Newsletter

16 October 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter this half term! There is lots of information to follow as well as some very exciting news we look forward to sharing with you.

Our fantastic news is that after two years of working hard, we have just heard that Sport England have offered us an award of £83,150 towards a total project cost of £168,150 for the development and expansion of our sports and playground facilities. Needless to say we are delighted! This project is Sports England’s contribution towards the sporting legacy of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We have a letter informing you about this but just wanted to confirm what wonderful news this is and we are so looking forward to the transformation it will make.

However, amazing facilities means lots of money and the school need to do lots of fundraising to match this bid – our first fundraiser being a mufti day next Friday (23rd October). The pupils can come dressed in their own sports clothes and in return we will ask for a minimum donation of £1. We would be grateful for any other amount you can contribute and we will keep you posted about lots of other events we have planned for the forthcoming months. Our PTA are also busy planning events so hopefully there will be lots to look forward to at Trevelyan Middle School.

Aside from this great news, the pupils have been busy working and there is a great buzz around the school about our latest rewards and incentives (news to follow in this newsletter). There have been several trips out, lots of sporting fixtures and the music department are starting to think about the annual Christmas concert. Parents and friends of 6LM came in to school last Friday to see their tutor assembly on the Rugby World Cup and next week we see 7DK perform their assembly.

The school has also been open to all prospective parents, especially those currently in Year 4. We held two Open Mornings but due to extra demand, we have had to plan in two more. We have received lots of positive feedback which is great news for us!

I hope you enjoy reading all our latest news and successes and I will update you again after the half term break.

YOUTH SPEAKS

Following on from our success in last year’s intermediate tournament, we have selected two teams to represent us in this year’s Youth Speaks competition. Run annually by Rotary International, the competition is a chance for young people to develop their skills in public speaking by presenting on a topic in front of 3 judges. It is a national competition and last year we were blown away by reaching the semi-final stage.
Taking up the challenge this year are Natasha Goldsworthy, Emily Helsby and Husnayn Nisar (representing Year 8) and Alysha Goldsworthy, Eliza Bean and Juliet Bryant (representing Year 7). We also look forward to seeing some former pupils returning in the senior competition.

Both teams are currently preparing the first drafts of their speeches, ready for the Windsor finals which will be held at Trevelyan on November 19th.

**KS3 TEXTILE CLUB:**

“Textile club is a fun and exciting club which happens on Thursday lunchtimes. At this moment in time we are each making a dress for the ‘Dress a girl around the world’ campaign. Once we have made the dresses we are going to send them to a local school in Arusha, Tanzania where some of the children don’t have many clothes of their own. We have been making small dresses which are made of fabric in a range of colours and patterns. We are learning lots of new skills and also developing old ones. It’s a really good club to be part of and everyone is very delighted that there is a club that is related to DT.”

Thanusan Kirubaharan 7EJ

If you have spare fabric that you think would be suitable to make dresses out of and are willing to donate to the club we would be really grateful.

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week we are celebrating in the Maths department. A huge congratulations to the following pupils:

Y5 John Kincaid for excellent effort and hard work.

Y6 Zein Darouzi for an excellent attitude to learning in Maths.

Y7 Sara Khan for fantastic work and effort.

Y8 Oliver Kellett for putting extra effort into his work in and out of school.

Last week it was success in Computing that we recognised:

**COMPUTING**

**Year 8**

Josh Tracey (8EW) – outstanding contribution in a compare and contrast assessment, showing awareness of E-safety concerns and the practicality of day-to-day applications of online communications tools. Josh had lots of creative ideas and had thought carefully about how individuals could abuse or benefit from various online tools.

**Year 7**

Phoebe Medcalf (7DK) – Carefully and thoroughly thinking through a data presentation challenge where she has arranged and filtered five fields which vary in data type between alphabetical, numerical and nominative. Her database is detailed and well organised and she has worked very hard to make it a success.
Year 6

Ashlee Martin (6LM) – Ashlee has written an in-depth, detailed description of how a data packet moves through a server network. She explains what happens when a server is full or has been hacked, as well as the protocols in place for this. Very clearly, her writing explains the relationship between the computer, the router and the servers.

