

Excellence in Pupil Development and Leading Parent Partnership Awards

Staff and pupils at Ethos College are excited to be working towards achieving two awards through Award Place, this academic year, these are the Excellence in Pupil Development Award and the Leading Parent Partnership Award.

Excellence in Pupil Development Award

The aim of the award is to support us in continuing to embed a culture and ethos in which pupils' personal attributes and attitudes can grow and flourish. This award offers a structured framework to evaluate and enrich our pastoral curriculum. It will support us in developing pupil's personal attributes and attitudes, such as self-confidence, resilience and self-discipline. With a focus on involving local and national organisations, it will help us prepare pupils for life in modern Britain.

The key areas of the award that we have been focussing on are: Curriculum, Behaviour, Responsible Citizens, Local partnerships, External organisations and Professional Development.



Leading Parent Partnership Award

The aim of the award is to support our work in partnership with all parents and carers; increasing parental participation in school life leading to improved pupil progress, punctuality, attendance and behaviour. The framework supports us to encourage parents to be involved in their children's learning, leading to improved outcomes in all aspects of school life.

The key areas of the award that we have been focussing on are: Transition, Participation, Communication, Guidance, Induction, Home-school links.

We have our interim assessment booked in on 14th May 21 and look forward to keeping you informed of our progress.



Hampers that Help

The school council have been looking for projects to lead on and become involved with. They found out that patients in hospitals weren't allowed visitors at present; which meant that they were missing out on being stocked up with essential they need. The council members decided that they wanted to donate much needed toiletries for patients at a local hospital. One student council member, in particular, worked very hard with the help of Saima, to collect toiletries and went shopping with Lee to top up supplies, with the kind donation of a voucher. The toiletries were parcelled up ready to distribute. Through Amreen, a collection was organised by the hospital. Well done everyone, great team effort by all!



Kirsty, who visited Ethos College to collect the hampers, was really impressed with the love, care and effort that had gone into making each and every one. Kirsty followed this by saying it was an “absolute pleasure” and “a real credit to the college”. The staff on Wards 8 and 9 at Dewsbury District Hospital “were absolutely touched by the efforts the students have clearly gone to with the lovely thoughtful gesture”.

A blast from the past!



Just before the Christmas break, an ex Ethos pupil came to visit staff and pupils. He spent time in some of the groups and enjoyed being able to offer help and support to pupils with their work. When he left, he wrote a letter to say although he is enjoying college he is missing Ethos a lot and appreciates the help that he received to get into college. Bailey went on to say that he was so happy that he had had the chance to attend

Ethos College and that the positive impact and improvement that Ethos had on his grades “absolutely baffles” him. Bailey continued to say that Ethos was truly a place that treated him “fairly and with respect. If every school was like Ethos it would be so much better”.

We are really proud of Bailey and how far he has come and the achievements he made, and continues to make. We look forward to seeing him again in the near future!

Ethos (to the) Animal Rescue!

Whilst mountain biking, in Middleton Woods Leeds, the pupils from Group 6 noticed a lost dog sat in a small stream. A member of the group walked up to the dog and she immediately crawled into the pupil's arms. The pupils had a look around to see if a possible owner could be seen; however, there was nobody else in sight. The group showed great care and responsibility in getting the dog safely to the minibus and they set off to a local vets to see if the dog was microchipped.

Unfortunately, the dog didn't have a microchip so she accompanied the group back to school. The young people discussed ways to verify any potential owner that came forward to ensure the dog was returned to the rightful owner; including asking for pictures of the dog or checking to see if she responded to the name given.

Through the magic of Facebook, the owner was found. Later that evening, and once the owners photos were verified, Phil took Bonnie and reunited her with her owner. He was so pleased to see Bonnie again and asked his thanks to be passed on to the pupils.

In their English lessons later on in the week, the pupils wrote diary entries from Bonnie's point of view.

Well done Group 6 for the maturity that you all demonstrated!



Date for your diary:

It might seem a long way off but, we just want to let you know that exam results will be issued to pupils on

Thursday 12th August 2021

This is a change to the previously notified date of 27th August. A letter with more details about how and when to collect results will be issued to all pupils and their parents/carers in the summer term.



Have you had your cornflakes?

Kellogg's has awarded Ethos College £1,000 to enhance the breakfast club and help feed children in the morning.

Rebecca Smith said: "We are so grateful to receive this generous donation. We have since been able to purchase resources to enhance our breakfast offer for all pupils".



Celebrating Attendance

On February 26th, we held a belated Celebration Assembly for the pupils at Ethos College.

It is always a lovely occasion to be able to come together and share the successes with everyone. At the moment we have to hold our assembly virtually; however, it is still the best part of our role! Being able to reward academic success alongside vocational and nurture superstars is extremely rewarding for all staff.



Attendance is always key in the celebration event and we saw Group 1 take the Group attendance award, for the second time in a row. For their last reward they celebrated together with a Fish and Chip lunch. It is very clear that, here at Ethos College, our pupils understand how important attendance is and its key to their success in learning and achieving. These events are to recognise individuals and to show how proud we all are.

The Medical Team also celebrated success and were able to deliver rewards to ten of our well deserving pupils, through staff nominations.

We will be meeting again to celebrate success on 26th March and we look forward to sharing this with you in the new term.

Staying Safe Online

Every year, there are reports relating to the most common and worst passwords in use. The data comes from where there has been a hack or a leak, so it's perhaps not a true reflection of the passwords that are in use. Nevertheless, it never ceases to amaze that the same passwords are used over and over again; particularly when there are so many ways in which you can use good, long and complex password managers via a password manager app, web browser etc.

Worst 10 passwords:

- senha
- 1234567890
- 12345
- 123123
- 111111



- password
- picture1
- 12345678
- 123456
- 000000