



Principals' Letter – Autumn Term 2019 Week ending 29th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Isn't it always the way that when you have less time you always try to squeeze in more! It certainly feels a little like that this week, it has been busy with trips and culture galore! Our week finished rewarding fantastic students who received a Golden Ticket from their teachers for 'Being a Good Role Model' and those who received an Advent Calendar for being Top Achievers for their House.

First Aid Reminders: A few reminders about the first aid systems in place here at Passmores Academy:

- 1 If your child is too unwell to remain at school, a member of the First Aid team will call you and ask you to collect your child. If you are unable to collect, we ask you to ask a responsible adult to come and collect them. Students are not allowed to leave school without an adult collecting them when they are unwell.
- 2 If your child requires medication during the school day, please ensure it is clearly labelled with your child's name and the dosage required and handed to a member of the First Aid team at the start of the day. It is the responsibility of parents / carers to ensure the medication in school is in date.
- 3 Please remember we are a **nut free** school. Please ensure there are no nuts in packed lunches or snacks that are brought into school. This includes ingredients for Food Tech lessons.
- 4 Please remember that body sprays, perfumes and air fresheners should not be used in school.
- 5 Students who have a medical condition must have a care plan which is regularly updated. If your child has a medical condition that we are not aware of, or their existing medical condition has changed, please contact the school and we will send you a blank care plan to complete.
- 6 It is essential that we have a minimum of three up to date contact numbers for every student in case of an emergency. If your number has changed or you wish to add new emergency contacts to your child's information, please contact Student Services.

Thank you in advance for your support in these important matters. Your child's health and safety is always our priority.

A Taste of Victory: At Passmores, we have been entering the Futurechef competition for the past 12 years, reaching the National final stage three times. Today, **George Murray** and **Daisy Pearson** went head to head to vie for their place in yet another final. There are four stages in total and all Year 9 food students enter at the school heat stage, with an optional entry for Year 10 and 11 students. If they are successful, they will progress through the local final, then the regional final and then onto the main event itself.

Daisy prepared Honey-glazed pork & fried rice, served with spring rolls and sweet and sour sauce. For dessert she made banana fritters with ginger cream. George created a main course of Moroccan meatballs with spiced apricot puree, tempura aubergine discs and tabbouleh, and for dessert he served a Fig tart.

After a tough and very high standard of competition today, news has just come in that that George achieved first place and Daisy came third, being only one mark away from second place. George is now through to the Regional stages of the competition which are held in February. The website link for the competition is below:

<https://futurechef.uk.net/>

House Events Results for Year 7 and 8:

YEAR 7	Rugby	Netball	Short Tennis	TOTAL	
DRAGON	100	50	60	210	2nd
GRIFFIN	75	60	100	235	1st
LION	50	75	50	175	3rd
UNICORN	60	100	75	235	1st

YEAR 8	Rugby	Netball	Short Tennis	TOTAL	
DRAGON	60	75	100	235	1st
GRIFFIN	75	60	75	210	2nd
LION	50	100	50	200	3rd
UNICORN	100	50	60	210	2nd

FOCUS ON LION HOUSE ACHIEVEMENT: This week we have the Top Thirty Passmores Points earners in Lion House so far this year:

Amy Bryson	L4 KJR	583	Year 7
Daisy Burbeck	L5 ROH	535	Year 7
Adam Filipek	L3 RAD	485	Year 8
Niamh Warman	L2 ABM	482	Year 7
David Griffiths	L3 RAD	475	Year 8
Erin Murphy	L2 ABM	468	Year 7
Marcus De Freitas Sousa	L2 ABM	454	Year 8
Selene Virga	L2 ABM	439	Year 7
Maheen Anwar	L7 AFY	435	Year 7
Caitlyn Daly	L3 RAD	428	Year 7
Gracie Morris	L1 SGR	423	Year 7
Gemma McAusland	L5 ROH	419	Year 7
Archie May-Denton	L6 JSD	418	Year 7
Faith Horn	L2 ABM	418	Year 7
Demi Pite	L6 JSD	417	Year 7
Louise Lai	L2 ABM	412	Year 8
Toby Palmer	L4 KJR	408	Year 8
Lucy Martin	L3 RAD	402	Year 7
Aimee O'Connor	L3 RAD	401	Year 7
Sienna Mensah	L6 JSD	401	Year 7
Freddie Hardie	11L1 DES	398	Year 11
Scarlet Webber	L5 ROH	393	Year 9
Jessica Richards	L6 JSD	390	Year 9
Alfie Liddle	L3 RAD	383	Year 7
James Evans	L8 GMR	377	Year 7
Molly Watson	L3 RAD	374	Year 9
Faye O'Reilly	L3 RAD	374	Year 8
Jack Mascal	L9 MMR	367	Year 9
Kiera Glover	L1 SGR	364	Year 9
Riley McFall	L1 SGR	360	Year 8

English Puzzles:

Year 7 – 19th Century Literature - *A Christmas Carol*, written by Charles Dickens

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Year 8 – Short Stories – *Lamb to the Slaughter* – Roald Dahl

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Key Stage Four – Shakespeare – *Macbeth*

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English Puzzles Answers from last week:

Year 7 – 19th Century Literature - *A Christmas Carol*, written by Charles Dickens

- Unhallowed = Something that is not holy
Morose = A bleak outlook or attitude
Ominous = To give an impression of doom or imply bad things will happen
Solitude = A person who is alone