Year 5

Lawrence B (5BD) – As well as listening to instructions exceptionally well, Lawrence has been able to copy and paste images at speed, editing with effects, considering how this will affect his audience. He has worked extremely hard in Computing and made a big impact in his first five weeks.

Computing afternoon at the Aspire Centre

Ten pupils from Year 7 were selected at random to come to the Aspire Centre in Slough to try out some new tech. The afternoon was originally planned to be workshops on the BBC Micro:Bit but the organiser, East Berkshire College, decided to shift the focus as the BBC hadn’t provided the Micro:Bit computers.

Isak instructs Google Glass to take a photo.

Paul Clews, lecturer at EBC shows off the robot his students made. He had programmed it to dance.
The pupils were told how essential coding is to creating any kind of technology. Paul Clews told us that in ten years’ time, there will be 1.4 million jobs available in coding and programming, but only 14,000 people qualified to take them. If computers interest you, now is the time to get involved.

Codecademy and the Hour of Code were two free sites that were mentioned throughout the afternoon as great ways to get started with coding.

Humza, a student at EBC talked about an app that he had developed and is free on IOS. He has started his own business and showed us some of the game. He hoped to have inspired some of the pupils there to do the same. Watch this space!

We are grateful to Ken for driving us to the Aspire Centre and back in the mini bus.

Mr. Jerrold
MATHS INFORMATION

Ideas for supporting your child in their maths at home.

Here are a list of Maths websites that promote a fun way to learn with free, online **interactive** games and puzzles:

- Snappmaths.com
- Woodlands Maths Zone
- Education City
- MyMaths
- www.examninja.co.uk
- www.mathsisfun.com
- www.topmarks.co.uk
- http://www.transum.org/Software/SW/YouTube/
- https://www.khanacademy.org

**Maths Apps for Android and IPhone**

- Mathmateer
- Squeebles Maths Bingo
- Operation Maths
- Times tables pro
- Maths Evolve
- Bubble Pop Multiplication
- IQ Times Tables
- Maths Skills Builders
- Number Monster
- Mathsboard
- Medieval Maths Battle
- Rising stars

For information on what your child is currently learning please go to the school website, search curriculum, maths and click on Pupil Targets.
You will also find a parent support pack and parent tool kit for helping you support your child at home.

For information on the calculation methods that are used at Trevelyan, please go to the curriculum section, maths and click on the Calculation Policy link.

We hope you find this information helpful.

Have fun!

The Maths Team

MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK – KS2

Year 6

Brooke Wishart-Dodd for exceptional work in Maths, always being on task and acting on feedback and guidance from the teacher.

Year 5

Nawshin Shelim and Ellen Hammersley for both exhibiting a fantastic attitude to learning in Maths lessons.

YEAR 8 FRENCH COUNCIL

Our Year 8 French Council Members are running the Pen Friends project with a school in France. We will exchange letters, postcards and emails on a regular basis.

French students have posted their letters already.

We look forward to receiving them very soon.

Miss Kopacka

MACMILLAN COFFEE

After the success of Trevelyan Middle School’s coffee morning, Phoebe Medcalf and Libby Brake had their own coffee morning on Saturday and raised a massive £165 - really well done girls!

“We all baked on Saturday and it was eaten on Sunday - mainly by members of Phoebe's Dad's cycling team who passed by! “ All the cakes were homemade and even Phoebe’s younger sister contributed to the baking.

We are very proud of you girls – well done and thank you.
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

On Friday, Mr Morgan and Mr Cox from Windsor’s Rotary Clubs (Windsor St. George and Windsor and Eton) visited Year 6 pupils to present them with a dictionary. Pupils also enjoyed learning about the history of the Rotary Club and the work they are doing within the local community.

All pupils were extremely grateful for this generous donation and we are sure it will prove invaluable in supporting them in their education. Children have already been spotted using these dictionaries in their English lessons and other areas of the curriculum.

One pupil, Anna Theobalds, said that she was thrilled to receive such a helpful gift and that it will aid her in the coming years of her education. She also recognised the huge generosity of the Rotary Club and their aim in trying to give the pupils of Trevelyan a better and brighter future.
ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader has launched at Trevelyan!

