Newsletter – 18th May 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the end of another half term approaches, the sun continues to shine and the pupils and staff look forward to the May half term break. It has been such a busy half term and the time has flown so it is hard to actually think it is the holiday next week. Let’s hope this beautiful weather stays with us!

I hope you all enjoyed the Royal Wedding last Saturday; I know the pupils certainly enjoyed all the celebrating here at school. A big, whole hearted thank you to you all for the amazing cakes that were made and brought in for us to sell – from white, red and blue Victoria sandwiches, to cake pops, cupcakes, cookies et al all in the same colours. Fantastic efforts from you and the pupils loved munching away – as did the staff! With our red, white and blue mufti too we raised a magnificent £684. This is incredible and I will let you know exactly what is bought with this money but I am looking into playground toys, games, table tennis and equipment for all our pupils to enjoy in their free time. Also, as part of the celebrations, Mrs Hill and Indy Finke (Year 8) organised for a company to come in to see if we could become part of the Guinness Book of Records designing and making cards for Meghan and Harry. The whole school had an assembly and spent the time after with their tutors participating in this one off event. Watch this space to find out if we reached the record!

Last Friday, as part of Year 7’s History trip to Windsor theatre, I had to help walk them all into town so being the day before the wedding, we chose the safer, but slightly longer journey and walked them up the Long Walk towards the town. Just by the castle, I was busy talking to some pupils when all of a sudden there was Elton John in front of me and had the kindness to say hello and wish us all a good morning. I think I was more delighted than the children but he was so nice to us all and I even managed to get a photo!!

On Monday morning this week we waved goodbye to 100 Year 5 pupils who went off for their week residential to Swanage – what an amazing time they are having! The weather is super, they have been on the beach and today and are tackling the Cliffside walk to reach another park. Hopefully you are enjoying the Tweets and messages home, if you are missing them! The remaining Year 5’s are off timetable and spending time learning about waterlife and have the London trip to the aquarium today to see it all in real life. We wish them a wonderful time.

As you are aware, last week was SATs week nationwide and I have to tell you just how proud we were of our Year 6 pupils,. Every single pupil tried their absolute hardest and turned up to show the examiners just what they could do. It is always hard to see our young Year 6 children anxious and nervous beforehand and we did our best to alleviate concerns and give them more freedom outside the testing time but it was still quite stressful for them. Mrs Hill and Miss Mowat then organised ice lollies and a ‘Sing’ film to enjoy on Friday afternoon to mark the end of the exams. Year 6 are now working tirelessly, along with the English team, to get the best possible outcome for their writing grades. As you are probably aware, these are all teacher assessed and we have external moderators in to visit us during the second week of June to go over our moderation and standardisation with us. Again, how proud I am of every child giving this their absolute best. They will then be able to enjoy Pirate week, Harry Potter Studios and Legoland in the forthcoming weeks.

Outside of school myself, Mr Day and Miss Shaw are about to take on the Snowden challenge. The pupil council have chosen ‘Make a Wish’ as Trevelyan’s chosen charity and I am absolutely delighted to be raising money for such a fantastic charity. I have presented to all the children in the past few days about what the charity is all about; what we will be doing, as well as the challenge
after the half term break for all students and staff to do – a one mile walk/run sponsored event towards this charity. I am sure this charity is known to you but basically it allows a terminally or critically ill child to make a wish for something they would love to do and then, with our money, their wish is granted. Whether it is a trip somewhere, an experience, meeting a hero, the child and their family have a long lasting memory to help them through their difficult journey. We would love you to support us with this and have set up a Justgiving page, if you would like to sponsor the staff doing the Snowden trek

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tmspioneerchallenge

As well as 3 members of staff from Trevelyan, other staff from the Trust are joining us to live up to our name as the Pioneer Trust!! It will be a joined up effort with each of the three schools raising money for their chosen charity. I look forward to updating you with photos of the event and updates on how much money we raise. Any donation would be gratefully received.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break. I will update you shortly after the holiday with all our news and successes.

