

Autumn 2020

Year 7 @ Pilton



Courage ● Resilience ● Responsibility ● Kindness ● Trust ● Respect



We are delighted with how well Year 7 have settled this term at Pilton. Thank you for your continued support in making sure your child is punctual, well-mannered and ready to learn each day.

Despite Covid limitations, we have also seen extensive and enthusiastic support for our extra-curricular activities. We feel this is crucial to pupil health and well-being.

Most students have now received their 100 badge and certificate for positive behaviour, hard work, achievement and displaying our values and many are now heading towards the next milestone of 200. This is a fantastic effort!

Home learning has been steadily increasing across all subject areas. Can we ask you to continue to encourage and support your child with their home learning. We hope you are able to access the work.

This bulletin will give you a flavour of life for our Years 7s at Pilton and we will also soon be sending out some samples of the fabulous work that has been going on this term. We hope you will enjoy seeing it.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy Christmas. We look forward to all the opportunities that the new term in 2021 will bring.

Mrs Druce and Mr Hunt



7JCK have made an excellent start to their time at Pilton. I am new to being a tutor and felt incredibly lucky to start with such a lovely group. I'd like to thank the class for the effort they've made to be ready and willing to learn, and for their kindness to one another; I get so many nominations for Freddo Friday that it's often very difficult to pick just one student! *Miss Jonckheere*



To 7 MAG - You have made a great start to life at secondary school with each and every one of you demonstrating resilience and perseverance. These two key qualities will ensure that you progress and fulfil the potential that I know you have. *Mr Magee*



Hello 7BWE. What a great first term so far filled with many positive points! I've enjoyed getting to know you all, but I'm still a little bit scared that Sarah's snakes will slither out of her bag at some point. Your stories have been interesting (and sometimes a little bit odd) and I'm looking forward to the day that someone works out how to play the Pop Up Pirate game on Fun day Freddo Friday! *Dr. Bowden*



7 RGR 2020: You are the most fantastic tutor group I have ever had (I think you are my sixth group). First to get the whole tutor group to 100 house points. Lovely atmosphere of sharing in PSHE lessons and so many teachers have stopped me in the corridor and said – "What a fantastic group!" *Mr Rogers*



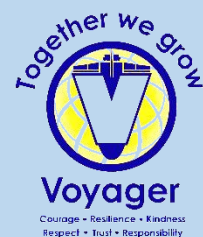
Well done 7GUL for an amazing term so far. It is great to see the way that you have helped support each other and build new friendships. I am proud of your effort and manners around the school. You have shown fantastic positivity and enthusiasm, and I am really pleased to see that we continue to lead the year group for positive behaviour points! Thank you to the parents for helping keep the group organised, smart and on time to school. *Mr Gully*



Well done 7BRK! It's been great getting to know you over the past few weeks and seeing how well you have adapted to life at Pilton. I'm looking forward to all our future adventures. *Mr Brookes*



Dear 7SIM, I'm really proud of how you are settling in at Pilton. Your positivity and enthusiasm makes me smile every day and I'm really enjoying getting to know you all better. Keep looking after each other and filling those buckets! *Mrs Simister*



Dear 7WHA, I've really enjoyed getting to know you all over the past few months and I can see that we will have a lot of fun over the years ahead. You have made a fantastic start, keep up the good work! *Mrs Whalley*

Science @ Pilton



P.E. @ Pilton



Maths @ Pilton



Technology Club @ Pilton



Music @ Pilton

The Music Department is inviting all Year 7 students (and their families) to perform in a virtual Christmas music performance. We may not be able to hold our annual Christmas Concert this year but that won't stop us celebrating the festive season in our usual magical musical style.

If you would like to take part, please record a video of yourself singing along to the [Karaoke King](#) backing track on YouTube of the classic Slade song, 'So Here it is Merry Christmas' Email your singing sensation video via [Wetransfer](#) to Mrs Lang at alang@pilton.college and we will create a fabulously festive video to share on our [website](#).

Please send your videos to Mrs Lang by Friday, 27th November. Christmas costumes encouraged!



