Welcome to the final newsletter of the Spring term – we have made it! For such a short term, teachers and pupils have been so busy that it is hard to believe we are entering the final term of the academic year! We are delighted to inform you that last week we had a visit from our HMI Ofsted Inspector; we are making ‘good progress’ and will not be requiring any further monitoring visits. In fact, if we continue improving on our journey, we will be ready earlier for our next Section 5 report and she can call an early Ofsted inspection.

Most importantly, for all our hard working and dedicated Year 6 pupils, last week saw them sitting their formal Sats examinations in English and Maths. 4 days of gruelling examinations but we were so proud of their behaviour and conduct and we eagerly await their results in July. They have also been busy completing their writing folders as Trevelyan are being externally moderated this year so pupils have now completed their KS2 studies and can start their preparation for KS3 in the forthcoming term.

As well as exams, teachers have been busy writing pupils’ end of year reports. Year 6 took theirs home earlier on this week and Year 5 will receive theirs next. Straight after half term, with only one week to revise, Year 8 sit their transition exams ready for their move to upper schools in September.

Aside from work, Year 7 and 8 pupils returned back from France a fortnight ago and you can read about their adventures later on in the newsletter. They all had a wonderful holiday away and we thank them for their superb behaviour whilst away. Later on this afternoon we welcome back over 60 Year 5’s who have been to Swanage on their first Trevelyan residential trip. Mr Redman is reporting back daily and it sounds like all are having an exciting trip and the weather has been better than expected!

So with election fever, exams, trips away and trips nearing, Science activities, sporting wins and an HMI inspection, it sure has been a busy 3 week period. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and we wish you all a happy and healthy half term week and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 1st June at the usual time.

**PARKING**

Once again, we need to have a moan – especially about last Thursday when it was pouring of rain. We are still experiencing really inconsiderate drivers who ignore parking and driving rules and feel they have a right to break the highway code. It is shocking to see young children being dropped off on St Leonard’s Road on double yellow lines, when there are queues of cars behind; it is shocking to see drivers not stop on the zebra crossing; it is really shocking to see cars ignore the one way system……it is really quite endless.
We spend all day trying to teach respect and the importance of being good citizens but we are then witnessing our parents and friends breaking this just outside school – and most days of the week! PLEASE be courteous and respectful and help us to help you by getting your children home safely! Thank you.

On the note of safety, we also have a rule that any pupils cycling to school MUST wear a cycle helmet otherwise they cannot bring their bike on site. This is for their safety only. Please help us by enforcing this with your children.

**TREVELYAN’S GENERAL ELECTION**

The votes were counted and verified...

It was very, very close...

Mr Laurie Rae of the Trevelyan Liberal Community (TLC) was duly elected as the first ever member of Trevelyan Parliament.

The margin from Eadvelyan was only 7 votes.

Laurie made a fantastic acceptance speech in front of the whole school when the result was announced by Mr Clarke. He now will attend a Student Council meeting in order to work out how to take forward the policies of TLC.

A massive congratulations to all staff and pupils for making the Trevelyan Election such a success. All four of the political parties had well thought out policies and all four tutor groups worked hard at campaigning. The four candidates were amazing and we are very proud of them. The election captured the imagination of all year groups and there was intense political discussion during the two weeks of campaigning.

Mrs Hill

**Trevelyan Election – by Amy Burridge**

*Over the past few weeks we have held an election to run alongside the general election, to give all our pupils – particularly the year eight’s an opportunity to experience politics by coming up with their own policies to change the school. Four parties were created, one for each year 8 tutor group: Eadvelyan-8PY-Amy Burridge, TLC-8JR-Laurie Rae, UTP-8JB-James McClenn and RTC-8DE-Liam Atkins, each one of whom came up with a number of policies to create their own manifesto for Trevelyan. There were all sorts of policies including creating more social spaces to go in lunch and break times, having lunch on the field, buying new facilities and many more ingenious ideas. The whole event was run like the real thing, with party political broadcasts and pre-election debates! It was an excellent opportunity for every pupil here because on the 7th of May it was not just the adults of the UK casting their vote; the year five, six and seven pupils of Trevelyan Middle School were having there sat too! And by a matter of only seven votes TLC came in first place closely followed by Eadvelyan, UTP and then RTC. So congratulations to TLC (Trevelyan Liberal Community) and to each and everyone of the pupils and staff who got involved, and finally thank you to Mrs Hill who helped organise this inspiring opportunity.*
Isaac Jervis – Deputy HeadBoy

With this year’s general election Trevelyans hosted their own election. Each of the year 8 form groups transformed themselves into Trevelyans own political parties. Each party came up with the changes they wanted in the school and made them into polices. They then canvased them to the rest of the school to try and win their vote and the overall prize of an afternoon off timetable. On the day of the general election all the pupils in Trevelyans voted for the party they thought had the best polices.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

I wanted to say a big hello from me – Mrs Allen. I have taken over from Mrs O'Donnell in the PE Department and am looking forward to seeing lots of talent across the school.

