



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week starting 17th July 2023

A message from our Acting Headteacher

This week saw our amazing summer show SHREK The Musical Jnr. I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who was involved with, or attended this week. It was fabulous!

Special thanks to Mrs Tufnell, Mr Todd, Miss Robothom, Miss Green, Mrs Holmes and Mrs Trail!

The students both on stage and back stage were fantastic, with some amazing talent on show! The audience loved it! Very well done to everybody and thank you!

Here are some pictures taken of the show.



Personal Development Year 10 Mock Interviews

- Last week our Year 10's had their mock interviews. Getting ready for future employment, our Year 10's impressed our visitors by the quality of their responses to questions and their confidence
- How would you describe yourself in 3 adjectives? Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
- A massive well done to our Year 10's; we are very proud of them!



Fire Safety

- Recently there has been a rise in the number of antisocial behaviour related fires in our area
- Working alongside Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and Northumbria Police, we are asking you to speak to your children and make them aware of the consequences of their actions
- Antisocial Behaviour related fires can be a significant drain on a firefighter's time, they can't be in two places at once
- If they're putting out a grassfire, they can't respond to people who may really need their help. For example, in house fires or road accidents
- Firefighters respond to incidents in order to prevent injury and save life, as well as protecting the environment
- Physical and verbal attacks on fire crews will not be tolerated and puts theirs and other people's lives at risk
- If you have information about deliberate fires you can report it anonymously via www.firestoppersreport.co.uk or call [0800 169 5558](tel:08001695558)

Young Carers Update

- At Biddick Academy, we recognise the commitment and resilience of those students who are young carers. To help support them, we recently arranged workshops with 'Daisy Chain First Aid' and Resilience Bootcamps with 'Relax Kids'
- These courses aimed to help equip our students with invaluable First Aid skills whilst aiming to support their understanding of how to independently emotionally regulate and where to seek extra help and support if they should need it
- Our hope is to enable our young people to fulfil their potential by supporting them with their emotional and physical wellbeing whilst also providing them with the opportunity to learn life skills which are conducive to their future successes
- Student feedback from the sessions was overwhelmingly positive and both providers commented on the respectful and mature behaviour demonstrated by each student involved
- If you think that your child may be a young carer please don't hesitate to contact our young carers' operational lead, Mrs Nicholson, via the email address: nicholson.l@biddickacademy.com or Mr Brown, via brown.c@biddickacademy.com to ensure your child is receiving the correct support they need to excel in their time at Biddick Academy

Careers Event

- **Thursday 20th July 4:30pm – 6.30pm** East Durham College (EDC), The Houghall Campus are holding The BIG Land Based Apprenticeships Event
- Whether you're potentially looking to get started in a career as an apprentice or a local employer wanting more information about how apprenticeships work, this is the event for you!
- The event will be staffed by the whole workforce development team and trainer / coaches. They will be on hand to discuss any questions around our apprenticeships, how they work and all the key information you need to know!
- This event covers loads of things you need to know about apprenticeships, including:
 - How apprenticeships work at EDC
 - The application process for people looking to move into an apprenticeship
 - How to get registered for a sector with the apprenticeship team
 - Why choose an apprenticeship – employer examples and case studies
 - A parent's guide to apprenticeships everything you need to know!
- To book free tickets please click the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-big-land-based-apprenticeship-event-at-houghall-campus-tickets-668719547167>

Tyne Amateur Rowing Club

- On Thursday 13th July the junior coach and some rowers from Tyne Amateur rowing club came and ran some erg (rowing machine) sessions with our students in school
- The students had a really good time, even if one of the Year 10s said to me “how do you find this fun?”
- Said student then asked to stay an extra twenty minutes, which shows how much he enjoyed it!
- If students are interested in taking this one step further and getting out on the water, Tyne are running some learn to row courses over the summer. I have attached the poster below but if there are any questions then please let me know jeffries.c@biddickacademy.com. Financial support is available if needed speak to Miss Jeffries.



Online Safety – Malicious Communication

- **The Malicious Communications Act of 1988** and the **Communications Act of 2003** are laws which make it illegal to send another person an indecent, obscene or grossly offensive electronic communication (e.g. messages or pictures) in order to upset or distress them. They also make it illegal to send threatening communications either through direct messaging or through social media apps
- The **Protection from Harassment Act of 1997** makes it an offence to harass someone repeatedly. This includes online. There is no legal definition of harassment but it is generally taken to mean causing someone alarm or distress in way that has an impact on their life
- If your child has experienced any of the above they should
- **Tell a trusted adult** for example a teacher/parent/carer 18+
- **Keep the evidence** (do not delete texts or media messages. Screenshot pictures)
- **Report to Social networking site** (report abuse button on the websites)
- In some situations you may be advised to contact the police, this can be done online
- <https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/our-services/report-it/report-an-incident/> or by calling **101**

What is misogyny?

- Prevent and tackle hate online against girls
- Internet Matters have created this area on their website exploring misogyny, highlighting where children might see it online and discussing how we can tackle misogyny:
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-hate/what-is-misogyny/>



- **Report Remove** is a tool provided by **Childline and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)** to help those under the age of 18 to confidentially report if sexual images or videos of themselves have been shared online. Once a report has been made, the IWF will work to remove them from the internet. Find out more here: <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/>

Summer Reading

- We hope your child is looking forward to relaxing with a book over the Summer Holiday. To support your child we have placed some short-short-stories on the website linked to different reading levels: <https://biddickacademy.com/curriculum/reading-for-pleasure-and-progress/>
- We also have our reading lists for KS3 and KS4 students to peruse with your child to support them in selecting a book of interest.
- <https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/KS3-Curriculum-Reading-List-.pdf>
- Students in KS3 have also been set with a Reading Challenge for over the Summer. They will have received a copy of this from their teacher this week. Let's see how many books your child can read that start with each letter of the alphabet.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Let's see how many books you can read that start with each letter of the alphabet

A	_____	H	_____	N	_____
B	_____	I	_____	O	_____
C	_____	J	_____	P	_____
D	_____	K	_____	Q	_____
F	_____	L	_____	R	_____
G	_____	M	_____	S	_____



T	_____	Z	_____
U	_____		
V	_____		
W	_____		
X	_____		
Y	_____		

My favourite book I read this summer!
Draw me a new front cover.

If you complete all 26 letters you could be in with a chance to win a new book!

- 1st Prize - A new book and some sweets.
- 2nd Prize - New Stationary.
- 3rd Prize - 10 Class Chart points.