



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Presdales Rocks

A reminder that Presdales Rocks will be taking place on Monday 17th July. This is always an enjoyable evening, and your child does not need to be taking part for you to attend. Tickets are available on Wisepay and will also be available on the door.

Year 6 to 7 Transition

It does not seem a year ago that we were welcoming our current Year 7 students to Presdales. Yesterday, we had the opportunity of meeting the students that will be joining us in September who enjoyed a day of activities and lessons. Their attitude and excellent behaviour impressed us greatly. Thank you to all the parents who attended in the evening, it was a pleasure to meet you.

History Trip to Berlin

Thank you to the staff who took more than 40 Year 10 students to Berlin last week. They had a fantastic trip immersing themselves in the local culture. A particular thank you to Miss Workman, who organised and led the trip.

Ogden Science Day

On Monday 10th July, Presdales welcomed 90 Year 4 students to take part in our Ogden Science day. Students from Abel Smith, Mill Mead and St John the Baptist schools attended and participated in three interactive workshops. We are extremely proud of our STEM Ambassadors who delivered a fantastic session where the Year 4 students designed structures to deliver eggs safely to different locations on a farm. Thank you to Mr Bedwell who brought the 'WOW' to Physics, entertaining children with lots of fun activities and encouraging them to think about Physics in the world around us. The final session was hosted by Sphere Science, where students made wind-up toys and investigated different variables. Thank you to Mrs Warburton for organising the day.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to the 18 students who completed their Gold practice expedition last week. The students spent four days in Wales, hiking over 50km on hard ground.



The students currently doing their Silver DofE Award have just completed their expedition section today. It was a memorable experience for all with around 18km being walked each day. There was softball and netball played at camp on the last night followed by a dance/sing off around the campfire. Despite it being extremely wet for them on their last day today and a major challenge, all of them finished in excellent spirits and they are looking ahead to signing up to do their Gold Award in September. With their outstanding teamwork and impressive resilience, every participant was a credit to the school.

The majority of students who have been doing their Bronze DofE Award this year have now completed it. Next week, nearly 130 certificates will be given to those who have successfully managed to complete all of the activities and expeditions required, most of whom have already signed up to continue on to do their Silver.

Thank you to Miss Haywood and Mrs McMenamain for supporting the students through their DoE awards this year.

Presdales Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to those of you that have donated uniform. These items will be sold in our second-hand uniform store at a much-reduced cost. Items can be purchased by visiting the school website [here](#). Please complete the expression of interest form or email uniform@presdales.herts.sch.uk with any queries. Any items ordered after Wednesday 19th July will be processed at the start of September.

End of Term

A reminder that the term ends on Thursday 20th July at 12.45pm. The school buses will be as follows;

- The E85 bus will arrive at 12.50pm
- Mick's travel will arrive early
- All other routes will pick up at their normal time

Mick's Travel Service

The company has informed us that the service from Essendon and Little Berkhamsted may not continue in September due to very low numbers. If any new Year 7 students are planning to use the service, then please contact Micks Travel Service directly on mickstravelservice@gmail.com.

Photographer in School

On Tuesday, we will have a professional photographer in school who will be taking photos in lessons. The photos will be used for new artwork around the school as well, as the website. Can I ask that students ensure their uniform is correct and bring in their jumpers, which can be put on for the photos. We will be checking photo permissions before they are taken.

Charlie Waring - Amnesty International

Congratulations to Charlie Waring, Year 13, who has been elected to the Amnesty International UK Board. This is a three-year position. Charlie will be responsible for the strategy, policy and governance of Amnesty International UK. Charlie's election manifesto said:

'Being part of such a powerful movement of human rights defenders is exhilarating and I am forever inspired by the core values that drive Amnesty International UK, such as justice and freedom. I strive to create a positive impact and am standing as a candidate to enthusiastically promote advancements in human rights. I will bring energy, dedication and passion to this position to ensure AIUK continues to be a leading force for human rights. I am a proud representative of Generation Z and will bring a modern perspective to the Board, bringing contemporary issues to the forefront.'

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Regards
Mr M Warren
Headteacher