COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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All About Wellbeing



The Right Start!

I'm delighted to say that 2022 has gotten off to a great start at Compass. We feared the worst with the uncertainty about the impact of the Omnicron variant, however, our staffing has remained resilient, enabling pupils' education to continue.

Wellbeing Week

We value pupils' mental health and wellbeing, so our Student Well-being week came at an opportune time to address those post Christmas blues. Activities led by The Nest and Paper Garden, reminded us of the value of connecting with nature and each other to help improve our well-being. Remember, pupils can now report how they are feeling via the ClassCharts App and our pastoral team are here in school to support them.

Smiling Boys

Deputy Head Boy, Mohamado, was delighted to see the "Smiling Boys" project come to Compass this term. He initially connected with artist, Kay Rufai, in the Autumn as part of our Black History Month 'Proud to Be' theme. Kay offers a structured programme of mentoring to support pupils' mental health, building into an exhibition of their smiling photos.

Parent Voice

I am grateful to parents who took time out to complete the Parent Survey at the tail end of last term. It was fantastic to see that parents understand our values, believe that pupils are well behaved and that there is good communication with the school. Many parents commented on how happy they are with the school, how they made the correct choice and how much their child enjoys coming to school! There were some responses that were not clear about how we encourage pupils to think about their future. We do this through our assembly and LFT programme, in lessons, and through our careers programme. Find out more by visiting our Careers Guidance webpage and view our Careers Road Map.

Journey To Excellence

We launched our Year 11 Journey to Excellence programme to prepare them for their GCSE exams which are due to start in just 14 weeks! We are as committed as ever to their success, so our activities in the coming weeks include extra classes, study skills sessions and well-being activities.

Wherever your child is in their physical, emotional or academic journeys, we are here to support them!

Marcus Huntley, Principal

Please see links to our <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Compass School Website</u> and <u>Facebook</u>

Spotlight on Wellbeing







Wellbeing Week at Compass School

Last week, pupils in all year groups spent one day focusing on their mental health and wellbeing. Taking part in workshops delivered by The Nest and Paper Garden, pupils were encouraged to think about what it means to be resilient, ways to cope with emotional stresses and how we can use the power of plants to help ourselves.

The Nest, a mental health organisation sponsored by Southwark Council, provides young people and families with the opportunities, experiences, and tools to enable them to develop their physical, emotional and social capabilities. Their non-clinical intervention offers youth work, person-centered counselling, psychological wellbeing practices and traditional talking therapies via 1:1 sessions, group work, virtual resources and peer mentoring.

You can find out more about them and the incredible work they do <u>here</u>.

Building Resilience

Two of the more practical sessions were particularly enjoyed by the pupils. The first, aimed at helping them to build solid foundations of resilience, saw pupils using dried spaghetti and marshmallows to build the most solid structure that they could! Working in groups, our pupils showed their competitive natures as they raced to build the tallest, most robust tower!

The second practical session was delivered by Paper Garden. This community project, based in Canada Water, promotes the idea of nature and plants being fundamental to our sense of wellbeing. Our pupils were shocked to learn the true value of seeds and really enjoyed planting their own. In a few weeks' time, you should have lots of peas and coriander growing at home!

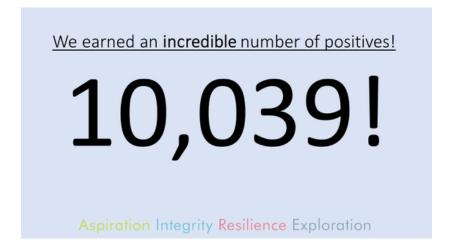
The importance of mental health

Here at Compass, we recognise the impact that the last two years have had on a lot of our pupils and we are committed to supporting everyone in our community. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please do get in touch.

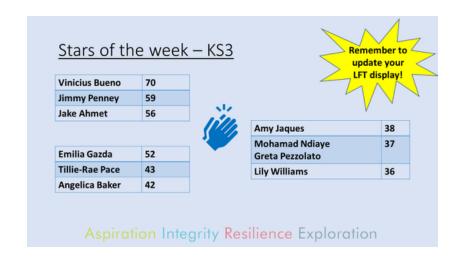
Positive Power!

Congratulations to our pupils who have achieved an incredible total of positives. Pupils have enjoyed a really successful return to school following the half-term break and have kept racking up the positive points, even when preparing for assessment week!

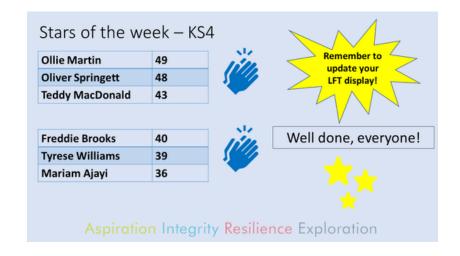












Attendance News

ATTENDANCE

Everyday matters!

For every student that gets a 100% attendance for the week, the LFT will receive 5 positive points.

Your LFT will now be entering into the new **Attendance League**. Every Friday, your LFT will click on the button seen on the slide so any students that get 100% attendance that week receive 5 points. The more points you get, the higher up the league you will go!

Good Luck!

Get your 100% Attendance Positives!

Weekly 100% Attendance

LFTs get rewarding!
Who is moving up the league?

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

Weekly 100%

Attendance





What's been happening?

Year 10 Trip

Year 10 Art pupils spent the day at the Tate Modern. After being inspired by the London Underground, St Pauls and some London bridges, pupils witnessed multiple fascinating exhibitions such as the Lubaina Himid, and Collection Displays such as In the Studio, Performer and Participant, Materials and Objects, and many more.













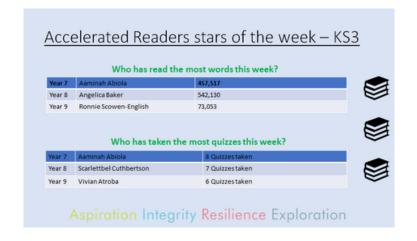
Accelerated Reader

KS3 Pupils have been taking part in Accelerated Reader since the start of September and they are flying! More than 1000 quizzes have been attempted in that short time and the rewards have started to flow, with some pupils already having passed more than 15 quizzes!

Please help support us to really make this the year of reading at Compass by encouraging your child to read at home and take a quiz as soon as they have finished their book! Please also keep your eyes on Class Charts for information on our upcoming **Accelerating Reading Zoom event**, full of tips on how to support your child's reading at home.

Quizzes = Prizes!







Flying Fanatics!

Pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 were thrilled to spend the afternoon at Flying Fanatics, learning how to use the trapeze and the fabric swing!

Although there were initially some nerves, pupils were soon soaring through the skies at high speed and having the time of their lives!

Well done, everyone!

Welcome, Mr Sayedi!

Our new Head of Science, Mr Sayedi, has hit the ground running since starting with us at the beginning of January!

He has been running lots of practical lessons with all year groups, making sure that our pupils are getting the hands-on experience required to be successful scientists!

Science lessons have been buzzing more than ever and it has been wonderful to see how our community have welcomed a new member.







And... Action!

Our Enrichment Film Club is a huge hit with pupils. Allowing them to develop their skills both in front of, and behind the camera, this enrichment is helping to develop our pupils' practical skills.

This is just one of the incredible enrichment sessions that we have on offer here at Compass!

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