

Family Update

19th November 2021



Updates

Hello everyone,

Children in Need Day has been a lovely way to end our week, children have been doing, and wearing, **what makes them happy** today whilst raising money for Children in Need. Thank you so much for supporting your child to choose what to wear and for the donations you have generously made. It is important for our pupils to understand that they can feel really good about themselves when they help other people in need too. You can see some of the joyous photos below.

It has also been Anti-Bullying Week and pupils have been involved in activities and assemblies helping them to learn the difference between bullying and unkindness, how to develop their own resilience and how best to respond in different situations. Some of the older students are setting up a buddying scheme, learning the skills to help each other through any difficult times.

I want to say a big THANK YOU to families of children in the residential Sleepover Club who responded so positively to the Ofsted survey sent out this week. Our inspection went very well and our initial feedback was extremely positive. However the report and final judgement will not be available for a week or two and we shall share this with you once it is published.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend, from your Leadership Team

Photos from the Week



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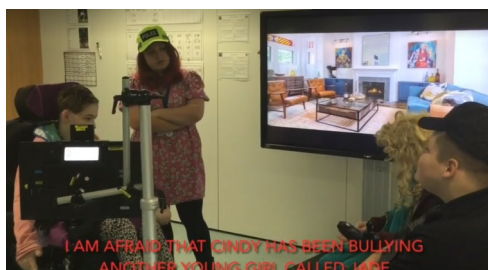
Anti-Bullying Week

This week is anti-bullying week across the UK and pupils at Saxon Hill Academy have been celebrating in style.

Pupils from Hornbeam Hub put together a production all about what bullying is and how we can support our friends if they feel they are being bullied.

All classes have also been exploring what bullying might mean or feel like to them and how we can support each other.

This week also saw the start of a very exciting peer mentoring scheme. Students will be trained on how to help their peers during break and lunchtimes if they would like some extra support or a friendly face to chat to.



Children in Need

Today is Children in Need and pupils had great fun coming into school in clothes that make them happy.

The theme for the day in school was well-being and pupils spent the day doing things that promoted their personal well-being. There were some amazing activities on offer from cooking, relaxation, exercise, art and social games.

Thank you for all your donations and support!



Santa's Quiet Grotto

Dobbies Garden Centres have been working with Autism Together to make their Quiet Grotto sessions autism friendly.

Grotto staff will have autism awareness training; the grotto music will be turned off, twinkling lights will be removed or switched off and your child's gift can be wrapped or not. Prior to visiting, customers will also be emailed a photo of their specific grotto, in order to prepare children for what they will see on the day.

Dobbies Garden Centre in Shenstone will be offering slots from Friday 10th December. For more information, please visit: [Quiet Grottos with Dobbies - Autism Together](#).

