

Hello Everyone,



This week we welcomed Mr Paul Watkins to school who has joined us as a Primary Teacher. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mr Watkins the very best as he settles into life at TBS.

“Hello there! I'm Mr Watkins and I will be joining you at Two Boats school to teach Year 3 and 4. I have been teaching in big and little schools for over 23 years in Salford, Oldham and Rochdale. Recently, I spent 3 years working in the Falkland Islands so I'm glad to be going somewhere warm! My hobbies are playing cricket (badly), hiking and watching Manchester United draw or lose on a regular basis”.



On Wednesday this week a new student joined our Reception class. Welcome to TBS Jasmine, we all hope you have a lovely time here with us and that you make lots of new friends.

House Points

Well done to Elliots for retaining the house cup this week. Congratulations to Elliots house. Stars of the week were Erin in Primary and Riley in Secondary. Congratulations to both students.



Enjoy the long weekend!

Tania Maggott
Head Teacher

Anti-Bullying Week – CHOOSE RESPECT

Well, it's been another busy though short week here at Two Boats School. We started off our Anti-Bullying week on Monday with several activities, in class and during our break times. The friendship bracelet making has been very popular, as was the Lego Tower making House competition – well done to Elliotts for the overall tallest tower, although special mentions for the Dampiers team for their creativity, and to Cronks for making a very practical agricultural option!



The Positivity Post has also been popular. Some of the comments (which we've kept anonymous to save blushes) have been really heart-warming including:

'I will be your friend, if you have no friends or are lonely'
'I like all the fun and games you come up with.'
'You're funny, fast and a very good friend!'
'You make me smile, laugh and brighten up my day!'



Tuesday was Odd Socks Day to demonstrate that all of us are different but equal.

The week then continued with lots of fun events. The 'Choose Respect' logo individual T-shirt designs have shown how wonderfully creative our students are.



(Top L-R: students creating T-Shirt logos)

The 'Paint a Buddy Bench' activity was also really exciting. Lots of colour and great imaginative ideas. Once completed, these benches can now be used in the KS2 and Senior's break areas to provide a space for students to sit if they feel they need some friendship support. The EYFS class made their own banner too which will now go up outside in the KS1 playground for a while.



(Top L-R: Students painting benches and work in progress banner)

Interestingly, the year 7s had created a 'Proud Work' blog to highlight some recent work they were particularly pleased with, and this had been cruelly trolled by some anonymous online user! Although unpleasant, this enabled the year 7s, and year 8&9s to have some good discussions in PSHE about how to deal with online abuse and hate speak, so in the end it was a useful opportunity. As the Island opens up more to the digital online world, via Starlink and other providers, it's important that our students become more aware of the dangers and issues that might arise, and how to be alert to and deal with them. We hope the 'Proud Work' site will be up and available via our TBS Ascension Facebook site soon, minus any negative reactions! Then you can all marvel at and post some positive comments about the great work our students are producing.

The week culminated in the School Council Assembly where the students shared their thoughts about what choosing respect actually meant.



Coming together
Helping each other
One Love
One community
Supporting
Everyone together, feeling safe.

Raising awareness
Everyone included
Sending
Positive Messages
Each and everyone
Choosing respect
Together as one.

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More of Speaker Bear's Journey.....



