



# NEWPORT NEWS

## *A weekly update from NGHS*

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### Head's Lines

It was an honour and privilege to attend the opening of Bosnia House in the Sparkhill area of Birmingham on Sunday. It was very humbling to hear the traumatic stories of survivors of the Bosnian Genocide in 1995, but also a real pleasure to see the community space, which has been made possible through the donations of business, individuals and schools like NGHS. We were thrilled to also receive a **Community Impact Award** for our support and we are pictured receiving this from Lord Bourne, Minister for Faith. Thank you to everyone who took part in the Sponsored Walk last year and particularly to Maisie, Leoni, Izzy and Mrs Seys for spearheading this campaign in our region.

Can I thank everyone who has brought in an item for the **Christmas Smile campaign**. Your generosity is much appreciated and the charity will be collecting the items next week, so it's not too late if you have any new gifts to donate on Monday morning. Please bring them to Reception. Thank you most sincerely for your support.

Our hard-working PTA has raised **£3021** for NGHS from **easyfundraising**. However, only 130 parents are registered, so please can I encourage you to join. You can raise a lot of money **at no cost to yourself** whilst doing your shopping online. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the webpage. It makes a huge difference to our school!

Last night's outstanding concert involved almost 100 students with an attentive and appreciative audience. There was a real variety of pieces performed. Thank you to Mrs Chapman for organising this event. Our festive season has now started!

Our term dates for 2019-2020 are now on our website. We are keeping to the Telford & Wrekin dates and this should eradicate the need for leave in term time to keep in line with other local state schools. Finally, you should have received a letter concerning the events/activities in school in December. Please ensure any carol service slips on this letter are returned, if appropriate, no later than 7th December to aid our planning. Thank you.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend,

