Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final newsletter this academic year! Like yourselves, everyone is looking forward to the forthcoming summer holiday but there is still plenty going on and lots to look forward to. Having just watched 8JB’s assembly about their memories in Trevelyan I am sure there are going to be lots of happy tears shed tonight at the big event of the year – The Year 8 Leavers’ party. Whether its prom dresses, chocolate fountains, the red carpet or the car they are going to arrive in, the buzz around the school this morning is certainly exciting. We also have just waved goodbye to year 6 who are on their annual trip to Legoland with Miss Lane and the maths team to put their maths project into real life marketing. They are in for a very warm and exciting day – well deserved after their Sats exams and extra revision sessions.

Talking of exams, we are delighted again with this year’s Sats results which were released last week and the dedication shown by both the teachers and the pupils. Trevelyan pupils have worked so incredibly hard for these and are no doubt ready for the holiday ahead of them. We have been working hard using these results and teacher assessment to set English and maths classes going forward and also to make some changes to the tutor groups next year. Letters will be sent home about this next week.

Yesterday I had the pleasure and privilege of interviewing some hardworking Year 7 pupils who have applied to become next Year’s Head Boy and Head Girl. Alongside Mr O’Donnell and Mrs Hill we had some very difficult decisions to make having had some mature and most enjoyable conversations with these pupils. The results will all be announced in our final whole school assembly next Tuesday when Lydia and Michael will hand over their Head Girl and Head boy positions. On that note, I would like to thank our current senior team for an amazing job they have done this year. Lydia and Michael, as Head girl and Boy; Larissa and Molly, Isaac and Liam as their deputies; and Tara and Harry as senior prefects – you have made an amazing team! Thank you. Gifts, certificates and lots of thanks and memories will be shared in Year 8’s leavers’ assembly this coming Monday where parents, staff and of course Year 8 will enjoy a special hour together celebrating the special times we have all shared over the 4 years at Trevelyan.

As well as celebrations, last week we witnessed yet another amazing production. Mrs Wooders and Mr Elvie, and all their team of support, produced an outstanding version of Annie and the standing ovation on two nights was proof how proud the audience were. Harriet Moss (Annie) and ALL the pupils were simply amazing and I know for sure (me included) it was hard to stay dry eyed watching such talent. A lot of hard work, dedication and tireless hours goes into this annually and every year we are pleasantly surprised with the outcome. Thank you so much to everyone involved!
It is this time of the year where we also sadly have to say some goodbyes, and although we are fully staffed and excited about the forthcoming academic year, we are sad to say goodbye to some members of staff. Mrs Harrison, who has said her own personal goodbye to you in the next article, is retiring after many years at Trevelyan. Her passion for the school will be solely missed but we wish her and her husband lots of happy family times ahead. Mr O'Donnell is also leaving after 18 years at the school and we wish him all the very best; Mr Ruggieri is off travelling and to try out some teaching abroad and Mr Broad is heading off to pastures new. We would also like to say thank you to Mr Tallis and Mr Wright who have helped us out on long term supply in their specialist subjects. A final member of staff who leaves us in July as Miss Hewett, but will return 6 weeks later in September as Mrs Owen, is the lovely Miss Hewett who is getting married this summer. We wish her a wonderful, sunny and happy day and we look forward to welcoming her back in September (after a wonderful honeymoon) as Mrs Owen.

Saying goodbye is hard but we are excited also about welcoming all our new staff in September and we will introduce them in the first newsletter back; we are fully staffed and ready to have another successful year in Trevelyan. Please can I now take this opportunity to wish you all a very relaxing and happy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 3rd September. To our Year 8’s and to those pupils leaving us in different year groups, we wish you lots of happiness in your new schools; to all our other pupils enjoy yourselves and your families and look forward to seeing you in 6 weeks. A polite reminder that school finishes at 1pm on Tuesday, after an exciting day planned!

MRS HARRISON RETIRES

The Trevelyan Family

It has been 25 years since I was first welcomed into the Trevelyan family. All three of my children have treasured memories and friends from their time at Trevelyan.

I became involved in the PTA and made friends for life, then with a bit of gentle persuasion the family employed me as a NTA/TA/LSA, (the initials have changed over the years but the support and dedication hasn’t).