I would like to have a nice, clean and tidy department and so please can you ensure that all kit is labelled so that it can be returned if lost. Since joining Trevelyans at the start of May, I have collected 19 pairs of trainers and various items of clothing! These must belong to someone! I will be holding a ‘lost property’ collection on Friday 22nd May during lunchtime in the Sports Hall. If your child has lost any item of clothing please ask them to come along. Anything not claimed will be put into our ‘spare kit’ box.

Lastly, please encourage participation in our extra-curricular sessions – details of what is happening, and when, can be found in the PE Block.

Mrs Allen

COMPUTING

Digital Leaders have been appointed in all classes (2 per class) and the badges are on the way. They will meet with me regularly to improve the profile of Computing here at Trevelyans.

James Jerrold

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

YEAR 5 SHAKESPEARE

This term, Year 5 have been having lots of fun learning about the life and works of William Shakespeare. This week, they have enjoyed finding out about Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre.

Pupils in 5SS and 5NR worked successfully in teams to build their very own models of the theatre out of recycled items.
They used their knowledge of the Tudor experience of theatre to design and create some phenomenal replicas; some replete with working canons!

The pupils are looking forward to presenting their finished products to their peers later this afternoon.

**KS3 FRENCH TRIP**

Last week from Monday to Friday around 90 pupils were at Chateau Du Broutel in Northern France. We had an amazing time! On Monday we left school at 8:30am all extremely excited. After a few stops and the EuroTunnel ride we arrived at the Chateau. We had a tour, unpacked, dinner and then we were off to run around the grounds doing a scavenger hunt in the pouring rain! Tuesday we woke up with a bit more sun although everything was still very soggy. After breakfast we were divided into our groups and began our various activities of abseiling, climbing, archery and an obstacle course throughout the day. The evening activity was a campfire where everyone got the chance to show off their jokes, talents and awful singing! Wednesday was Disney! After breakfast and an early start, we set off for a three hour drive at 7am.

Everyone got handed a packed lunch and map and were let loose to have fun; we certainly did. The ‘Swing into Spring’ parade was on a lot in the day and it really did make you feel as if you were a 5 year old again. No one was without a smile all day long. Despite the 45 minute queue, Thunder Mountain was definitely one of the two unanimously favourite rides; along with the Indiana Jones one with loop-the-loops and a 10 minute queue! Around lunch time we got caught in torrential rain but this did not dampen the mood at all. By the end of the day we were all came back carrying huge souvenir bags; the Minnie Mouse ears seemed to be the favourite. When we got back it was dinner and straight to bed after a tiring but extremely special day.

Thursday morning we got up and went to Abbeville market; it was a fairly big market. You could by a kilo of sweets for €4 and a rabbit or chicken for €14. The sweets were the more popular buy. Afterwards we drove to a Supermarket and discovered some of the French brands... As well as consuming quite a few more! In the afternoon each group did the activities they hadn’t yet done. For some this included the blind trail and survival. In the evening we played Chateau Olympics which was very fun. On Friday morning we had a tour around Rue, the local town. We visited a plane museum, went inside an old church and got the chance to speak more French in a little cafe. We walked back for lunch and made our departure at around 1pm, local time. The coach journey was tiring but fun as we got to watch a few movies, listened to the French radios, had a ride in the EuroTunnel and joined in with Miss Kopaka’s amazing dance moves!!!

Molly Kemp (Deputy Head Girl)
Last week Year 7 and 8 pupils had the privilege to spend 5 days in France. On Monday we travelled and on Friday we returned home.

The weather was stunning (apart from the odd hour when it did rain) and this helped us enjoy our outdoor activities. Similar to PGL, we participated in tasks such as rock climbing, scavenger hunts, mini Olympics, obstacle courses, blind trail, survival challenges and abseiling. Every activity was exhilarating yet challenging and it was a trip which I will remember for my whole life.

We also went to Euro Disney for the day which was brilliant. The trip was an overall success and all of the teachers’ hard work certainly paid off. Larissa Bowyer (Deputy Head Girl)

“Ahoy there!

Calling all Year 6 Pirates – Its Pirate Day on Friday May 22nd!”

We are delighted to inform you that the Maths department are running today a Pirate’s Day for all year 6 pupils. The day will include puzzle solving activities and various fun maths activities.

Pupils are all wearing costumes based on a pirate theme for the day! Prizes will be given for the best costume! We are also all having a picnic on the field at lunch so are delighted the weather is good for us!

The Maths Department
PUPIL OF THE WEEK

This week we have been celebrating success in the Maths’ department. A big well done to the following pupils;

Year 5 - Aku Launonen - exemplary behaviour and work

Year 5 – Katie Waterfall – Jones – for always working to the best of her ability.

