



# The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

## 10.05.21

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin for week commencing 10 May 2021. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website [here](#).



### Headteacher's message

***“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself”.*** This quote from Henry Ford is the inspiration for our assemblies next week, emphasising to our students the value of working as a team to make great things happen. It is an aspect of our academy that we are very proud of. We have had a number of prospective new staff visit the academy this week and all of them commented on the strong sense of teamwork and 'family' feel they got from walking around the site and meeting students and staff.

One of the ways we must continue to work as a team at the moment is through regular lateral flow testing at home. The DfE wrote to all schools this week to emphasise the importance of students reporting the results of their twice-weekly tests. If your child is participating in this testing programme - and I know that the majority of our students are - please do continue to log their results online so we can help to safeguard our community.

I was delighted to hear from the organisers of the Misbourne Trail Run that all plans are in place to hold the event this Autumn. I know that it was very disappointing that the run had to be cancelled last year as a result of the pandemic, so it is wonderful to see that plans are now well underway for it to go ahead later this year. Full details of how you can enter are later in this bulletin - we very much hope you're able to join us for what is always a great event and a true demonstration of #TeamMisbourne in action. We will be running an internal competition between our four new schools to see who gets the most entries into the run and then extra points for how well they do. We hope that as a school we will be able to have our usual sports day in July, which will serve as a good warm-up for our budding young athletes. For the rest of us perhaps starting with a couch to 5K programme will help to get us in the necessary mental and physical shape!

With best wishes,

**Jo Meloni**

## Hot chocolate with the Head

Congratulations to all the Year 7 nominees that joined Ms Meloni for hot chocolate this week. They were nominated for a variety of reasons, including earning the most achievements points so far this term; fantastic engagement with their studies; being supportive and polite at all times; helping a new student to settle into The Misbourne; working hard and being a lovely member of their form group. Ms Meloni said she loved hearing about all of the things the students liked about being at The Misbourne and how happy they were to be back in school full time. Some even asked for more homework and one student managed to join her virtually via Teams as he was resting a damaged knee at home but did not want to miss out on the reward. Well done to them all!



## Whole school notices

Week commencing 10.05.21 is timetable week A.

### Attendance

If your child is unwell or unable to attend lessons for any other exceptional or unavoidable reason, please let us know by 8.30am in the usual way each morning (by emailing

[attendance@themisbourne.co.uk](mailto:attendance@themisbourne.co.uk)). For all other correspondence about your child, please continue to use the relevant school base email account so we can achieve consistency and clarity of communication.

### **Illness at school**

May we remind families that, if a student feels unwell at school, they must report to the student welfare officer who will assist them and, if absolutely necessary, contact their family to send them home. It is important that students follow the correct procedure and do not contact home themselves. This can lead to worry for families and to students missing school unnecessarily. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## **Covid-19 information**

### **At home lateral flow testing**

Please continue to ensure that all participating students carry out lateral flow tests twice weekly at home and upload their results onto [www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result](http://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result). Please notify the school immediately if your child receives a positive test result.

The Department for Education has written to all schools this week emphasising the importance of reporting the results of the Lateral Flow Tests. It said:

### **We need to understand the amount of Covid circulating in the (school) community**

We cannot get a clear picture of COVID-19 rates within the community if tests are not reported. This includes reporting negative test results, of which most tests are.

Staff, students and pupils should share their result, whether void, positive or negative, with Test and Trace to help with contact tracing.

### **Reporting testing will not lead to more school closures**

Instead, by reporting tests, staff, students and pupils are able to help councils and local health officials understand the community rates of infection better, enabling them to identify any possible outbreaks early and to take appropriate action in order to help to break chains of transmission.

Staff, students and pupils should share **positive** results with their school so that *if positive*, immediate contact tracing can take place in school. Void and negative results are also useful information for schools both to monitor stocks of kits and to identify any issues that might need escalating to DfE or NHS Test & Trace.

### **Test and trace support payments are available to eligible parents who are asked to isolate as a result of their child's need to isolate.**

To read the full information issued by the Department for Education, please follow this [link](#).

All information and guidance relating to Covid-19 in our school environment is in the [Covid-19 Information Hub](#) on our website.

## Careers News

The Buckinghamshire Local Skills Report (launched last week) brings together an analysis of the County's **skills priorities** and examples of local employer-education collaboration with the actions we believe need to be taken forward to ensure individuals and employers have the skills they need for future success.

Please click on the [link](#) to find out more about the opportunities in Buckinghamshire and watch the adjacent video.



## Misbourne 5k & 10k Trail Run - open for entries

We are pleased to announce that entries are now open for the Misbourne 5k and 10k Trail Runs on 9 October 2021. [Click here](#) to go to the official website to enter.



## Wellbeing

Next week is **Mental Health Awareness Week**. Hosted by the Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Awareness Week will take place from 10-16 May 2021. More information can be found [here](#).

The theme of Mental Health Awareness Week this year is 'Nature'. Everlief has shared this fabulous [article](#) which explains exactly why getting out in nature is so vital to mental health. [Dr Lucy Russell](#) also includes getting outdoors as one of her three top tips in this [article](#). On the same theme, perhaps the antithesis of "nature" is screen time! Dr Russell wrote this [article](#) recently which you may find interesting.

Finally, we are aware that families are under a lot of pressure at the moment and parental self-care is more important than ever. Everlief has shared their '[Your Parent Self-Care Guide](#)', which many families may find helpful.



## **Inter-school competitions: final chance to enter**

A reminder that students have this weekend to finalise their entries for either - or both - of our inter-school competitions. Our Diversity competition and Bake Off contest close on Monday 10 May. Full details are in these posters. We look forward to judging the entries!



# Diversity Competition

Who should we know about and celebrate?

- Create a poster to highlight someone from a minority/under-represented community that we should know about:
  - Tell us the name and age of that person
  - The minority/under-represented group they are part of
  - Why you think we should know about them

Entry deadline: Monday 10 May 2021  
Submit your entry to your form tutor or school base



## THE MISBOURNE INTER-SCHOOL BAKE OFF

Theme of 'lockdown' - baked goods which represent the last 12 months.  
These could reflect anything from the NHS, mask wearing, rainbows, etc. (teacher's own interpretation)

Have baking heats for all year groups

- Deadline for judging is Monday 18th May 2021
- Winners and runners up announced for the final round Thursday 13th May 2021

Final round to be held after school w/c 17th May 2021

- Winners and runners up from four smaller schools to compete in a final round
- Winner and runners up to then be announced w/c 24th May 2021

To enter please contact: Mrs Cato in Room 106  
Or by email on: KCato@themisbourne.co.uk

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## Year group-specific notices

### YEAR 7

**Homework schedule:** Please [click here](#) to see the homework timetable for the Summer term.

### YEAR 8

**Homework schedule:** Please [click here](#) to see the homework timetable for the Summer term.

### YEAR 11

**Guidance meetings:** Every student will be offered a guidance meeting over the next two school weeks to support their plans for the next academic year, whether that is moving up to our Sixth Form or another school, college or apprenticeship. Students will be made aware of their appointment time and venue. We are utilising form time, Learning for Life and PE lessons for these meetings. If students have any problems with their meeting time they should contact Ms Shaw in reception.

## **YEAR 12**

**Work experience:** Mrs Hill has launched our 2021 Work Experience programme and a link to the information letter is [here](#).

## **YEAR 13**

**Final day plans:** Thursday 27 May will be the students' last compulsory day in school and we will be writing home to families shortly with more information about our exciting plans for the day for the students.