

ALEC REED ACADEMY

Bengarth Road, Northolt, Middlesex, UB5 5LQ

Tel: 020 8841 4511 Fax: 020 8841 4480

www.alecreedacademy.co.uk

Principal and CEO: Phil Cosby - BSc (Hons), MA



10th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

This letter is aimed mainly at secondary parents but may have aspects that are relevant to pupils in year 6 or younger.

New Roof Update

The replacement roof on the secondary part of the building is now almost complete and the scaffolding will be going up on the primary section over the weekend. We were very fortunate that the Government have supported the renewal of the roof through a successful bid to the Academies Capital Improvement Fund. The bid meant that we received £484,000 to help us finance the works that are being carried out.

Secondary Newsletter

I encourage you all to access the Secondary Newsletter that will be shared this week. It provides lots of information regarding the events and activities that are taking place. Mrs Lashmore-Bennett and Ms Dee have been leading on this initiative. They are also developing our PTFA (Parents, Teacher, Friends Association) thank you to all the parents that have already volunteered to be involved. The first event will be later this term.

ARA High School Newsletter 10th November 2023

Interhouse Basketball - Week Commencing 13th November - Lunch times

[Go to this Sway](#)

'The Collins PiXL Award for Outstanding Progress' National Award Winners 2014



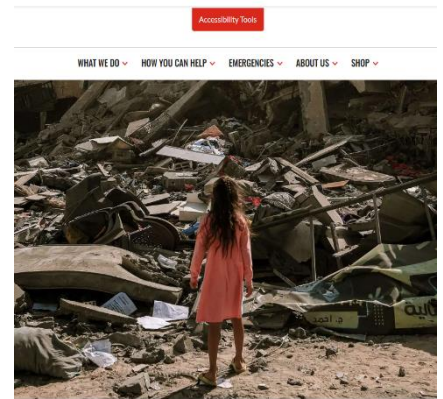
Remembering conflicts across the world

It is Remembrance Sunday this weekend. Our assemblies this week have been focused on remembrance but also on the fact that we unfortunately, still have wars taking place across the world. We are a diverse community and have pupils with cultural ties to Palestine and Israel. We must create a safe space for learning and processing emotions regarding current events and ensure that any political expression is conducted sensitively, and not create an atmosphere of intimidation or fear for any of our pupils. It is particularly important that we do not fall back on Anti-Semitic and Anti-Muslim stereotypes and speech.

As a school community we have come together and expressed our concerns, especially regarding the children that are caught in this conflict. With this in mind we are going to raise money for Save the Children. [Save the Children UK](#) | [International Children's Charity](#) We want all children to get the future they deserve. The intention would be that this money would be used to supply food, water and medical care to those in greatest need.

As a community ARA asks for...

- ▶ A ceasefire so that humanitarian assistance can be delivered to children in Gaza.
- ▶ All children affected by the violence in Gaza and Israel to be protected and supported to find safety.
- ▶ All parties to the conflict to respect international humanitarian law, commit no further grave violations against children.
- ▶ All children captured to be released immediately and unconditionally.
- ▶ Humanitarian assistance to be scaled up to meet the demands of the crisis. Aid must not be withheld from children.



The Ben Kinsella Trust

This trust was set up by the family of Ben Kinsella who was sadly killed on the streets of London after being stabbed. They provide UK wide online workshops to help parents to educate their children regarding the seriousness of knife crime.

If you would like to learn more about what is regular teenager behaviour or what might be signs that a young person is being groomed or exploited then you can join a **FREE workshop on Thursday 16th November or Thursday 23rd November (7pm-9pm).**

The Zoom link for the online meeting is here [Parents & Carers workshops | The Ben Kinsella Trust](#) Anyone can book onto the workshops, whether you're a parent, carer, neighbour or professional who supports young people.

X (Formally Twitter)

Around 35 million X users are under 18. With this in mind it's essential that parents and carers stay up to date with the changes made to Twitter since its reinvention as X – and the online safety hazards these alterations might pose, including exposure to explicit content and unpleasant behaviour. It is always advisable to have a more cautious approach so that we can be confident that young people are able to navigate the platform in comparative safety.

Public Spaces Protection Order.

Over the next couple of weeks there will be more police on patrol within Ealing and they will be enforcing the **Public Spaces Protection Order**. Anyone engaged in any behaviour prohibited by this order will be asked to leave the area and may be dealt with by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine) of £100. If the fine is not paid they may be prosecuted and convicted.

If groups of children or young adults are engaged in anti-social behaviour they will be required to disperse from the area and not return for 24 hours if asked to do so by an authorised officer. This is explained in more detail here [Ealing's Borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) | Ealing's Borough-wide public spaces protection order | Ealing Council](#)

Happy Diwali

Finally, I wish all our Hindu families a Happy Diwali. I am sure we will all enjoy the fireworks on Sunday that will celebrate the Festival of Light.

Kind regards

Phil Cosby
Principal & CEO