National Poetry Day Competition

My Vision

Sometimes I see calm,
 Sometimes I see rough
 Sometimes I see people who I think
 Can't see enough,
 Is it better to step back and think
 About what I see and try to
 Treat others as I hope they will
 Treat me.

Lucy Guppy

Visions

By Niamh Cook

My visions of time to come,
 This is how I see the world will become.
 Dark hot sky reflects on my eye,
 Half the earth on fire,
 This is not what I admire.
 Cracked surface under my feet,
 This is what will happen to the planet we mistreat.
 Fighting to feed, all there is, is still greed.
 Everything nearly gone forever
 Our hope floats away like a swift bird feather.
 My mind seeks reality now,
 If we don't do something, this could come real somehow.

The Lady on the Bus

The lady on the bus just in front of me
 Looked out the window and I wondered what she could see
 Hundreds of cars, driving too fast
 A shopping centre was the next thing we past
 A delivery driver unloading his van
 A lady with a brief case who looked like a man
 The baker stacks his bread up high
 Cakes with pink icing and rows of pies
 Bright green eyes of a stalking black cat
 A red breasted robin and a grey street rat
 As the bus slowed I began to get up
 I picked up my bag and my reusable cup
 When I walked by I looked at her face
 There were no eyes where the eyes should be in place
 She was totally blind and hadn't seen all those things
 Her vision was nothing, I stopped and cringed
 I froze for moment, but then said, "hi, how are you?"
 She turned her empty face and said, "hello to you too"
 In some galaxy, universe or somewhere out there,
 There's a her with eyes and no nightmares
 She's heard the sky is blue and the night is black
 All she really wants is her own eyes back

A Vision

By Molly Brown

I have a vision,
 Of what the world could be,
 Full of satisfaction,
 Where people could be free.

Free of poverty,
 Free of stress,
 No people going hungry,
 In a world full of success.

Less climate change,
 Less plastic in the sea,
 More animals treated kindly,
 Less in captivity.

No more single use,
 And recycling when we can,
 Thought about packaging,
 Put plastic on a ban.

No more bullying,
 Accepting every view,
 Treating people with kindness,
 To not make them feel blue.

This vision of the future,
 May seem very untrue,
 But if you want it to happen,
 Changes must be made by YOU!

What we see

By Lucas McCartney 7GUL

Different people see different things,
 We all have our own point of view,
 When some see a forest, they see a beautiful place,
 Others see a way to make tons of money,
 You could look at a painting, and find it sweet,
 But then there are the people that hate it,
 Some see the beauty of simplicity,
 Some just find it boring and lazy,
 When some look at politicians, they see a bunch of imbeciles,
 While others can look, and come to admire them,
 Everyone has a view, and we must respect it,
 That is how you would like to be treated, right?
 No matter the opinion, we all have vision,
 And we all see what we see.

English Aidan Samia

My days and weeks
 Are blinding together
 In a blur of daylight and darkness
 As being awake state
 While some ambulate state of unknowing
 Or missing the taste of slavers
 While I swallow
 The cardboard seasonal morsels
 Or this still unsavoury

My day and weeks
 Are blinding together
 In distorted shapes
 As I hold on with a slipping grip
 To the edges
 As that was once my life
 Spins by unreconizable
 Like a blurred vision.

Vision

See it oh so clearly
 The sun of things to come
 Feared by so many
 But welcomed still by some

For those where change is constant
 Something not to be feared
 A direction to be focused
 Obstacles to be cleared

Will you just be ready
 Or will you lead the way
 Will you hold the vision
 Or create it some day

Only you will know the answer
 How it all plays out
 When you embrace the vision
 And share what it's about

Reece Kneeshaw

Art @ Pilton



Art @ Pilton



Tree planting @ Pilton



Antarctica Flag competition



Sports Leaders @ Pilton



Nearly seventy Year 7 students have signed up to be Sports Leaders this year. Training starts next week.

Bikeability @ Pilton



We have seen a lot of Pilton students on their Bikeability and life journey and would like to say how far they have developed in all aspects since being at Pilton College. A pleasure to further help them in every respect develop into great people. Always polite, willing to learn and well behaved.

