Cambian New Elizabethan School Newsletter

Spring 2



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<u>Red Nose</u> <u>Day</u> On Friday 18th March to celebrate Red Nose Day and raise some money we had a cake sale alongside the Sixth Form Social Café and raised £26. Well done and thank you to everyone that helped.



<u>Message from School Council</u> (written by students)

Congratulations on another term finished at CNES. We are delighted to have had everyone with us who could attend. This year we have been embarking on many events to raise money for new playground equipment which you may read about here. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our events.

We are also happy to see we have seen an increase in site visits recently. It is lovely to have our school noticed so fondly and extra help is always welcome when a new person needs some. We have all had a superb term, and will have a superb holiday.

Bowling Trip

Due to the school closing early before Christmas the end of term reward trip to Hollywood Bowl was postponed. On Thursday 31st March we were able to take the students who were selected to Hollywood Bowl to enjoy their bowling reward. As part of the trip students had 1 hour of bowling and then had a choice of burgers, chicken nuggets, hot dogs or veggie







College Trips

burger all served with fries.

Year 11 students visited Kidderminster College on Friday 25th March and had a tour of the college followed by a chat with their onsite learning support team to see what may be available to them after they have completed their exams in the summer.

Staff and students then had their lunch in the college canteen to get a feel for college life and enjoyed an ice lolly by the canal.



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For more information about Thrive at NES Contact our Thrive Practitioner: Emma.Woodman@Cambiangroup.com



Papier Mache

This term in some of their Thrive sessions our students have been creating papier Mache projects. Papier Mache is a great activity for improving large motor skills, social skills and selfesteem as we talk about the sculpture and students take pride in their work. Papier Mache is also a great way of exploring sensory play.





<u>Kite Flying</u>

We have had some really blustery days this term so we have taken the opportunity to fly our giant octopus kite. Kite flying is great for problem solving as it took us a few attempts to realise how to keep the kite in the air. It's also a great way to improve hand and eye coordination and strengthen gross motor skills. Most importantly it's also great fun!





Thrive Group Sessions

Some of our students attend form group Thrive sessions as part of our whole school approach. These sessions aim to provide opportunities to spend positive time engaging in activities with classmates. These sessions are designed to promote turn-taking skills, sharing, collaborative problem-solving and the learning of concepts. Activities might include playing in the sand, cooking, painting, model making, exploring difficult situations through role-play or comic strips and playing strategy/ team games. These sessions are very popular with our young people! Sand play and scavenger hunts seem to be favourite activities.







School Council and PTA Fundraising Project

We have raised <u>£662.3</u>5! Thank you to everyone for the amazing support we have received, we are very proud of the response students have had to our fundraising activities and the maturity they have shown towards bettering the school.

What have we done this half term?

Silent Disco

On Monday 21st March students and staff enjoyed a silent disco during the afternoon. We would like to say a big thank you to Helen Bagnall who donated the headsets as well as George Landscapes for their generous donation towards the party food. We are very appreciative of the donation and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to our PTA for helping to organise this



<u>World Book Day</u>

On Thursday 3rd March students and staff celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as book characters and raised £38.50.



Science Party

As part of the gold and platinum reward on Friday 18th March students had the opportunity to take part in a science party. Thank you to Oli and Bernie for organising the party.



<u>Pyjama Day</u>

Thanks to a brilliant idea from one of our students, we had a Pyjama Day on 9th March. On this day, as well as being very comfy, we raised £43.

Jar Challenge Any spare change?

From 28th February until 22nd March, each form collected spare change to see who could make the most money and fill their containers with 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p and 50p. Altogether the school raised £111.84.

Well done to the winning form group: Elgar who raised £43.65!



Saint Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick's Day To celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on 17th March, staff and students wore a green item. It was a fantastic way to celebrate and raise some more money.



Weekly Lunch Time Quiz

Half way through the term, school council members came up with the idea to have a weekly lunch time quiz, not to raise money (although donations were accepted) but to keep students involved and to have a bit of fun. Each week the winner received a small chocolate egg to enjoy.

Chocolate Day

On Monday 4th April, we asked for chocolate donations towards a chocolate hamper to be used at the Easter Fayre.

Staff Challenges

Staff endured challenges such as army drills, spelling tests, make-overs, sponge throw and "guess the food" blind folded to help raise some more money.





Mario Kart Competition

Over the space of three weeks Upper School students competed in a Mario Kart Tournament during reward on a Friday. This made £15!



Autism Acceptance Week

28th – 3rd April marked the national Autism Acceptance Week. During personal development students learnt what this meant and what they can do to help raise awareness or understanding.

On Wednesday 30th March, during the afternoon the students and staff all took part in a 'Mind of your Own' Autism Acceptance walk to celebrate. Throughout the afternoon sixth form students also put on an extra special social café where students could decorate their own biscuit.

Sixth Form Visit to The Job Centre

Sixth Form students have had the pleasure of visiting a job centre at the Kidderminster Library. Here they have had the chance to become more prepared for what they will need to achieve in the workplace. They were told how to write a good CV and cover letter and the benefits of work experience. Later they bought lunch out. We are very thankful for this excellent opportunity.



Thank you to everyone that is able to attend the Easter Fayre and has helped with the planning. All your support is very much appreciated! We have had a very busy term and are thankful of all the support we have received with our events.



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Dates For Your Diary

Events and Activities:

Next term we will be having a small selection of events and activities and would love to get parents and carers involved with the school. Some of school councils ideas include: car wash, more staff challenges and another Punday.

<u>Term dates:</u>

Autumn 1: 6th September 2021 – 22nd October 2021 Teacher Training Day: 1st and 2nd September 2021 Autumn 2: 1st November 2021 – 16th December 2021 Teacher Training Day: 17th December 2021 Spring 1: 5th January 2022 – 18th February 2022 Teacher Training Day: 4TH January 2022 Spring 2: 28th February 2022 – 8th April 2022 Summer 1: 25th April 2022 – 27th May 2022 Public Holiday 2nd May 2022 Summer 2: 6th June 2022 – 21st July 2022 Teacher Training Day: 1st July 2022

Everyone has a personal best