With a little bit more persuasion I took a year out and came back as a Newly Qualified Teacher, that was 18 years ago.

I have seen Heads, Deputy Heads, Assistant Heads and teachers come and go and I have seen so many children grow into fine young women and men.

Trevelyan has been my extended family for 18 years and supported me through the highs and lows that life throws at you.

Time has now come to retire and I will miss Trevelyan but it will continue to be a huge part of my life and family.

Maryanne Harrison
Retiring Key Stage 2 Leader
ENGLISH NEWS:

We are pleased to announce that Accelerated Reader is coming to Trevelyan Middle School from September 2015!

Accelerated Reader is a reading programme all Year five, six and seven pupils will participate in during tutor times and within certain English lessons. The programme has won high praise for its ability to improve both reading skills and children’s love of reading.

At its heart, Accelerated Reader is beautifully simple: pupils read a book and then take a quiz to show off their understanding. However, because all the quizzing takes place online, pupils’ engagement can be tracked by teachers and parents alike. As well as finding out what your child is reading, you’ll be able to see the progress they’ve made in increasing their reading age.

The programme will allow for lots of competitions, both for pupils and between tutor groups. Which tutor group will pass the most quizzes? Who will score the greatest number of points? Which pupil will be the first to reach a million words? Let the fun commence…

Mr Day: Head of English

MATHS MARATHON

The Maths Marathon was great fun! It involved lots of interactive maths questions that challenged our brains. Me, Anoop Matharu and Emily Florida James went. First there were the warm up questions and the individual questions, where we were not allowed to confer. Then we took a quick break for refreshments such as biscuits and squash. Next up were the team questions which we weren’t allowed to confer and work together.

Some were hard and some were easy. Whilst they were marking our answers Jacob showed us a presentation. It was all about their job, geo-technical engineering. Then their results. It was a tie break. So we were given the final tie-break questions and the winner was announced and we left. Overall it was a great, challenging time.

SPORT

We took a selection of year 5 and 6 pupils to TVAC for the Middle School Athletics on Wednesday 15th July. The year 5 girls were fantastic and came 1st! The year 5 boys came 3rd. Overall Trevelyan came 3rd.

A great effort by all involved and thank you for all parents/carers who transported their children to TVAC for the start.
NEW SPORTS LEADERS
We have now chosen our new Sports Leaders who will be getting involved in organising events and helping out with extra-curricular activities next year. Congratulations to all:

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ECO NEWS
Mrs Alex Davis, mother of Ginny Davis in Year 8, has very kindly organised for herself and two colleagues from Barclays Bank Plc to come into school today and tomorrow to dig over the raised flower beds in the memorial garden behind the sports hall. This will enable the children to have vegetable gardens where they can grow produce and also hopefully use some of the produce to cook with in Food Technology next year.

The team are going to return to school in September and will then also be able to donate funds from Barclays to provide tools, equipment and plants for the children to grow. This will enhance Science and Food Technology and give pupils who would like to a chance to have hands on experience of gardening and growing produce.
GOOGLE VISIT

Year seven pupils at were treated to a day of coding, programming and virtual reality.

On Thursday 9th July three Googlers from the London Head Office led sessions for each Year seven form which answered questions like “what is programming?” and “Are computers smart?” The Google team then took the pupils through Project Based Learning site Madewithcode.com where they exercised their knowledge of block-based programming, helping them make links between writing a program and industries such as fashion, film and music. The activities highlighted the accessibility of future careers in the computing industry.

Digital Leaders from across the school Balazs, Tommi, Maria, Vili and Katie met the Google Team at reception whilst Ihfaz, Eugenia, Rueben and Isaac coordinated Digital Leader teams to ensure the time slots ran smoothly for each form.

Pupils particularly enjoyed using Google Cardboard, an immersive but highly cost effective virtual reality kit which comprises a smartphone, the cardboard app and smartphone ‘goggles’. Four lucky pupils from year seven will receive their free google cardboard googles in an assembly during the final week of term.

I am delighted that as a Computing Lead School we have managed to have such high profile visitors in after just eleven weeks of the Computing curriculum being delivered to Trevelyan pupils.

Mr Jerrold.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Below are some examples of some outstanding work produced by pupils this year. Well done to all – superb efforts!