**Mr M J Scott**

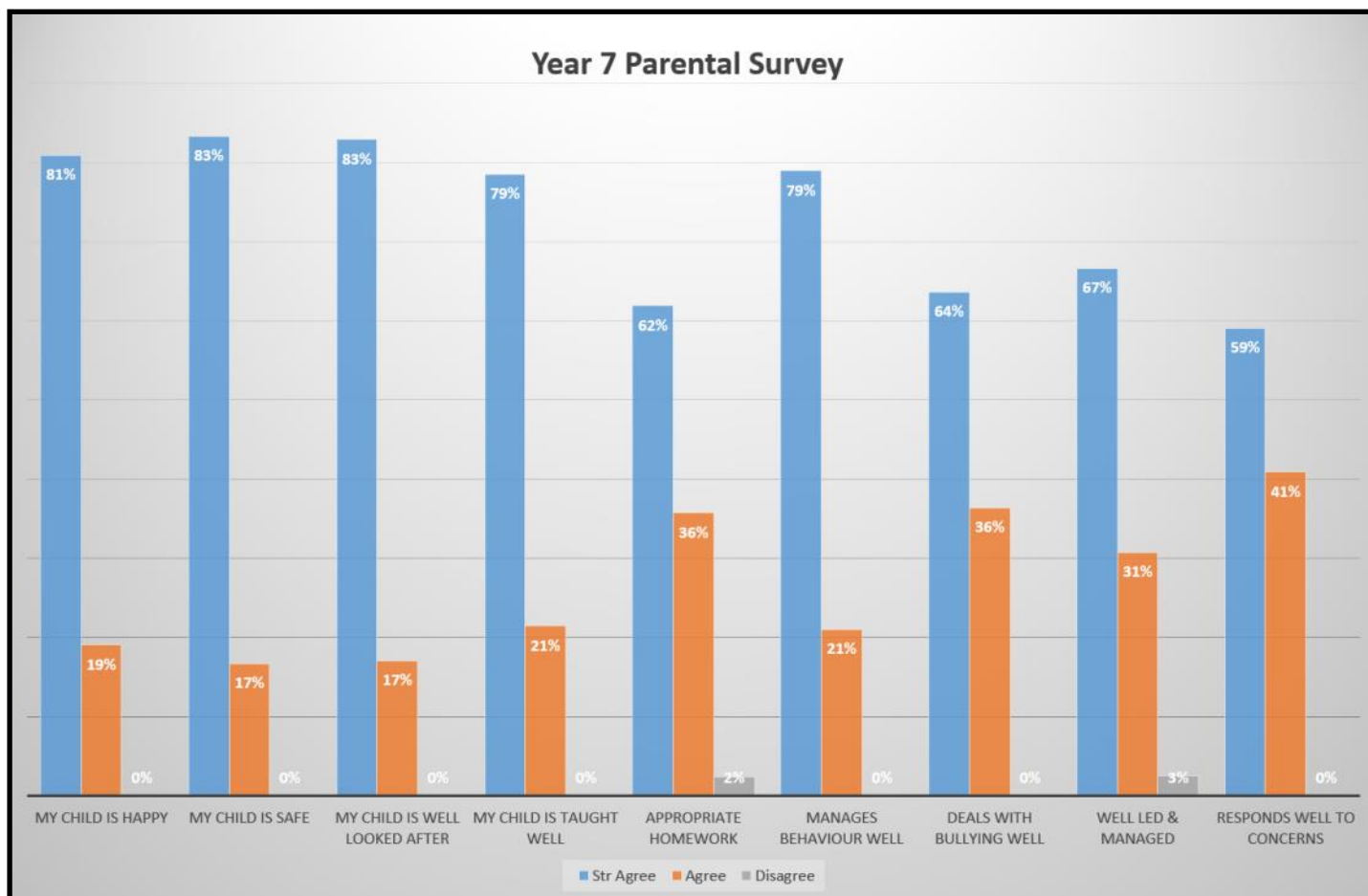


# SPOTLIGHT ON

## Year 7 Parents Survey

The views of parents are instrumental to us evaluating our work in school and planning for the future. Ms Capaldi and I were pleased to receive responses from over half of our Year 7 parents about the transition that their daughters had had from primary school and their first perceptions of NGHS. Here is the feedback from the survey using the statements provided by Ofsted. Of particular importance is the **100% agreement that the girls are safe in school**. This

echoes the findings of my full parent survey last January. Below are some of the positives/areas for development suggested by parents and our thoughts. Thank you to everyone who returned surveys by the closing date.



### Areas of particular strength identified included:

- Safe, happy environment for girls to learn with strong community feeling
- High academic results and reputation
- Excellent standards of behaviour
- Positive competition in house activities and in lessons
- Enthusiasm of staff/leadership team
- Weekly communication newsletter
- Team-building activities

We were also particularly pleased to read of the positive impact our extra-curricular clubs were having on Y7 pupils. This was an area for improvement in the January 2018 parents survey. Older students are now running some clubs as well as mentoring support, which is most welcome.

### Some areas for improvement have already been acted on. For example:

- ⇒ We have already scheduled TWO transition days on the same days as Telford & Wrekin LA schools in July.
- ⇒ We will include more peer-to-peer activities on these transition days
- ⇒ We will schedule a separate E-Safety evening to the induction evening, which was quite heavily focused on this important topic. However, it does form the majority of issues we have to address pastorally in school
- ⇒ We understand concerns about a potential uniform change and will respond to these once the governors have seen the feedback to our consultation email address, which has now closed.
- ⇒ Curriculum and uniform information is on our website - some parents said they needed this sooner.
- ⇒ Awards for kindness and form time - the Thank You Friday is one example of this.
- ⇒ Drama on the curriculum - this is something I would like to implement, but we require funding and a space!

Finally, one parent felt the school was not well managed because "NGHS is severely underfunded" - I agree wholeheartedly! All ideas welcome and I will continue to work with Governors to make the most of our situation as a small school.

### CONTACTING SCHOOL

Please remember you can make contact with us via [schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk) or call 01952 797550. Your daughter's tutor is the first port of call unless the matter is very urgent, when you should speak to the Head of Year, Assistant Head or Headteacher.



## Panjabi GCSE Success

We are delighted to congratulate Shaan, who is now in Year 8, on her GCSE Full Course in Panjabi, which she achieved last summer.

Shaan attends the Guru Nanak Khalsa College in Wolverhampton every Sunday and has been studying for her GCSE for a couple of years now. Her success means that she will move onto A-level. Excellent work and well done!

# THANK YOU FRIDAY



Last week has been a little bit quieter with tests and examinations in lots of year groups and this was reflected in the amount of Thank You Friday nominations that were received. However, well done to all of our winners for last week and keep up the good work over the remaining weeks of this half term. Please see the table to find out more about which students received the nominations.

FORM	STUDENT NAME(S)
A2	J Dhansay
R2	C Preece
R3	C Weeks & L Mileham
R4	E Bower
R7	S Cox & S Neill
S1	A Jarrett
S2	D Thomas
S3	L Cox
S4	K Brown
S6	H Bratton
HOY 7-8	Z Reynolds
HOY 9-10	L Jones
HOY 12-13	S Mohamed Zain

## Y11 Rewards Assembly Success

This week Miss Clarke has led the Year 11 Rewards Assembly, this was a great opportunity to get the year group together after the Mocks to congratulate them on their successes and to celebrate and reward the house points they achieved during Autumn Term 1. House points have been awarded to students over the first half term by subject teachers and form tutors for their work, effort and participation in lessons and form time. They are also awarded for participation in extra-curricular activities, as well as for attendance monthly.

Form	HP Total	Rank
A5	192	3
R5	223	1
S5	203	2

The first award was presented to the form who had collected the most house points over Autumn Term 1, please see the results table. Congratulations to R5 for collecting 223 house points, which is a fantastic achievement by all members of the form. The winning form have been presented with a form house point cup which they will keep in their form room for this half term.

Year 11 Students	Award
E Charlesworth	GOLD
C Doyle, H Bridgman M Batkin O Shepherd	SILVER (equal)

The second award was to celebrate the individual students in each year group who have received the highest number of house points during Term 1, these winners received a certificate and a sweet treat. Congratulations to our winners this term. Finally, we wanted to recognise every students successes over term 1 and so we finished the assembly with a lucky dip. For every 10 house points that students had received over Term 1 they had one ticket placed into the lucky dip. Three winners were then drawn at random and they received a prize from the lucky dip box.

