



# POWERSTOCK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## - October 2024 -

Learning together to be the best that we can be ~ for every child, life in all its fullness. *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10*

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Dear Parents, Carers and Powerstock Family,

As we move into the heart of the Autumn Term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and engagement. Our students have been working hard, and it's wonderful to see their progress. Let's keep the momentum going as we look forward to an exciting few months ahead!

Our redesigned Newsletter will be published half-termly and will provide an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our school community and look forward to exciting events ahead.

Please take note of our Open Morning on Thursday 7th November. If you would like to attend, please call the office to book your visit. I look forward to welcoming you to see our school in action!

We are pleased to announce the launch of our streamlined skills and knowledge-based curriculum. During Parents Evening, I provided a brief introduction to this initiative, which is now available for review on our school website (<https://powerstock.school/learning/curriculum/>). I encourage you to pay particular attention to the sections on Intent and Impact located on the first two pages, as these elements are fundamental to the changes we are implementing to enhance the quality of education for all our students.

Following the half-term break, we will also be revising our approach to curriculum delivery. While Mathematics, Physical Education, and Phonics will continue to be taught as standalone subjects, we will be delivering all other subjects in focused blocks of one, two, or even three weeks. Within these blocks, we will aim to enhance students' English skills, ensuring they possess a comprehensive understanding of the subjects they will be expected to read and write about. This method will allow students to develop a deeper understanding of the skills and knowledge within each subject, moving beyond the surface-level learning that has previously occurred.

This marks the first phase of our new curriculum delivery, with the next phase set to commence after the Christmas break. I am very much looking forward to this exciting development!

Warm regards,

Mr Harris



*Pupils visit the church to see the refurbished bells.*



### KEY DATES

- 25/10/2024** Spooky Disco
- 31/10/2024** Pumpkin Trail
- 02/11/2024** Quiz Night @ Three Horseshoes
- 04-06/11/2024** Year 6 Bikeability
- 06/11/2024** Whole School Immunisations
- 06/11/2024** Cross Country Event at Colfox
- 07/11/2024** School Open Morning
- 12/11/2024** High 5 Netball Tournament at Colfox
- 26/11/2024** Kenway Cup (TBC)
- 29/11/2024** Wreath Making Workshop in Hut
- 06/12/2024** Christmas Fair
- 16/12/2024** Panto Trip
- 17/12/2024** Christmas Carolling
- 18/12/2024** School Nativity
- 20/12/2024** Last day of term

## Sporting Achievements

We are incredibly proud of our talented students who have achieved remarkable milestones in their sporting pursuits!

- **Annabelle** recently participated in the Colmer's Hill run, securing an impressive **3rd place** with a time of **7 minutes 52 seconds**. Her dedication and determination truly shone through!
- **James** has now earned his **black belt in Taekwondo**. We admire his commitment to mastering this challenging martial art and wish him all the best on his journey!
- **Phoebe** has reached a significant milestone in gymnastics by achieving **Level 4**. Her hard work and perseverance are an inspiration to us all!

Congratulations to all our athletes! Keep up the fantastic work!



*Colmers Hill Run*



**Our school value for this half-term has been Perseverance.**



*Harry Stewart visits Powerstock*



## School Events & Activities

We've had an exciting month filled with inspiring events!

- **Harry Stewart**, a renowned Paralympian, visited our school and captivated our students with his incredible story and achievements. His visit was a wonderful opportunity to inspire the next generation of athletes, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and never give up.
- Our **Harvest Festival** was a great success! Thank you to all the families and staff who contributed to this special event. The sense of community and gratitude was truly heart-warming.
- The **Samba Drums** in Cogden are sounding fantastic! Our students have been working hard, and we can't wait to invite you to see their performance soon. Stay tuned for the date!

Thank you to everyone who has participated and supported these events!

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