All Years 5 to 7 pupils have now taken what is known as a Star Test. This gives pupils a range of books to choose from that will neither be too easy nor too impossibly difficult. Instead, they will give children the right level of challenge to improve their reading abilities.

Pupils can take books out from our revamped AR Library or they can select books from home providing they are on the AR scheme. You can check whether a book is on the AR scheme (and what level it is) by going to www.arbookfind.co.uk (they add 200 more books every single day!)

Once pupils have completed a book they take a quiz. They then gain a certain number of points depending on how long the book is.

Each week, the pupil in each tutor group who gains the most AR books will receive ten house points from their tutor. Here are our AR Superstars for last week:

**Year 5**

BD - Wise, Issy
DA - Hafeez, Manahel
JB - Miller, James
JJ - Quashie, Oliver
RW - Marek, Nicholas

**Year 6**

LM - Al Manaama, Nadia
MJ - Morris, Tiggy
SS - Rai, Eisha
TF - Jabble, Jupnam

**Year 7**

CO - Bryant, Juliet
DK - Medcalf, Phoebe
EJ - Rae, Frances
There will also be **monthly** and **half-termly** prizes coming soon.

Has your child quizzed yet? Will they be our next AR Superstar?

**DOING IT RIGHT!**

At Trevelyan we love to praise people for doing all the right things on a day to day basis and this has led to a monthly prize being issued. It is based around the positive behaviour tracker, which not only monitors behaviour, but also punctuality and bringing the correct equipment to school each day. In assembly this week we had our first monthly draw and the 4 lucky winners of a ten pound Amazon voucher for doing all of these things were:

Gina Malhotra from 5RW  
Anna Theobalds from 6MJ  
Juliet Bryant from 7CO  
Lisandro De Leon from 8EW

This draw will be happening once a month and by being on time to school, bringing the correct equipment and behaving in the correct way each week your son or daughter will have the chance to win next month's prize. Good Luck!

Mr Redman

**NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT**

On Friday 18th September Mrs Allen took 15 of the new year 8 Sports Leaders to a leadership conference at The Windsor Boys’ School.

The Leaders represented Trevelyan with maturity and showed enthusiasm throughout the wet soggy day! Mrs Allen was impressed and very proud of the behaviour of the leaders throughout the day. Emily Helsby has prepared the following report about their experience...

On Friday 18th September, 15 ‘selected’ Sports Leaders were invited to spend the day at Windsor Boys’ School learning leadership and coaching skills. We learnt how to plan a lesson from scratch and about the rules of some basic PE worthy games such as high five (similar to netball) and tag rugby. We were split into 4 groups, each containing 2 girls and 2 boys from each school. Our first activity was high 5 and tag ruby. It was raining so we were all covered in grass! We all got a turn at refereeing and I scored two touchdowns in rugby! After that we got a fifteen minute break and then went to the next station where you had to invent a game, mark out an area with cones and finally play each other’s games. This station was definitely my favourite because you could be really creative.
After lunch, we continued and moved onto the next station which was run by the young leaders, an obstacle course, and a series of races and if you did really well then you won a digestive! For our fourth and final activity my group were indoors, which was lucky because it had begun to rain again. In this section we learned how to plan, advertise and run a club or lesson which was very informative. After that we waited for the minibus to come and collect us; whilst waiting we took some great photos for the PE block.

I think everyone will agree with me when I say that it was a thoroughly great day and we’d be happy to attend another event similar in the future.

By Emily Helsby and the rest of the Sports Leaders.

**NETBALL**

The year 7, A and B, Netball Teams headed to Newlands School on Thursday 1st October for their first tournament of the year. Ellie Cooper (year 8 Sports Leader) managed the B team and did a fantastic job. Well done Ellie.

Both teams tried really hard after only 2 netball training sessions – sadly we could only take 7 per team as that is all we could fit on the minibus. There were two pools and the A team came 3rd in their pool out of 9 teams, and the B team came 8th. Flora and Alysha (captains) have written their reports of the tournament below. Well done to all the girls who played a total of 64 minutes of netball! A great effort and they showed excellent determination and fitness.