The winners of these awards were: **E. Johnson, G. Slater and H. Bridgman**

# Charity Week



## Roddam Seacole Austen

**Next week** we will be celebrating Charities Week. This is a school initiative, which is being coordinated by the House Charity Reps as a way of bringing the whole school together for a week of fundraising for the three house charities. This year those charities are: Allsorts Youth Club: Stafford, The Lucas Charity and Birmingham Children's Hospital. The charity reps have organised a variety of different activities throughout the week which we hope students will be able to support. Please see the information below for further details about the planned activities.

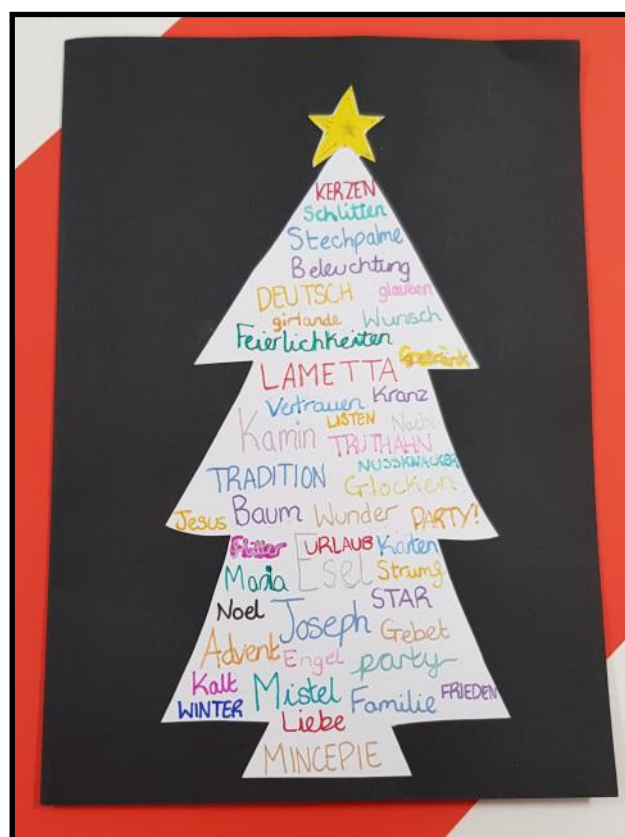
<b>Monday 3rd</b>	1. Candy cane delivery during am registration 2. Christmas themed bake sale outside the sports hall at break.
<b>Tuesday 4th</b>	Staff dodgeball in the sports hall at 1 o'clock: 50p donation to come along and watch.
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	I'm a Teacher Get Me Out Of Here at 1 o'clock in the hall: £1 donation to come along and watch.
<b>Thursday 6th</b>	Christmas carolling outside the hall, please donate any loose change you have.
<b>Friday 7th</b>	Food can and Christmas Smile drive (please bring in a tin / can or gift to the donation point at reception . Elf treasure hunt starting in the hall at lunchtime (50p to take part)



## Christmas Card Competition

Years 7-9 were invited to take part in a Foreign Language Christmas Card competition run by Routes into Languages. We had several entries and all will be sent off to the organisation at Aston University for judging.

Rosie H did this lovely German design and is our school winner! Herzlichen Glückwunsch, Rosie!





## Fantastic First Football Fixture

On Monday, our Year 7 5-a-side football team had their first outing at the Goal zone, AFC Telford United. The team were so supportive of one another and had fantastic team spirit throughout, despite the almost freezing temperatures.

NGHS 0 – 0 Telford Park

NGHS 1 – 1 Telford Priory

NGHS 2 – 1 Ercall Wood

Well done on these fabulous results!

Mrs Goodall

## Last Day Of Term

Please be aware that there will be **no Adams school buses** running on the last day of term (Friday 21 December). However, it is important that students attend school and absences will be followed up in line with our Attendance Policy. Please ensure that you make alternative arrangements. Thank you.



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## Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 18th December 2018

7pm



Tickets available from Reception

## Forthcoming Dates...



Date	Event	Year(s)
Mon 3 Dec	Bletchley Park Trip (Maths)	Y11-13
Mon 10 Dec	Full Governors Meeting	Govs
Thu 13 Dec	Parents Evening	Y12
Fri 14 Dec	Winter Jumper Day Christmas Lunch in school	All All
Tue 18 Dec	Carol Service, 7pm, St Nicholas Church	All
Wed 19 Dec	Pantomime Visit (am)	Y7
Fri 21 Dec	End of term at 12.35pm	All
Mon 7 Jan	Inset Day (Staff Training)	Staff
Tue 8 Jan	Term Starts	All

## HEALTH & WELLBEING TOP TIP!

Spending more time outdoors can have vast impacts on personal wellbeing, such as improving short-term memory and focus and even boosting creativity. A study found that walking for 10 minutes increased 81% of participants' creativity. Being outdoors also improves mood and increases self-esteem, another study found that outdoor walks could be "clinically useful as a supplement to existing treatments" for major depressive disorder. (Form A5)