Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term and hoping you all had a restful, enjoyable fortnight. I would like to start with a massive thank you to you all for supporting us with my own, and each and every one of our wonderful pupils who completed their mile run last week. What a huge success!

It has been an extremely busy start to the term with Year 8 Parents' Evening last week; Year 5 last night; Year 7 out on their History trip to Windsor castle and also some selected pupils enjoying a STEM trip out watching and joining in with some motor racing - as well as welcoming parents to 5BD’s assembly last Friday. More to follow on each of these stories.

We are delighted that Miss Ellis, Head of Music, is now settled and teaching Music here at Trevelyan – extra curricular activities have already started and she has thrown herself into rehearsal schedules as well with this year’s Summer production. She would welcome any old music instruments you might have laying around at home – recorders even – to build up the equipment we have already. Next term she will also be introducing a show choir and wants to start a band and orchestra so watch this space….

It is lovely to see the children running around outside during their break and lunchtimes and also making full use of our playing fields – however, this also means jumpers, ties and coats are thrown aside making our lost property HUGE. This is never a problem when items are named as they can be easily returned so please ensure your child’s uniform is fully named so you are not having to purchase new school uniform at this time of the year. We also need to remind you that we do not have a different summer uniform so ties still need to be worn as do full length school trousers. We also insist on the school badge on their white blouses/shirts so they are easily seen as Trevelyan Middle School pupils. Thank you for your support in this.

With so much to report on, I will keep the introduction short and hope you enjoy reading the first newsletter this term.

**MRS CHANDLER’S HALF MARATHON**

Yes – it’s over and complete – I made it! Sunday April 3rd was a beautiful morning to run so I was extremely lucky. I had to be in Reading bright and early to register at
8.00am and the race started shortly after 10.00am – by then the sun was shining and it was already getting hot. I pounded the pavements and took in the fantastic atmosphere that Reading provided – from high fiving children along the route; fireman spraying us down at mile 7 and mile 13; crowds cheering you on in various places; steel band playing; cheerleaders cheering; even a pub at the top of one of the hills had lager laid out if the runners fancied a gulp or two – and then finally, just after mile 13, Reading Stadium was in view and the final part of the race you entered that and ran a lap – a great end to a great race! I was delighted to achieve my Personal Best time of 1 hour 35 mins and 34 seconds!

To be honest the training was harder than the race, but harder still, is the collecting of sponsor money for Trevelyan’s new sporting facilities. We’ve been back in school 2 weeks now and I have only managed to collect just over half the money that pupils have sponsored me – so a final plea to remind children please so we can collect, count and announce our final totals.

Thank you so much for my written notes, words of encouragement, generous sponsorships and even flowers I have received – I feel overwhelmed by all your generosity and be assured every penny collected will go towards our new grounds. Thanking you all.

PUPILS RUN THE MILE

Then, last Thursday, on a dreary start to the day, the whole school had their go at running the mile – what a fantastic day that was! Although the rain came down during period 1, it slowly cleared and by mid-morning the sweaters were off, the sun was shining and many pupils ran, walked or jogged their mile with smiles on faces. It was a superb example of Trevelyan’s values all day; the pupils behaved sensibly, 99% of
the school took part; most staff also participated and there were lots of smiles and achievements at the end of the day.

We took lots of photos of the day, a few are attached, but again a big thank you for supporting this event.

But, as previously stated, now the hard bit is collecting everyone’s forms and money. PLEASE, if you have not already sent the money in, aim to ensure it is with us next week please. If your child has lost their actual form, a sheet of paper with their name and form and who has sponsored them with a total amount is more than enough. We have a record of every single form that has been filled in so will be chasing everyone else next week – until then, I do not want to announce our running total this week. I am absolutely thrilled with the amount so far but with so much more to collect (still half of the school) it seems unfair to those who have already brought theirs in. A big PUSH then please to collect and bring in and I look forward to announcing in my next newsletter our total raised so far.

Thank you all for your support in this.
Year 7 Windsor Castle Trip

On Monday the 11th of April Year 7 had their trip to Windsor Castle in preparation for an upcoming history project on Castles. During our visit we all learnt a variety of new information including lots of experiences to take home and help us with our projects.

The day began with a typical British drizzle, but luckily we did not get too wet and lived to survive another day (unlike some of the Kings and Queens who ventured into Windsor Castle!). Once we arrived we split into form groups with different schedules so we didn’t disturb the Queen’s well deserved peace. After 23,228 days reigning on the British throne, she certainly deserved it. My form group went off to see the doll’s house first. We were amazed to see the incredible detail and finish on every piece of furniture from family portraits, miniature corgis and probably the kitchen’s sink. We
were told the taps were in working order and the house had a proper water flow, to me this doll’s house had more luxury than many of the real-sized houses lived in today - if only I was small enough to live in it! It really brought a sense of the extravagance lived in by previous royalty in castles such as Windsor. There was also a small museum area where we completed our booklets and noted down any useful information. Some people also took pictures of resources around the castle including information on Shakespeare’s visits to the castle and what it looked like in the past.