Year 6 – Eliza Bean – For putting in an enormous amount of effort and always trying her best.

Year 7 - Emily Helsby – Excellent attitude to learning and being supportive to others.

Year 8 - Liam Atkins - always giving 100% effort and concentration

SCIENCE NEWS

Year 6 Planetarium Visit – we are very lucky to have a visit from Starlab, a mobile planetarium, on Friday June 5th. Our Year 6 pupils will be taken on a trip through our Solar System without leaving the comfort of the Drama Studio! More details will be sent out shortly to Year 6 parents but I know that 6CH are already very excited about it…

Year 8 Go4SET Challenge – The Go4SET girls have worked extremely hard in their own time to produce a model of their eco-classroom and to create a presentation that they will be giving at the Celebration and Assessment Day which takes place this Wednesday at Centrica. Their report has already been submitted and is being judged by representatives from industry. We wish the girls every success and would like to say how proud we are of the way that they are representing Trevelyan.

Science Stars – Our Science Stars for April are Joshua Askew, Tiggy Morris, Sade Stoute, Izzy Bye, Billy Loveridge, Sarena Robert, Sam Smith, Robyn McClenn and Alfie Davies. These pupils have been chosen for a variety of reasons; from their ability to produce excellent questions and good quality work to an improved attitude to learning. But who will be our Stars for May?

These super scientists join our Scientist of the Month – Jim Al-Khalili. Born in Baghdad to an Iraqi father and English mother, Jim settled permanently in the UK in 1979. He is one of the UK’s leading theoretical physicists (like Sheldon in The Big Bang Theory!) and he is a prominent science broadcaster. His main field of study is in the nuclei of atoms and finding mathematical models for them but he has presented TV programmes on The Volatile History of Chemistry and Shock and Awe, the Story of Electricity. He has even presented on the physics behind time travel in Doctor Who! He has been awarded an OBE for his services to Science and is another example of the variety of backgrounds of the British scientific community.

SUMMER DISCO

It’s time for the PTA Summer Disco so put the date in your diaries:

It is on Thursday 4th June KS2 6 -7.30pm and KS3 8 – 9.30pm
THANK YOU

Finally, a massive, heartfelt thank you to all of you for the overwhelming support and messages that came my way in my latest ‘mad’ challenge to complete the Tough Mudder for Motor Neurone Disease – yes, I completed it and yes, it was the toughest challenge yet!! I hope you received my thank you, with those less than flattering photos of me, but will attach again as I really was overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness.

The weather wasn’t kind to me and it poured of rain from the minute I woke up, making the course one big mudslide, but that only added to the madness! The obstacles were very demanding: climbing on top of people to jump fences, high up monkey bars falling into a mud swimming bath; piggy backs across mud, hands and elbows through ‘the birth canal involving a lot of water being forced on top of you; the artic enenema which, as its name suggests, was extremely ‘painful’ and involved a slide into an ice tank – twice!!; death slide into another pool of muddy water, hurdles, tunnels of tear gas where you literally could not see a thing; Mount Everest involved sprinting up a steep slippery slide and trying to grab on people to pull you over and this took many attempts; running through 10 000volts of electricity and being electrocuted here, there and everywhere; and, almost forgot, 12 miles of uphill running!!! Don’t think I have sold it well, but I survived – several nasty cuts and bruises and some scary thoughts of being trapped under the icy water but I am proud and delighted to announce I have raised almost £1700 for the Windsor and East Berkshire Motor Neurone Disease Association – I could not have done this without you. A sincere thank you to you all.
Wishing you all a restful bank holiday weekend and an enjoyable half term break.

Mrs N Chandler -- Deputy Head Teacher
Live Interactive Cartoon Workshop on May 30th

for Families with John Byrne (CBeebies, Nickelodeon TV cartoonist).

Artspiration is organising a Cartoon Workshop with Professional Cartoonist John Byrne over the
Half term weekend.

Family tickets are for £12. But Artspiration will pay £4 and you only pay £8!! All proceeds will go
towards The Brett Foundation, to help children in need in Maidenhead.

**Workshop 1: 11:15am-12:15pm**

**Workshop 2: 1:45-2:45pm**

**Workshop 3: 4.15- 5.15pm.**

**Venue:** Kings Walk Mall, Nicolson Centre, Maidenhead, SL61LB

**Date:** 30th May 2015

More details - [http://www.artspiration.co.uk/#!live-cartoon-workshop/c1lej](http://www.artspiration.co.uk/#!live-cartoon-workshop/c1lej)

You also get to view over 250+ works from Young artists from across Berkshire displayed as part of our Annual exhibition.

Please email info@artspiration.co.uk to book your tickets; we only have a few tickets remaining. Thanks for your support!