



From the Headmaster: Weekly Update – 11/03/22

Dear Parents

I am delighted to report that Year 8 pupils have successfully completed their Outdoor Pursuits week in the Lake District with Year 9 pupils poised to depart for their Bushcraft experience in the penultimate week of term. Other external events have also been resumed, including our participation in the National Reading Champions Quiz, run by the National Literacy Trust. Having emerged victorious in the regional heat last week, we will represent south-east London at the national final in May, the fourth time we have reached this stage of the competition in recent years. Huge thanks to Mrs Englefield in the senior school library for all that she continues to do to promote reading at Colfe's.

Our Rugby Sevens teams have also been conspicuously successful, starting with the Year 7 team winning at St Olave's last week and continuing with the victory of the U18 team in the Shield competition in the Kent Championship on Wednesday, defeating Eltham College and Sevenoaks *en route* to victory. Meanwhile Colfe's pupils have continued to excel in the swimming pool with great individual performances and bronze medals for the relay teams in Year 4 and Year 6. Bronze medals were also secured by Year 5 and 6 pupils in cross country tournaments this week and good luck to the Year 6 pupils taking part in an U11s football tournament (south-east division) at The John Lyon School today.

It was a privilege to see acting of the highest quality in the theatre on Wednesday evening from our A level drama candidates. The Scripted Performance element of the course was externally adjudicated, as part of the A level course. This is probably the final occasion on which we will see pupils from this year group on the Colfe's stage and I would like to thank them all (Millie, Issy, Zoe, Emeka, Jack and Laurent) for all they have contributed to the cultural life of the school in recent years.

It was also great to welcome Year 10 pupils from partner schools in the state sector (Addey and Stanhope, Conisborough College, Bonus Pastor, St Paul's Academy, Prendergast Vale and Trinity) for workshops in French, Maths and Art this week. These are important relationships which are mutually beneficial, enabling Colfe's to remain rooted in its local hinterland.

Well done to the winners of the junior school World Book Day menu competition, from nursery to year six respectively: Jack, Selin, Vrinda, Rowan, Leana, Kitty, Harriet and Wilson. Fantastic effort from everyone who entered. The creations really did look good enough to eat!

Huge thanks, in conclusion, to all who have supported the work of junior school parents who are co-ordination the collection of supplies for Ukraine.

With best wishes to all

Richard Russell
Headmaster