

Friday 19th January 2024

Headlines from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share the exciting news of a positive start to the term, where our students have developed enthusiasm and engagement in learning. It warms our hearts to witness their thriving participation in various activities.

Our Prosper Programme is well underway, offering personalised therapeutic support tailored to meet the unique needs of each pupil. From Draw to Talk, Sand Tray therapy, and ELSA sessions to wellness cooking, therapeutic music and art, Lego therapy, and 1:1 sessions with Sophie, our dedicated Therapeutic Lead—the range of offerings is diverse and designed to nurture the well-being of every student.

Wellness has taken centre stage with activities like wellness cooking contributing to a positive and nurturing environment.



Creativity is flourishing through various channels, including Sand Tray, ELSA, Art, Music, and Cooking, all contributing to a holistic approach to student well-being. We believe in the power of personalised therapeutic support, and the Prosper Programme is actively shaping a successful and fulfilling term for our students.

Other updates include the addition of our new playground equipment in the lower school playground. This is meeting the need of many of our pupils who have a sensory desire to climb.

The positive energy room is well underway with the new soft flooring laid. Heavy exercise ropes are to be installed and a variety of sensory throwing equipment will be in place.

Children have been participating in inter-school football matches and their sportsmanship behaviours are improving day on day.



We have welcomed some new members to the team this term and are looking forward to the arrival of our new outdoor education coach on 29th January. Terri has made the move from Scotland and brings with her Jasper, the therapy dog, who students got to meet this week on a brief visit. Jasper will be in school most days, supporting the whole community.



I would also like to share a very important statistic with you with regards to attendance; did you know that missing one day of school a week amounts to a loss of two years of education for a young person. This has a massive impact on outcomes and in ensuring a positive future for our children. Please do all that you can to ensure your child attends school.

We are beginning our parent workshop sessions this term with one around SLEEP HYGIENE and the importance of this for young people. This will be led by Sophie House (therapeutic lead) on **Wednesday 31st January at 3.15 in the Prosper Cafe**. Please confirm your attendance by contacting our admin team by Friday 26th January on 01803 665522, or email admin@brunelschool.org

We are thrilled to report that the positive energy is resonating within our community. As we continue this journey into wellness, safety and aspiration, we extend our gratitude for your ongoing support. Together, we look forward to a term filled with growth, connection, and success for every pupil.

Warm regards,

Vikki Alden,
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