



# "MOWDEN MATTERS"

The definitive guide to Pastoral Matters at Mowden Hall School

Oct '23

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the two week half term break - I hope you managed to make the most of it, despite the weather, and the children have returned ready for the second half of term. I wanted to hold off this edition as it needed to include the now-formed Wellbeing Ambassador Team, who were presented with their badges just yesterday. This team will change each half term, allowing for many of the 75 (!) volunteers to be Ambassadors over the coming months. I look forward to seeing what ideas they can come up with to better support the children and staff at Mowden!

Mr P. Sturt

In the Pre-Prep, children put in a great deal of effort towards their Harvest Festival - it was a wonderful experience and they remembered their lines beautifully!



Anti-Bullying Week 2023 will take place on **Mon 13th - Fri 17th November**. We will be marking this with an assembly and taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday - wackiest socks possible please - both for school uniform and games sessions too!!!

## CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

The Children's Commissioner sent out some interesting research regarding attendance at school, which follows nicely on from Mr Hadfield's notes on attendance at school - I thought I would give you some of the key points, explaining why we are so keen to maintain a very high level of attendance at school:

The number of children regularly missing school has more than doubled compared to pre-pandemic.

Over a third of all pupils in Key Stage 4 were either persistently or severely absent for at least one year

78% of "rarely absent" children passed at least 5 GCSEs. 36% of "persistently absent" and only 5% of "severely absent" children achieved the same standard.

**Home-based challenge:**  
Read out the following scenario, then ask the child to draw what they would do...  
**"You're in a corridor when you see a child threatening another person in a corner."**  
Answers to Mr Sturt...

## Missing Children, Missing Grades

2 November 2023



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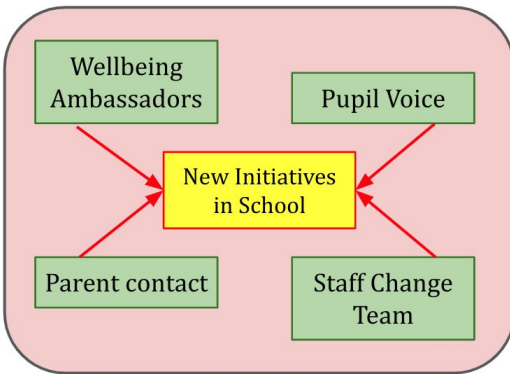
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## WELLBEING AWARD FOR SCHOOLS UPDATE



Wellbeing Ambassadors and The Change Team now have these badges to identify themselves to others, should children want to speak to someone about Wellbeing or Mental Health ideas.

I am delighted to announce that more than 75 children in the Prep School have volunteered to be a Wellbeing Ambassador for their year group. This role will involve them coming together as a group of students to discuss ideas and put forward their thoughts. They will also act as a point of contact for other children to voice their ideas too. Whilst there will be no pressure put on Ambassadors, I hope that the opportunity will give them the chance to push themselves out of their comfort zone, help others and take on just a little bit of leadership and responsibility. Ambassadors will change each half term, allowing as many children as possible to give the role a go!



### MOWDEN HALL SCHOOL WELLBEING AMBASSADORS



Year 3  
Isobel L  
Henry DC



Year 4  
Henry W  
Daisy H



Year 5  
Letty R  
Guy L



Year 6  
Scarlett S  
Elliott L



Year 7  
Elsie N  
Hamish R



Year 8  
Arthur H  
Isla I

