



Headteacher's Newsletter 8.3.19

Some of you may have already heard that we are re-launching an MHS 100 Club! We are aware that this existed several years ago, but we are hoping to bring it back to life as an additional way the community can get involved in supporting the school- and hopefully also raise some money for exciting projects here at MHS. This academic year all profits from the MHS 100 Club will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator, to be based here at Milford Haven School but for the benefit of the whole community.

£12 will allow you to purchase your number for the next six months, £2 per draw from March-August, with all numbers being resold in September for the next academic year. The first draw will be Friday March 29th. 50% of all monies taken will be the prize fund so the more numbers we sell the bigger the prize pot, and the more money we raise towards the defibrillator! We hope that you will continue to help us by supporting the MHS 100 Club, and also raise awareness of it across the town to maximise the community involvement. If you would like to get involved please email gbaker@milfordhavenschool.co.uk to request a sign up sheet. Diolch yn fawr.

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School Uniform Reminder: *Pupils are expected to wear black shoes and ensure that hairstyles and colours comply with our requirements – hair should be in a natural shade; please note that colours such as pink, bright red or purple are not permitted. No non-uniform cardigans, sweaters, coats or hooded tops are permitted.*

Girls *Royal blue sweatshirt with badge/ Royal blue polo-shirt with logo/ Plain black skirt, straight or pleated, or plain black trousers, tailored plain white or dark socks or plain black ribbed tights, plain black shoes. Outdoor garments – Plain black, navy, royal blue. Optional royal blue fleece with logo.*

Boys *Royal blue sweatshirt with badge/ Royal blue polo-shirt with logo/ Plain black trousers, plain white or dark socks, plain black shoes. Outdoor garment – Plain black, navy, royal blue. Optional royal blue fleece with logo.*

THE FULL MILFORD HAVEN SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter. .

'Ready, Respect and Safe'. These three school rules are in place in order for all children to be allowed to positively engage with their education and fulfil their potential.

READY: One of the essential expectations here at Milford Haven School is that all students are ready to learn when they attend school, this is so that precious time is not wasted sourcing stationery and basic equipment that could otherwise be spent learning. All pupils should be attending school daily with at least these basics in order to be 'ready to learn' in their lessons: school planner, writing pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and sharpener. If pupils require any items there is a school stationery shop that runs during break and lunch in Mrs Edwards Office. Pupils are able to purchase a variety of equipment should they need anything in order to be ready for their lessons.

RESPECT: When we talk about respecting ourselves and others at Milford Haven School, part of that includes being mindful of the language we use and how that can affect people. Specifically, racial language and comments made to anyone will not be tolerated here at Milford Haven School, so please ensure that you report any concerns you might have to an appropriate adult so that they can be dealt with effectively. Please be aware that all racial and bullying incidents are formally recorded and reported to the local authority.

SAFE: It is vital that everyone feels safe at school, whether that be pupils, teachers or visitors. All students have access to a bully button, on the pupil intranet homepage, which is a quick and easy way for our young people to log any bullying concerns that they might have or report incidents so that staff are aware and can respond. Diolch

Dates for your Diary:
Here is a handy list of some key dates coming up in the school calendar, but please note that this is not an exclusive list of school events.

Year 9 French Trip 8th-10th March
12.3.19 Cyngerdd Pontio 6.30-8.30pm KS1-
KS4
*14.3.19 Year 10 Pupil Progress Evening
*21.3.19 Year 9 Pupil Progress Evening 3.30-
6pm
25.3.19 Parent Forum 5-6pm
25.3.19 WEDUC Workshop 6-6.30pm
Monday 1st April- **INSET Day**
*4.4.19 Year 7 Pupil Progress Evening 3.30-
6pm
10.4.19 MHS Easter Bingo 6pm
*11.4.19 Year 8 Pupil Progress Evening 3.30-
6pm
Easter Holidays 15.4.19- 26.4.19
Bank Holiday 6.5.19
***Pupil Progress Evenings are the new
Parents Evening**

As many of you will have seen we have taken on the challenge of fundraising for a community defibrillator to be based here at Milford Haven School. The total needed is £1500, and over the past few weeks students have worked hard to raise over £100! This is a fantastic start to our fundraising mission and we would like to thank everyone involved for your support and contributions. Diolch.

RED BOXES: As many of you may have already seen on our school social media, we are launching 'Red Boxes' here at MHS. The red boxes will be located around the school so that pupils can discretely help themselves to any sanitary products that they may need. In a recent study it was found that 1 in 10 14-21 year olds could not afford the sanitary items needed to attend school or work. We have tried to raise awareness of period poverty in school, and are doing all we can to ensure that this does not affect the education of female pupils here at Milford Haven School. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has helped to put these boxes together, your support is very much appreciated.

National identity is more than just a language and a shared box ticked on

application forms, it's the little things you can't put your finger on that remind you of home. This week we have held numerous assemblies celebrating St David's Day and all things Welsh! It has been lovely to see the pupils and staff take such pride in our Welsh culture. Diolch

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY:

International Women's Day (March 8TH) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Bluestone held an event to celebrate and inspire young women of our community, and we were fortunate to be able to send several students to take part in the workshops and motivational talks to help inspire the next generation of strong independent young women!

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. As part of 'Fairtrade Fortnight' we have tried to raise awareness of this important topic through a series of activities. On Tuesday some students made a variety of fairtrade treats and gave them away at break time to fellow pupils spreading the message of the importance of fairtrade. An information display has been made by pupils and placed in the school library for pupils to learn key facts on how important fairtrade is, and how to recognise fairtrade products in shops. We have also held a fairtrade themed quiz in the library which was available to all students, this helped share key messages and it was also a lovely excuse to give away some fairtrade prizes for the winners!