Our next stop was the stately apartments which showed information on both the fire, weaponry [thankfully they had a strictly no touching policy] and how the castle would have been run in the past. Furthermore my favourite part of the day was soon to come when we watched the guard’s changeover and them marching around and playing music. We also managed to get a photo opportunity with one of the rare female guards.

With lunch afterwards and a most amusing talk with an armoury expert, who only visits Windsor 3 times a year, so we were very lucky to have met him. The man did a talk for an hour about the armour that would have been used and some lucky- or perhaps unlucky volunteers even got to try on the armour and relive some of the most extraordinary moments in British history.

Then after the short walk back to the school and 5 minutes to spare before the end of the day we were free to discuss the trip, exchange facts and look back on the day which overall was very interesting with its new and fascinating experiences it gave. Thank you to both Mr Hooper and Mr Redman who helped to arrange the trip along with all the other teachers who came along too! I think it should be really beneficial towards our History projects and will be a day to remember.

By Juliet Bryant 7CO

**Year 8 Buddies – Paired Reading**

We introduced a buddy system in the school at the start of the academic year whereby Year 8’s spend morning registration in Year 5 tutor groups helping with a variety of tutor time based activities. This has been really positive for all pupils and staff. One of the key tutor time activities is reading and this week Year 8’s have been receiving
skills training in ‘paired reading’. The main focus was how to structure a paired reading session, when and how to ask questions and how to help the reader decode the words. The aim is to help the reader understand what they are reading and to develop their interest in books. Year 8’s will be getting the opportunity to use their new skills from next week onwards.

**Destination Decoration – Toethian House Competition**

The designs were drawn, the finalists decided, the cakes brought in and the decorating began………now for the results! The winners of the first ever Destination Decoration Competition at Trevelyan are:

Year 8 – Haaris Ahmad 8AH

Year 7 – Lilly Fehin and Alexandra Marques 7CO

Year 6 – Tallulah Gregory and Charley West 6SS

Year 5 – Dillyn Walker 5JJ

A massive congratulations to all winners. A big thank you to all who have taken part. A huge well done to 8AH for organising the competition and especially Maria Burr and Sydney Jones.

**SPORT**

**CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION**

On Tuesday 12th April Trevelyan took 56 pupils over to Dedworth to take part in the annual cross country competition involving all year groups. We had 7 runners for both girls and boys in each age group. We started the competition very well with our yr5 boys coming first in the group competition, with also Stoyan Ilkov coming first out of the whole field - a number of our runners also came in the top ten so a big well done to all the boys.

Next up was the yr5 girls who did very well coming in 3rd place. We then had the yr6 boys and girls who both came in 3rd place. The yr7 boys came in 3rd place also and the yr7 girls managed to come in 2nd place. Also the yr 8 boys and girls came in 3rd place however in the yr8 boys race a big well done to Lisandro De Leon who was leading the race until the end when he was just beaten coming in, in second place. Well done to everyone who took part and giving your all.

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

This week we celebrated success in Computing. Mr Jerrold would like to announce the following winners – well done to you all:

Year 5 Bo Palmer 5JB
Consistency in high quality work, excellent team organisation and collaboration. Bo aspires to push herself.

Year 6 Indy Finke 6SS

Commitment to only producing the best outcomes, always trying to improve her work and having a very positive attitude.

Year 7 Kai Davies 7CO

Excellence in subject knowledge and synthesising this when learning new skills. He has worked exceptionally hard with high levels of concentration, approaching new ideas creatively.

Year 8 George Shewell 8KL

Extremely high standards for himself; self-discipline; focus and has been very quick to master new skills and consolidate newly acquired knowledge.

AR WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK:

5JB Aanya Abdus-Samad
5BD Megan Sentence
5DA Ali Baig
5RW Kathryn Hague

6SS Tallulah Gregory
6MJ Tiggy Morris
6TF Isaias De Leon

7CO Juliet Bryant
7EF Bryn Acland
7DK Megan-Paige Geere
7DE Leiona Lewis
Year 8 French Mystery Murder Competition

I am pleased to announce that the winners are Jess Liddle and Natasha Goldsworthy!

Congratulations!

Félicitations!

Miss Kopacka

"If you use Twitter, please follow us @TrevelyanMiddle for all the latest news"

We hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter and we will update you again in a fortnight.

Mrs N Chandler - Deputy Headteacher

Thames Valley Police needs you!

Staff and students are invited to take part in the online website discovery survey (opens new window).

We are working on improving the Force website, and looking for feedback to shape the changes we make. In particular we would really like to get the opinions of younger people and so are hoping your students can be encouraged to take part in this.

In association with the Home office and Police.uk, a short survey has been created which will take no more than five minutes to complete.

The survey is voluntary and designed to seek your views and opinions on your use of the Force website in order for us to understand its future requirements.

There are no right or wrong answers; we are just interested in your opinions. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential.

If you would like to offer your feedback please complete the survey (opens new window).

Thank you for your assistance with this

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