



4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope this finds you well.

Thinking about children and young people in Ukraine.

I know that many of our students are worried and concerned for the children and young people in Ukraine at the moment. This week I had the pleasure of meeting with a few concerned and impassioned PHSG students to talk about what we might do in school to let our voice be heard. During the meeting we came up with a plan of action that centres on humanitarian concern. On Thursday 10th March, students will be invited to wear an accessory in the colours of the Ukraine flag to highlight their concern for the children and young people in Ukraine.

The accessory can be a hair band, broach, arm band, scrunchie, wrist band, shoelaces or ankle band. If students would like, we will take photos of them wearing their accessories and post on our website. Our Head Student, Esther, will write a piece to go on the website along with any pictures we have to promote what our students are doing. Esther has also recommended two charities for us to support, Save the Children and Unicef. Should you wish to make a contribution to these charities, you can use the following links. [Unicef](#) and/or [Save the Children](#). To be clear, if students want to take part and wear a yellow and blue accessory on 10th March, they will not have to make a payment in school or need to make an online payment, contributing is optional.

PHSG's got talent.

We will be taking part in a Trust wide competition to showcase the talents our students possess. The idea is that students record a 2 min video of themselves (or a group) performing their talent. The talent can be anything they like, perhaps; dancing (modern, jazz, ballet, street, disco), singing, a drama piece, a sports skill, poetry reading, public speaking, paper folding, physical puzzle solving, diving, mountain biking etc.

The entries will be judged alongside the entries from students from across the Trust. The deadline for entries to school is Wednesday 25th May and should be sent to Miss Benwell as a video file. We will then send all of our entries in for Trust wide judging. In the video, students will need to introduce themselves and their school and give a very brief description of their talent, then perform it. The performance part should be no more than 2 minutes long. The judging will be on the talent and not on the video quality of the skills so students can use their phones or other devices. We are really looking forward to seeing what our students come up with.



Comic relief 18th March - mufti

There will be a mufti day and activities on the 18th March for Comic relief. Students are invited to come to school in mufti and all donations and monies raised from the activities will go to Comic relief. Students will get more details on the red nose day activities in due course.

Gym and dance festival.

I am delighted to announce that following the lifting of restrictions, we can return to our customary festivals. The gym and dance festival will be on the last day of term, Thursday 7th April. This will also be a mufti day, but we will not be collecting any money. We will be finishing school at the normal time on 7th April

1.15pm finish on March 15th

Please remember that students will be leaving school at 1.15pm on the 15th March. Teachers will set work to be completed at home for the missed period. This is to enable Trust wide teacher development.

Very best wishes,

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.