Year 8 – Short Stories – *Journey by Night*, written by Undine Giuseppi

- Instinctively = To act without conscious thought
Semidarkness = A light level when it is possible to see, but not clearly
Standstill = A situation where there is no movement
Fumbled = To handle something clumsily




Key Stage Four – Shakespeare – *Macbeth*

- Accurse = Curse or declare to be evil
Benison = A spoken blessing
Equivocator = A respondent who avoids giving a clear direct answer
Knell = The sound of a bell rung slowly to announce death
Prattler = Someone who speaks in a childish way

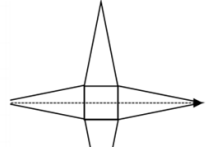
Maths Problem of the Week:

If it takes 4 people 20 hours to decorate 200 biscuits, how long would it take 5 people?

Maths Solution for last week:

Calculate the area of the square $6 \times 6 = 36 \text{ cm}^2$ 	Calculate the area of the triangle $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 4 = 12 \text{ cm}^2$ 	If the triangle has an area of 40 cm^2 calculate the height $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times h = 40$ $5h = 40$ $h = 8 \text{ cm}$ 
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The logo shown below has a total area of 125 cm^2 and the square has side length 5 cm. Calculate the width of the logo

$5 \times 5 = 25 \text{ cm}^2$ 4 triangles have an area of 100 cm^2 1 triangle has an area of 25 cm^2 $\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times h = 25$ $h = 10 \text{ cm}$		Total width $10 \text{ cm} + 5 \text{ cm} + 10 \text{ cm} = 25 \text{ cm}$
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Book Reviews:

Frozen Charlotte – Alex Bell. Review by Sophie Roythorne

Sophie goes off to stay with her cousins; Cameron, Piper and Lillas, while her parents are in New York. She finds out more about her cousin Rebecca, who died years ago. Sophie and her cousin Cameron become better friends and begin to understand each other. She ventures into Rebecca's old room, full of her old favourite Frozen Charlotte dolls, and hears voices and strange noises coming from the walls. She begins to find out the truth about the dolls and gains too much information, Piper is not who she seems.

This book would be good for teens (13+). It would interest people who like horror stories and things to do with the paranormal, as this is the genre of the book.

Animal Farm – Review by Mr Lovell

George Orwell's darkly humorous take on the Russian Revolution is as relevant and riveting as it was 75 years ago when first published.

It begins as the inspirational boar Old Major rouses the animals of Manor Farm to rebel against the cruel and tyrannical Mr Jones. Once Jones is ousted, the vacuum creates a life or death power struggle between two pigs, idealistic Snowball and the scheming Napoleon.

Orwell's cynicism and sharp wit coaxes the reader into the twisted world of the communist leadership and propaganda tactics, inviting us to balk at the cruelty, flagrant lies and misdirection that was employed both on Manor Farm and the Soviet Union.

By the end of the book, both the animals and the reader will struggle to see the difference between the pigs and the humans they fought so hard to replace.

Sports Fixtures:

Monday 2 nd December:	U14 Girls Football Essex Cup at Home 2.30pm
Wednesday 4 th December :	U13 Boys Football Essex Cup away to St Martins 3.00pm
	Year 7a and b Girls Netball against Sir Frederick Gibbard at Home 3.30pm
Thursday 5 th December:	Year 9 Boys Futsal Tournament at Home 4.00pm

Forthcoming Events

Friday 29 th November	-	INSET DAY
Monday 2 nd December	-	Christmas Lunch – Year 11
Tuesday 3 rd December	-	Christmas Lunch – Year 10
Wednesday 4 th December	-	Christmas Lunch – Year 9
Thursday 5 th December	-	Christmas Lunch – Year 8
Friday 6 th December	-	Christmas Lunch – Year 7
Friday 6 th December	-	FOPS Xmas Fayre 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 12 th December	-	ASPIRE DAY
Friday 13 th December	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 th December	-	Senior Citizens Christmas Party 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 18 th December	-	Technology Winter Showcase Years 7-10 - 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday 18 th December	-	Passmores Christmas Concert 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Friday 20 th December	-	Early Closure for students for Christmas – 1.25pm
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	-	Spring Term starts.
Wednesday 8 th January 2020	-	Year 11 Parents' Evening

Forthcoming House Events

Tuesday 3 rd December	-	House Event Year 11, Netball and Rugby, afterschool
Wednesday 4 th December	-	House Event Year 10, Lunch A, Short Tennis
Thursday 5 th December	-	House Event Year 9, Lunch B, Short Tennis



Natalie Christie & Vic Goddard
Co-Principals of Passmores Academy



Passmores Christmas Fayre



Friday 6th December 2019 6pm to 8.30pm

Entry Adults £1, School-aged children 50p

Many Different Stalls

Including

**Crafts, Lucky Dip, Jewellery, Decorations, Gifts,
Pet Accessories, Clothing, Toys, Hot Food, Candles, Hand
Bag Mad, Face Painting, Cup Cakes and Hip Hop Pop.**





Tomorrow's Teachers

Inspire the next generation of teachers in your classroom

Open for Year 10/11 Students

- This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a certificate with the UK's leading private provider for teacher training.
- The session will run across the Aspire Day in December and involves both Primary and Secondary teaching.
- If you are interested please see Mr Walsh or email him on g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com

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