

4 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had such a joyful week, with many lovely activities that have brought us together as a community. I hope that you have enjoyed following them on the Undershaw Education Trust Facebook page.

As we develop our faith and beliefs curriculum, we are building opportunities into the term which allow students to think about their own beliefs and those of others. Shrove Tuesday was a great example of this. We started the day with form time, where we explored the religious meaning of Shrove Tuesday and the history behind the celebration. We were then treated to home-made pancakes by Lin at lunch time. We raised £56 which will be donated to Christian Aid, so many thanks to everyone who donated.

### House Competitions

The students have definitely embraced the House system and there is a tangible air of friendly competition and camaraderie across the school. All students have the opportunity to earn Housepoints throughout the week for demonstrating the 8 skills builder skills in their lessons, at lunch and break time, in their enrichment and Discovery Day activities. We also have regular House Competitions as you know to earn multiple Housepoints. This week's competition was the 'Flippin' Crazy Pancake Races'.

After several heats, where all year groups got the opportunity to race, the overall winners were **Percy** House! Congratulations to them. (There is a great video of the final on our Facebook page.)





### **World Book Day**

It was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Book Day this week and Undershaw marked it in true style. Lots of staff and students dressed up as their favourite characters – we had some fabulous costumes in school so thank you all so much for your efforts in helping the children with them. During the day there were lots of opportunities to engage in reading, including staff reading from a selection of books during our “Drop Everything And Read” session, a book quotes treasure hunt and a “design a bookmark” competition. The deadline for submitting the bookmarks is next Monday, 7 March



so please support your child over the weekend to complete one should they wish to enter...there are Housepoints available! Again, there are lots of photos of World Book Day on the Facebook page and some in the monthly, “This is US” newsletter.

### **Rotary Club Shoebox Campaign for Ukraine**

Our Key Stage 2 children have asked if they can do something to support the many people affected in the Ukraine by the current conflict. We are delighted that our students are showing empathy and a sense of social responsibility and so will be engaging with the Rotary Club Shoebox Campaign. We would like all year groups to be involved with this and so further information will be shared with the students and families next week. Please look out for an email explaining how you can help.

### **“Undershaw’s Got Talent!” and Red Nose Day – another reminder**

With Red Nose Day fast approaching, we have launched our fundraising event, “Undershaw’s Got Talent!” and your child may have already started rehearsing their act! Red noses are now available to buy at school (£1.50 each). There will also be popcorn available to buy on the day, during the talent show, with all proceeds going to Comic Relief.

### **“Show & Tell” Parent Evening**

You will have seen from Vic’s recent letter that, as a result of your feedback after our last Parent Consultation Evenings, we have listened to your requests to look at your child’s work and have organised an opportunity for students to share their work with you.

We would like to invite you to come into school on Wednesday, 16 March between 3-5pm, with your child, to talk to them about their work and what they are most proud of. If you would like to come into school with your child, please complete the information on the questionnaire below:

### **[Parent and child looking at learning evening](#)**

We hope that you find this a useful and enjoyable evening to share the fantastic work that your child is doing in their lessons, and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, 16 March.

## February's newsletter

Please see the link below for February's newsletter, which can also be found on our website.

<https://undershaw.education/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2022/03/This-is-Us-Undershaw-News-Issue-5.pdf>

## "Positives of the week!"

Thank you again for all your kind and thoughtful emails and comments on Facebook.

*"Being told that the younger students look up to my son and see him as a positive role model speaks volumes. Being in such a warm encouraging and supportive environment at Undershaw has such a wonderful impact on all the students... Keep doing what you're doing, the magic is working!"*

We also had a visit from the Headteacher of another school who said, "What a lovely school, the students are so confident!"

## Upcoming Dates

Finally, another reminder of upcoming dates. Please note these are not exhaustive and updates will be communicated.

Date	Time	Event	Organiser
Mon, 7 Mar	9.00-11.00am	KS2 to Haslemere Museum	Sam/Leigh
Mon, 14-Fri, 18 Mar	British Science Week		Leanne
Wed, 16 Mar	9.30-11.00am	Open Morning for prospective families	Admissions
Wed, 16 Mar	3.00-5.00pm	"Sharing Work" Parent Evening	Vic
Thurs, 17 Mar	9.30-11.00am	Open Morning for prospective families	Admissions
Thurs, 17 Mar	"Undershaw's Got Talent!"		
Fri, 18 Mar	Red Nose Day		
Mon, 21 Mar	9.00am	Parent Pod	Emma
Wed, 23 Mar	9.00am-3.00pm	Yr 9 SATROfest trip, Cobham	Leilah
Wed, 30 Mar	Reports go to Parents (KS2 – Year 10)		
Fri, 1 Apr	Last day of term – finish time of 12 noon		
Tues, 19 Apr	Staff INSET		
Wed, 20 Apr	8.30am	Pupils return – school re-opens	
Mon, 25 Apr	3.30-4.30pm	Parents' Evenings – further details to follow	
Tues, 26 Apr	3.30-4.30pm		
Wed, 27 Apr	3.30-6.30pm		
Thurs, 28 Apr	3.30-4.30pm		
Thurs, 28 Apr	9.30-11.00am	Open Morning for prospective families	Admissions

As always, thank you for your continued support, and please do get in contact should you have anything that you would like to discuss.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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