

Brakenhale School

Year 7 News



Monday 11th June 2018

Dear Year 7 Students

At our year group assembly Mr Cooper talked about Lost Voice, Lee Ridley, who won Britain's got Talent at the weekend. Lee Ridley, is a stand-up comedian, who is registered disabled, suffers from cerebral palsy and speaks via a communication panel. Mr Cooper reminded us, that if Lee Ridley can overcome his obstacles and still put smiles on other people's faces, so can we. Lee, with his Lost Voice act, is an excellent role-model for resilience and trying again and again. Consider the quote of the week.

"I can do things you can't, you can do things I can't; together we can do great things."

This quote is by Mother Theresa who in her 30's, moved to India in 1948 to help "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the lepers and all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society." Ms Coley enthused about the importance of showing kindness to others. Most of year 7 put their hands-up to say that they could remember when someone had been unkind to them, whether it was from a stranger, a friend or family member. We can all remember feelings of being sad, anxious, upset or angry when someone has been unkind. However, when we show kindness, we put others before ourselves. We become selfless. The latest research into employers and recruitment, is that employers look for staff who are kind. Mother Theresa moved to India to live a life of being selfless, putting others first. We don't have to move to India to learn to be kind. So this coming week and towards the end of this summer term, think are you being kind and helpful. Open doors, hand out or collect books, help tidy resources and classrooms. Win house points for your house.

Congratulations to 7K and Mr Maye who won the best tutor attendance. Can another tutor group win it for the first time? Other news, reusable water bottles, with the Brakenhale logo on, can be purchased for two pounds. We have blue recycling bins around the school for students to put empty branded drinks bottles into. As a school we are trying to improve the amount of recycling that we do.

This coming week, on Monday, we will be asking students attending the PGL trip, to list the names of 4 people they would like to share a room. So get thinking! Also that this coming week, Tuesday P1, we have PSHE and litter picking duty.

Have a great weekend.

Regards

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KEY EVENTS – w/c 11th June 2018

	Tutor	Notices
Monday	Tutor – Reading	Litter picking – 7R
Tuesday	PSHE – period 1 P2-5 – Normal lessons	Litter picking – 7A Clubs: Homework club in the LRC Rounders – all years – LWI, LRU Athletics – all years – WYE, JBO, CMY
Wednesday	Tutor Planners signed and tools for learning check	Litter picking – 7K Clubs: Cricket – year 7 & 8 - RBE
Thursday	Tutor - Reading	Litter picking – 7E Clubs: Art Club
Friday	Main Hall Assembly Mr Hartley	Litter picking – 7N Clubs: Softball – all years – JBO Athletics – all years – LRU, RBE, LWI Tennis – all years – WYE Dance Club

Lunchtime and Period 6 detention

Lunchtime detention for lateness and uniform in G01
Period 6 A04 with Mr Cooper and Mrs Wilkins from after school until 3:30pm

If you do not attend your lunchtime detention, there will be a message sent out via schoolcomms to your parents/carers and you will be expected to be in period 6 the following day.

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Key Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 12 th June	U/14 League competition Girls match 2
Tuesday 12 th June	PSHE
Thursday 14 th June	Leighton Park Reading U/15's Athletics P3 onwards U/14 League competition boys match 2
Tuesday 26 th June	KS3 Inter-house Competition Tues/Weds/Thurs
Tuesday 26 th June	PSHE
Friday 6 th – Sunday 8 th July	PGL Trip to the Isle of Wight

Please share with us your views on what you like about the school and what we can do to improve by clicking on the links below:



Fab & Drab

[Fab](#)

[Drab](#)

Please let us have your nominations for any members of staff who have exceeded your expectations this week:



**Staff Member
of the Week**

[Staff Member of the Week](#)

Paper copies of nominations can be dropped into the boxes in main reception

For Your Information - Book list for year 7 tutor time (please do NOT purchase books)

- 7B Counting Stars by David Almond
- 7R Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll
- 7A The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- 7K Tins by Alex Shearer
- 7E Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin
- 7N The Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank
- 7H Wonder by Raquel J Palacio

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SHAKESPEARE IN ACTION

WEEK SIX

Targets met:

- ✓ revision of dance drama and prologue – looking good 😊
- ✓ Rehearsal of act 1, scene 1

We have a performance date:

Monday the 16th of July, 6pm
in the drama studio



Romeo and Juliet.

Victoria – Movement manager, camera man, narrator, Lady Capulet
Hope – director, Romeo, narrator, Lady Montague
Abigail – Gregory and Juliet
Eliot – news reporter and Benvolio
Rubie – News presenter and Capulet
Joshua – Tybalt, News producer
Ryan – camera man, Montague, Balthasar
Aleena – Abram
Julia – Sampson

The roles have been chosen and confirmed
😊 So, get learning lines.

We have allocated pupils to lead the warm ups too so I look forward to these each week 😊



Today we went through the opening to see what we remembered from the week's break. It was impressive. We then spent time putting together Act 1, scene 1. We focussed on facial expressions and proxemics.

'Never was a tale of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo'

