

Headteacher's Corner High Grange

It has been another great week across the school, with plenty of exciting learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Middle School pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking their cooking lessons outdoors, making use of our outdoor cooking equipment. It has certainly been an interesting experience, with some fantastic teamwork, resilience, and (mostly!) successful recipes along the way.

A real highlight this week was Lower School Enterprise, which was a huge success. Pupils from every Lower School class came together to make, create, and work collaboratively on a range of enterprise activities. It was wonderful to see pupils supporting one another, sharing ideas, solving problems, and taking real pride in what they had produced. The atmosphere throughout the morning was fantastic and perfectly reflected the teamwork, creativity, and communication we encourage through our ACE ethos.

There have also been numerous offsite visits this week. Our post-16 students came incredibly close to breaking the record at an escape room challenge, demonstrating excellent communication, problem-solving, and teamwork throughout.

Wednesday afternoon's Careers Fair was another real highlight. We were delighted to welcome pupils from other schools alongside a wide range of employers and professionals, including farmers, hairdressers, tattoo artists, the public services, construction, and many more. It provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to explore future pathways, ask questions, and gain a real insight into the world of work. Following on from this event, our Careers Advice team will also be in school next week to continue supporting pupils with their future aspirations.

We also had some unexpected visitors in PSHE this week, with three teddy bears joining in the lesson! They appeared to settle in very well, although we're still not entirely sure what happened to the pupils...

Looking ahead, next week is one of the busiest and most exciting of the year. Sports Day takes place on Thursday, starting at 10.00am and running until lunchtime. Parents and carers are of course invited to attend. It is always one of the highlights of our school calendar, and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible. Please note that afternoon lessons will not run as normal, with pupils returning to their form groups and following their form staffing.

Next week is also National School Sports Week. During Periods 5 and 6, pupils and students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting activities. Participation is optional, and those who prefer may remain on their usual timetable (unless they have PE). Finally, our Summer Disco takes place after school on Friday. Tickets are selling quickly, with only a handful of places remaining, so if your child would like to attend, please let us know as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing many of you at Sports Day next week.

