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THE VOICE OF Mackenzie Thorpe Centre

NEWSLETTER | 2024

WELCOME

Summer Term 2024

Important dates

- Students return to School Wednesday 4th September 2024.
- Break up Friday 25th October for half Term.

Themes of the upcoming term:
Roald Dahl Day – 13th September.
Internation Day of Democracy- 15th September.
National Fitness Day - 20th September.

Students will be doing a range of Activities to match the themes of the Term.

Whole school events:

- Student council elections – During induction week.
- Parents Coffee Morning – 27th September.

What an amazing half term we have had....

Welcome Andi....



Andi is one of our new teachers here at MTC, he started in Green class after Easter and will be teaching in Orange Class next year!

He has previously taught history alongside lots of other subjects and is looking forward to having his own class in September to do lots of new activities and get to know all his new students.

Andi has already fit into MTC perfectly and we are looking forward to seeing what him and his new class get up to in September.

Color Run:

Throughout June learners did lots of tasks and work in relation to Pride Month. Classes had discussions, did craft activities and decorated their classrooms.

To celebrate the end of Pride Month 2024 Mackenzie Thorpe Centre held a color run for all learners to enjoy, they all had a white T-Shirt that they could decorate and walked around the school grounds through powder paint. All learners and staff had a great afternoon with lots of laughs and smiles throughout.













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you said we did

In the last Student Council Meeting, learners voted for the following actions:

- New school activity groups such as sports clubs, art groups & chess clubs – A new art club has now been set up on a Friday afternoon which many students are enjoying!
- More variety at breakfast and lunch time especially with drinks- Annis has extended the menus and we are now having a range of smoothies for breakfast.
- Learners didn't like the class names and have since done a whole school vote so now classes will just be named by colors.

Local contacts for safeguarding:

Redcar & Cleveland Multi-Agency Children's Hub (MACH)
Telephone - 01642 130700
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End of term treats:

















Our learners have had lots of end of term treats this term for all their hard work throughout the year, they have been to a range of different places including soft play, the theatre to watch Awful Auntie, the cinema, McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Butterfly World, Forbidden Corner, Flamingo Land, picnics and tea parties.

Our learners work so hard and deserved the treats and trips they have been on. They also used to money raised on enterprise day to put towards the cost of their trips and they were all so proud of the hard work and rewards they got out of it!

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School Quiz

This term we encouraged the learners to take part in a school quiz, they used the computers to all work together and take part in a collaborative quiz.

The learners really enjoyed doing this, it met many of their teamwork targets alongside using computing skills and improving their general knowledge.

Great job!







Art Club:

As one of our Student Council actions we are beginning to introduce some new extra-curricular groups to the school. This term we started a new art club which many of the students have accessed. They have focused on portraits of themselves, decorations for the Summer Fayre and a range of other projects. Pupils have really enjoyed this new activity!













Theatre Visit:

A group of our students visited Darlington Hippodrome this term to watch David Walliams' Awful Auntie show. The learners loved this experience and were all amazing throughout the whole experience!





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Resources to support during School Holidays:

We know the holidays can be a tricky time for some of our learners, NEAS have developed some documents for support during the holidays.

Attached Links Below:

Tips for Visiting Family Members.docx

Tips For Shopping Trips.docx

Tips for going Out and About.docx

Top Tips for Air Travel.docx

Dates to remember:

Return to school – Wednesday 4th September.

Coffee Morning 27th September

Summer Fayre:

In the final week of term, we held a Summer Fayre for all parents to attend. We had an amazing turn out, the learners did a range of stalls, sports activities, the therapy dogs visited, ice creams were available, there was an amazing tombola, and sensory trays were around.

It was a great opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and new teachers and everyone had a lovely afternoon.

Thank you for all your support with this whole school event and it was lovely to see so many of you!










Leavers:

This term we are saying goodbye to 5 of our amazing learners, Lottie, Keisha, Mia, Alfie and Jordan. All 5 of them are going on to college; we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them! To celebrate their final chapter with MTC, we had an afternoon tea party this week to commemorate all of their superb achievements since joining the school. We just know they will be amazing in their new ventures and will miss them dearly.

Very best of luck!



We hope all of our learners and their families have an amazing summer break and we are excited to welcome them back in September!