Ian Jewell, Bikeability

Pilton students have set a Devon wide record with more than a hundred Year 7 students already signed up for and starting the Bikeability challenge this year. There are a few more places still available. Click [here](#) for more information and a consent letter which should be returned to Miss Russell at srussell@pilton.college.

What is Mindfulness?

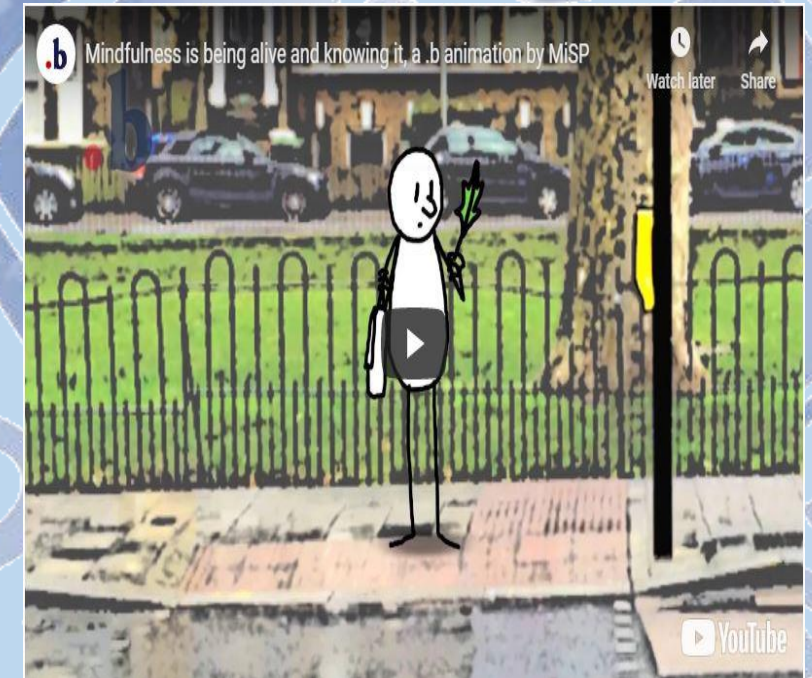
At its most basic level, mindfulness helps train your attention to be more aware of what is actually happening, rather than worrying about what *has* happened or might happen. We learn to bring greater curiosity to whatever it is we experience. Jon Kabat-Zinn, the founding father of secular mindfulness, described this skill as '*being alive and knowing it*'.

.breathe

To help with their transition from Year 6 over the next year, Year 7 students will be following the .breathe course; an introduction to using mindfulness skills and practices.

Over four sessions we will explore what it might be like to be able to stop occasionally. These sessions will be about exploring how often we go through our days in what is sometimes called 'doing mode' – always busy planning, preparing and getting on to the next thing we have to do.

The • before the word 'breathe' in the course name represents a full stop or punctuation mark – an invitation to stop for a while, to breathe and just 'be' for a few moments. Click on the picture to see a short explanatory video.





Reminders

Absences: If your child is absent from school, please ring our absence line on **01271 349010**.

School transport: Please be aware that Stagecoach operates a '**NO PASS NO TRAVEL**' policy and will not allow students to travel on the bus without fare (if fare paying) or without a bus pass. It is now **compulsory** for all students to wear face masks whilst travelling on school transport. Anyone not complying to the above can risk being refused travel on the school bus.

Masks in school: Masks must be worn at all times in school corridors. Please ensure that your child has their own mask.

Please label belongings: Please help to reduce the number of lost items by making sure that all your child's belongings are named (especially P.E. kit) so that they can quickly be reunited with their owner.

Access to the school site: Please be aware that **cars are not permitted to access the school site to drop off or collect students**, unless extenuating circumstances have been agreed.

Communication: Letters sent home to parents and carers can also be viewed on our website [here](#).

Signing in and out: Students must **sign in** and **sign out** at Reception if they are leaving school for an appointment or arriving at school late for any reason.