I wanted to share a couple of the fantastic products the pupils have been making this year at Trevelyan. We are lucky to have some really talented children who have made a variety of products in different materials. Here are just a few of the things they have made this year.

Miss Hewett
Beanie Hats

Reverse Applique Cushions
Trinket Boxes
Ugly Dolls
TREVELYAN PUPILS WORK SELECTED FOR THE
NATIONAL STUDENTS’ ART EXHIBITION

The National Students’ Art Exhibition held under the patronage of the Royal Society of British Artists, features work from the best young artists in the country. The students work is exhibited alongside work from some of the Royal Societies finest professional artists. A truly inspirational exhibition celebrating gifted and talented students from across the country.

Aliya Prichard-Casey and Mathonwy Thomas’ work was selected to be hung in the exhibition in the Mall Galleries in London.

The quality of the work in the exhibition was exceptional and to an extremely high standard as the work displayed ranged from year 7 up to year 13. The majority of the work on display was from years 11, 12 and 13.

So to have their work selected for the exhibition was a real accomplishment and both Aliya and Mathonwy should be highly commended.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Last week we celebrated pupils who have been working extra hard in their History lessons:

Year 8 – Molly Kemp for continual hard work in all lessons J
Year 7 – Yuv Sabharwal for excellent enthusiasm in lessons and superb role model
Year 5 – Eliza Mughal – superb work and attitude in every lesson
Year 6 – Nikolai Smith – Excellent knowledge and attitude in History
**FRENCH COUNCIL IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS!!!**

Are you interested in foreign languages?
Are you passionate about different cultures and traditions?
Would you like to help us promote languages around the school?

Join us today!

We are looking for current Year 7 students to become members of our French Council at Trevelyan Middle School. If you are interested please see Miss Kopacka ASAP.

Thank you

Miss Kopacka

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**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Have a Great Start to Your Day!

8.15am – 8.35am

Cereal 50p

Toast & Jam/Marmite 50p

Beans on Toast £1.20

Drinks 30p

*Other Options May be Available*

All Welcome!
A FINAL MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Watching Trevelyan’s summer play last week it was a real pleasure to see Trevelyan’s confident, happy pupils supporting each other and working together to bring the production alive. It was a tangible demonstration of each and every one of the school’s ‘e-n-r-i-c-h’ values. It has also been a pleasure to be involved with the school as chair of governors this past year.

After the disappointing Ofsted judgement, the resilience shown and the determination to prove the school to be the good school we and others recognise it to be has been tremendous. We have positively addressed the few specific points highlighted in the judgement, working with expert partners from outside the borough, and have had our progress confirmed by HMI and local authority inspections. Both we and the borough have sufficient evidence to be confident that Trevelyan is at least good in all areas. Indeed on many points the school has developed models of good practice the borough would like us to share across other schools.

The academic progress results and the string of inter-school competition victories show that the school continues to improve. For example, the latest entry-to-exit data for the Year 8s about to move on to Windsor Girls and Windsor Boys show they made significantly more progress while in Trevelyan than the national expectations. These pupils are well prepared for the next stage of their development to young adults. Trevelyan itself has never looked so good: bright with learning walls and displays of children’s work and attendance is better than latest available borough averages.

This year saw the introduction of some new initiatives such as ‘Show My Homework’ and Lexia - as well as Breakfast club and Homework club, which the school encourages parents to make use of. Next year will see many changes to the curriculum and the school is already well ahead with its preparation. The current level-based judgement are going and the school has new assessment schemes in place using FLiC Assessment. We will also be introducing Accelerated Reader to promote reading to the school, and Jigsaw PSHE for KS2. (You can search for these online if you want to find out more).

For pastoral care, we will be changing the system of two Key Stage leaders to four Heads of Year. The heads of year with their tutor teams will follow the year group through the school, allowing for consistency, time to work with these pupils and to be an active part in their journey through the school.

With all the above work in place the school is very positive about the year ahead. We’re looking forward to September, and to welcoming you all back.

Mark Jervis
Chair of Governors

So, until September, we wish you all a very happy and healthy summer holiday. Stay safe, look after yourselves and we look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 3rd September.

Mrs Nicola Chandler - Deputy Head Teacher
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