The players were:

- Faye Haswell
- Megan-Paige
- Annabel Hodgkinson
- Jess Tracey
- Kelsei Thompson
- Marcia Karavis
- Flora Broad (Captain)
- Alysha Goldsworthy (Captain)
- Harriet Moss
- Alex Marques
- Phoebe Medcalf
- Juliet Bryant
- Cerys McCarthy
- Eliza Bean

**Report written by Alysha Goldsworthy**

On Thursday 1st we were driven to a netball tournament at Newland Girls’ School and were all very excited to meet the new teams we were going to play against. Everybody had a go in their most favourable position. We won a few games, drew a few games and lost a few games! Ellie Cooper was our manager on the day and she was very helpful and gave us lots of tips to improve our game. Although we didn’t come first it was a fun experience and we would all do it again 😊
Report written by Flora Broad

We arrived at the venue and were told our teams and positions. The A team were managed by Mrs Allen and the B team by Ellie, a Sports Leader in Year 8. The A team played 8 matches and the B team played 7. We all tried our best and had a great time.

NETBALL LEAGUE MATCHES

The Year 7 & 8 League Fixtures started on Wed 14th October and run until March. Good luck to all 4 teams! Results to follow in future Newsletters!

TREVELYAN SPORTS LEADERS

Trevelyan Sports Leaders have been working hard to train up ready to start holding competitions and festivals. They are due to lead their first competition on Tuesday 20th October at The Windsor Boys’ School for Year 3 and 4 students from local schools. Good luck to the 10 leaders below who have been selected to lead the competition. Good luck to them all; they will be amazing!

The pupils are:

Kiran Nathu, Kyle Ferguson, Adam Sylvester, Zahin Adib, Emily Helsby, Fatimah Saleem, Mannat Verma, Gracey Caller and Amy Kemp

PLAYGROUNDS: ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

Here at Trevelyan Middle School we want everyone to succeed in everything they do. We take a big pride in sports and treat them all equally. However it was noticed that football was taking over both playgrounds and not giving everyone a chance to play the games they wanted. To cater for this the PE department suggested trialling a playground timetable.

This allows football to be played on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday but the other days gives other students (especially girls) a chance to develop their netball skills and other ball games aside from football. It should be noted at this point that this only applies to the playgrounds not the field when it is available. In addition to this please note that no students should be bringing in footballs or other balls from home – equipment is available from the PE office.

Mrs Allen & Mr J Redman
HOUSE POINTS

Here are the house point totals for September

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Also there is a Scary Halloween Poem competition closing date 19th October. Each entry gets 5hpts- the winner will receive 50hpts for their house. Arfaest House team are in the process of organising their House Competition which will be Trevelyan’s got Talent - details to follow but it will be held the week beginning Mon 16th Nov.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

A DATE FOR THE DIARY – Trevelyan will be hosting their third charity quiz night where all proceeds raised will go directly to the Motor Neurone Disease Association Windsor and East Berkshire Group. The quiz will be happening on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm.

Come ready and prepared in your teams of 6 maximum. If you are not in a team already, don’t worry – buy your tickets and we can put you with other people to make up a team!
Ticket price £5 per person to include nibbles, tea, coffee, squash and The Quiz.

You are most welcome to bring your own alcoholic drink and glass and any other refreshments you think will help the brain work better!

We will hold a raffle, tickets for this will be purchased on the night, and also our famous £1 coin game where someone will win approx £35 on the night.

It’s always a fun evening – support MNDA and have fun at the same time!!

Thank you so much for your support.

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. Reminder it is MUFTI DAY next Friday (last day of term) and the following week is half term (Mon 26th – Fri 30th Oct). Trevelyan will also be closed on Monday 9th November for their second inset day this academic year.
Year 9 School Places

The closing date for RBWM parents to submit their applications for a Y9 school place for September 2016 is **Monday 2 November 2015** which is fast approaching. The online facility will close at mid-day.

The borough admission team have asked us to remind parents of pupils in current year 8, to submit their school preference as allocations will not be made automatically. RBWM admissions do encourage parents to make their application using their online facility, which is beneficial to both parties. However, any parent who has a problem with this can, if necessary, request a paper application form from the Customer Contact Centre.

*Mrs N Chandler  -  Deputy Headteacher*