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Value for this half term: **Love**

Theme for this week (13 - 19 March 2023): **Love for your enemies**

Life Skills theme for the week: **We are aware of our own strengths and weaknesses**

As you may well be aware, last week was very busy with the visit to the Norfolk Skills & Careers Festival (Year 9) and Question Time with MPs (Year 11). This week also features a number of exciting events including ongoing preparation for 'Annie Jr', Year 11 GCSE Music Performance and Friday's Red Nose Day. Please visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.

On Monday, the Spectacular Science Show (Year 6, 7 & 8) brings science to life during British Science Week. For those who don't know, British Science Week is actually a ten-day festival of many events across the UK celebrating science, engineering, technology and maths (STEM). Coordinated by the British Science Association and funded by UK Research & Innovation (UKRI), events are targeted at anyone and everyone. The idea behind the programme is to raise awareness, spark enthusiasm and celebrate STEM with people of all ages and from all walks of life. For more information and packs with activities to complete at home, click [here](#).

Tying in with our interest in science and love for the world around us, many of our students have started watching the new David Attenborough nature series, "Wild Isles". There are some lovely resources that may be of interest to budding naturalists [here](#).

A Prayer for Nature

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,
For the salt sea and the running water,
For the everlasting hills
And the never-resting winds,
For trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses
By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendour of the summer fields,
And taste of the autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
And smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
And save our souls from being so blind
That we pass unseeing

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When even the common thorn bush
Is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator,
Who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen

Lent is a time for reflection

Using resources from the Archbishops' Young Leaders Award, we continue to focus on one of the different communities to which our students belong.

Previous week's resources focused on *Family, Friends and School*; this week's AYLA resources - focusing on *Community* - can be found [here](#) (slides 15-18). The resources encourage us to reflect on words from the Bible, and then to look outwards, to speak, give, act and pray.

Attendance and Punctuality Matters

Over recent weeks, we have highlighted the importance of excellent attendance and the key role it plays in helping every student to flourish. It is also vital to be punctual to school at the start of the day, and on time for all lessons.

To illustrate: arriving three minutes late at the start of each day adds up to three whole lost days over the course of the year. Arriving fifteen minutes late each day is equivalent to being absent for two weeks of the school year. Arriving thirty minutes late in the morning is the same as being absent for nineteen school days a year!

Please help your child/ren to be on time and organised each morning by encouraging them to pack their bags the night before and to leave things that they need for school near the door.

Key events

Mon 13 March - Y10s Exams (2) begin

Tues 14 March - Year 11 GCSE Music Performance (Studio)

Weds 15 March - Catering Trip Information Evening (Studio)

Weds 15 & Thurs 16 March - Proposed NEU National Strike Days

Fri 17 March - Red Nose Day - various events: please wear red accessories and bring some cash to donate to charity and join in fun activities (including 'Pie the Teacher')

Tues 21 March - 'Annie Jr' (arrive at 18:30 for refreshments; curtain up at 19:00)

Thurs 23 March - 'Annie Jr' (arrive at 18:30 for refreshments; curtain up at 19:00)

Please remember to purchase **'Annie Jr' tickets** for Tuesday 21 March or Thursday 23 March. There is more information about this [here](#).

Donations

And finally - a huge thank you to all those who donated sugar for the 'Christmas School Sugar Collection'. We recently received a lovely letter from the charity coordinator, Helen Lamb, thanking us for contributing to a collection of over three and a half tonnes of sugar to directly help the homeless and those in crisis at Christmas. Please see Helen's letter [here](#).