these goods using their rewards store points through the ClassCharts app. There is usually a small lead time on receiving the item, however, those that have received their rewards are already placing more orders.

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Remembrance

In assemblies this week, we have been discussing remembrance and using maps from <https://astreetnearyou.org/> to visualise the impact of the First World War on our families and community. Students have also taken part in a moment of silence at school, and slightly farther afield at our local church. We are very proud of those from our student leadership team who joined children from Holbrook Primary to lay a wreath at the memorial, and of our musicians Gyllis and Margot who performed The Last Post. It's an honour to be part of a community that remembers with such respect.



Caterlink has been providing some wonderful food this week. We have been working with the team to ensure the best possible value for money and quality. Caterlink have asked me to give you an opportunity to feedback via the following link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/23LFJXP>

GCSE Geography students had a fantastic fieldwork trip to Southwold this week, with many oranges launched from the beach and much successful winding of tape measures! It was a delight to take them to the seaside for the day, with every single child on the trip earning a Headteacher's Award for exemplary conduct and enthusiasm - all in a town that rarely sees teenagers. *(Mr Newstead)*

George Anstee-Parry
Acting Headteacher

Attendance

We all know how important good attendance is at school. It supports students not only academically but emotionally and socially. With this in mind, this term there will be three different attendance awards on offer:-

1. The 20 day challenge - each term there will be a different challenge. This term will be a 20 day challenge. If students have 20 straight days of attendance from Monday 13th November to Friday 8th December they will receive a festive themed reward.
2. For students who have 100% attendance for the Autumn Term they will be awarded a Bronze Star badge to wear on their jumper or Tie.
3. There will also be an inter-form competition. The Form Group in each year group with the best attendance by Friday 8th December will be rewarded with a Pizza Party for their form.

Mrs Watson

Safeguarding Information

During school hours, please contact Mrs Watson (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Miss Crabtree (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) - 01473 328317

At all other times, please contact Customer First : 0808 800 4005 or

If you believe there is an emergency and a child is at risk of **immediate harm** please call the Police on **999**.

Useful Information

Links to support services:-

Childline: 0800 1111

The Wellbeing Hub 'Teen Tips' Log in information was provided to parents/carers on 26th May. Please contact the office if you would like the information sent to you directly.

Online bullying www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Kooth - Online counselling service and peer to peer support for young people aged 11-25: www.kooth.com

Emotional Wellbeing Gateway website (Suffolk Infolink Directory) - Information, advice and guidance on common mental health issues. Access to mental health services like the Emotional Wellbeing Hub
www.emotionalwellbeinggateway.org.uk

The Source website for young people - Sources of information and advice important to young people in Suffolk, including emotional wellbeing support: www.thesource.me.uk/wellbeing

Mental Health Crisis - Call 111, option 2

Sexual Assault: Call NSPCC 0800 136 663 or help@nspcc.org.uk