Music Primary Newsflash

DIXONS MUSIC PRIMARY
AN OFSTED OUTSTANDING SCHOOL

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

Dear families, I hope this third edition of our academy Newsflash finds you and your family safe and well. As Cycle 3 draws to a close, we are extremely proud of our students who have demonstrated our academy values of hard work, independence and enjoyment across all aspects of academy life this cycle.

I would like to give a special mention to all Year 6 students who have successfully completed their SATs assessments with pride and resilience; all staff are extremely proud of their mature attitude and commitment to their learning. Year 4 students have relentlessly mastered their timetables throughout the year and have now sat the Multiplication Check. Year 1 students have exceeded national expectations and received DMP's highest pass rate to date, of 93%, for their Phonics Screening Check results. Well done everybody!

We would like to welcome Miss O'Gan and Miss Sadler to our Phase One teaching team, along with this academic year's final cohort of teacher training students from Leeds Trinity University, Bradford College and Dixons' Initial Teacher Training. Congratulations, to Mrs McEvoy-Harrison who has now been successfully appointed as our new specialist vocals tutor and will be working closely with our expanding music team, next year. This Cycle we say goodbye to Mrs Southworth, who is relocating to Northallerton, Miss Ali, Miss Pan and Mrs Russell; who will now be leading music at Dixons Manningham Primary. We thank everyone for their hard work since joining the academy and will miss their enthusiasm and support.

The Academy has had lots of external visitors this cycle and we would like to share some quotes from their feedback. Guests from the National Institute of Teaching were "hugely impressed with finding the Dixons culture we talk about online and publicly really is lived and breathed behind closed doors". They noted the quality of aligned understanding and messaging heard from everyone, the centrality of strong relationships, the level of self-determination and self-accountability expressed through the colleagues they spoke to, and the quality of the planning and communication. Delegates from the Archway Learning Trust; Djanogly Learning Trust; Embark Federation; Flying High Trust; Redhill Trust and Inspiring leaders mentioned, 'they left feeling inspired and emotional having seen the difference the staff at DMP are making with the children in our academies'. Whilst, the Dixons' executive team recently stated the team at DMP are able to, "host high profile visits seamlessly, whilst still ensuring the core business of delivering for our young people remains central". They also said "the positive culture and insistence on the best for your children is very clearly driven by yourselves, it is fantastic to watch and a privilege to be involved with". We are proud of this feedback which relies on hard work and dedication received from every member of staff, student and family in the academy.

Thank you to everyone who has supported any of the events that have taken place in Cycle 3. Some highlights include: Year 3's performance of 'The Bee Musical'; Year 3 Sleepover; Year 4 residential to Cliffe House; Cave Bus; Eid parties; Parliament Week; Year 5 Linking Schools Project; DTA/DMP Musical Showcase; Dixons Collaboration Concert; Primary Classroom Kitchen Cooking Week; C3 Spelling Bee; Stretch finals; sport days and all who bought tickets for KS1's Pizza at the Pictures, the KS2 Disco and the Friends of DMP raffle, which raised a £1000 towards enrichment activities at the academy. Students and families have taken also part in the DMP's Race For Life where £4,841.35 was raised for Cancer Research UK. Thank you to anyone who supported this event by sponsoring a student, cheering on the side lines or even taking part in the parent/carer races!

Finally, thank you for your continued support.
Yours faithfully,
Mrs Morrissey

Upcoming Events

15 July 2024 – Year 6 Last Day (finish 2:30pm)

16 July & 17 July 2024 – Year 6 Dream Talks (by appointment)

17 July 2024 at 12pm- End of Term 6 (all students)

29 August 2024 - Term 1 begins (Years 1-6)

29 August - 5 September 2024 - EYFS Settling In Sessions (by appointment)

6 - 10 September 2024 - EYFS transition days

11 September 2024 - EYFS students start full time

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY
Please be reminded of our academy target of 97% for attendance and punctuality. Appointments, family occasions and holidays should be booked outside of term time or after school wherever possible. Ms Malik or Ms Mahmood, our academy attendance officers, will be in touch with families to highlight any instances where attendance or punctuality has become a concern. Ms Afshan is our primary academy attendance link and will be supporting families alongside the attendance team.

ACADEMY DAY TIMINGS
For the academic year 2024-2025 the have been some changes to structure of our academy day. The timings are:
Monday – Thursday:
8.20am – 3.15pm (families may collect from 3.05pm)
Friday:
8.20am – 2.15pm (families may collect from 2.05pm)

WRAPAROUND CARE
We understand that for some families, provision before 8.20am may be required and are able to offer our Early Starters provision for Year 1-6 from Monday 2 August and reception students from Wednesday 11 September. We have limited spaces at our Early Starters provision and we politely ask that this is only used if no other option is available. For families needing to use the Early Starters provision, this provision runs for families needing childcare between 7.45am and 8.20am at a cost of £1.00. Please note this is child care supervision only (not an enrichment club) and includes puzzles and games, watching a film or use of ICT on rotation. Toast is provided. Students will enter through the DMP hall between these times.

A range of clubs are offered on-site by DMP staff and external providers for students in Years 1-6. Please contact the academy admin team for more details. Payments must be paid in advance for the following half-term (e.g. paid by the end Term 1 for Term 2) on ParentPay or via the Tax-Free Childcare scheme: https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare. A reserve list will be kept and families will be informed should a space become available outside these time-frames.

PARENT POWER
Rahilla Ali has now been appointed by The Brilliant Club to be our Parent Power organiser, who will support Dixons parents to challenge educational and social disadvantage in the context of disparities that many of our families face. Any parents/carers interested in taking part in the Parent Power community work should contact the academy in the usual way.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING
You could be entitled to support towards the cost of uniform and school expeditions. This is called pupil premium funding (PP). To benefit from this entitlement, you must fill in a free school meals and school clothing allowance form. The school receives extra money for students who are eligible for free school meals; this amounts to an extra £6000 per child over their time at primary school. Other funding is also available to families eligible for pupil premium plus (PPP) or service premium plus (SPP) if a student is recorded on school records as: ceased to be looked after through adoption; ceased to be looked after through special guardianship order (SGO); ceased to be looked after through residence order (RO); ceased to be looked after through child arrangement order (CAO); ceased to be looked after through adoption from state care outside England or Wales; part of a service family delivering the armed service covenant. This extra funding can have a significant impact on a student's learning, so please check your entitlement and speak to a member of our leadership team.

WEST BOWLING COMMUNITY CENTRE
A reminder that we have made links with West Bowling Community Centre and now have a practitioner based on site every Tuesday to offer support to our community. They can offer advice on debt, benefits, housing and immigration as well as support in accessing food and clothing vouchers. Families are able to self-refer or be referred by the academy for an appointment. Please contact the academy if you would like to access this service.

STAY AND... PLAY, LEARN OR STUDY
All families are invited to attend Stay and Play (Reception class), Stay and Learn (Key Stage 1) and Stay and Study (Key Stage 2) sessions with their child. These sessions are a great way to develop your skills, see the end of year expectations and explore how concepts are taught in order to support your child with their learning. The sessions take place in the classroom environment whilst being supported by DMP staff. Keep an eye out for when you child's year group events are taking place. Please arrive promptly, as we are unable to admit late arrivals once the transition has taken place to ensure learning is not disrupted, as lessons and interventions take place in the hall and outside areas during these times.

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