Mrs N Chandler, Head of School.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Thursday 14th June - Y6 Harry Potter Trip
Thursday 14th June - YMOY 7pm
Monday 25th June – Y6 Harry Potter Trip
Wednesday 27 June – Sports Day @ TVAC
Thursday/Friday 5th/6th July – Transition Day Yr 4 / Yr 8
Tues-Thurs 10/11/12th July – School Production
Friday 13th July – Y6 Legoland Trip
Friday 13th July – Y8 Leavers’ Party

Royal Wedding Cake Sale

We had some right royal cake offerings at Friday’s cake sale. A massive thank-you from Mrs Chandler for this great effort. Here are just a few that we managed to capture before the crowds descended. With our mufti contributions and the cake sale we managed to raise £684. This will be put to excellent use on our outdoor play equipment.
SCIENCE NEWS

Science trip – The Salters’ Festival of Chemistry.
On Wednesday 8th May, Mrs Wooders took three of our budding chemists to the University of Reading to take part in The Salters’ Festival of Chemistry. Held in over 30 different universities across the country, the festival allows students to engage in chemistry challenges within the unique environment of the university’s labs. Sam Lee, Louis Toy and Katie Tull donned their lab coats and goggles to solve 2 problems. First of all, ‘Who stole the Centenary Trophy?’, which required them to carry out chromatography and chemical analyses before producing a forensic report and identifying their prime suspect. After lunch in the grounds of the university and some discussion of what university life is like, they then had to complete the University Challenge of getting a reaction to last for exactly 1 minute. In both challenges, they were marked on their skill as chemists as well as their teamwork and their regard for health and safety in the lab. They did a fantastic job and, although they did not win, they were commended for their teamwork as they were one team member down for the day!

The day finished with an exciting demonstration of the chemistry behind fireworks. The day definitely ended with a bang!

The Big Battery Hunt
Our continued thanks for your recycling efforts. We will be revealing the results of the House Competition in due course as well as announcing the winners of the Year 5 individual competition. Please remember that the battery recycling bin will be remaining in school so let’s hope we can keep up the good habits that we have got into.
SATs WEEK

**Message from Head of Year 6.**
The children have been amazing this week – they have been focussed for the exams, tried their hardest and been really supportive to each other. We are proud of each and every one of them. They all deserve a lovely and restful half term holiday.
The April data for Year 6 will be sent in a separate email to year 6 parents.
Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

**A special well done!**
The entire cohort have demonstrated resilience and persistence this week but we would like to pay a special tribute to Harvey Sahota and Charlie Bowyer (both from 6TF), who completed their SATs tests last week despite being unwell. In doing so, they have truly demonstrated the resilience - a value we keep returning to as school and so it is always rewarding to see it being lived in action.

Well done to these boys!
Mrs Hill (Head of Year 6), Mr Day (Head of English) and Mrs Philpott (Head of Maths)

**Volunteers Please!**
On behalf of the English Department, we would like to thank Mandy Warren for all the fantastic work she has done over recent months volunteering in our department. Reading aloud is so critically important to developing pupils reading skills and their confidence. Through taking one to one and small group sessions, we have seen significant progress in the abilities and mindset of many of our pupils. We know too that Mandy has found the experience rewarding.

With this in mind, we are very keen for further volunteers to help us develop our 'reading aloud' programme. If you are keen, or know someone who might be, then please don't hesitate to contact myself via the school office for an informal conversation.

You can find out more about our wider opportunities for volunteering on the school website: [http://www.trevelyan.org.uk/106/volunteers](http://www.trevelyan.org.uk/106/volunteers)

Mr Day (Head of English)

**Accelerated Reader**
Despite a slight dip after the Easter break, we have seen pupils' engagement with reading continue to reach new heights over recent weeks. Not only are pupils reading and quizzing more than ever before, but the sheer buzz of reading based conversations across the school are really exciting to hear.

This is in no small part down to the hard work of Mrs Thompson, our Second in Charge of English, in arranging a vast array of reading based activities across the year - including the chance to meet several leading contemporary authors! We would also like to pay tribute to the ongoing work of our librarians -Mrs Flory and Mrs Hocking- for their daily advice, guidance and encouragement to our pupils.

However, we'd also like to extend our appreciation to yourselves. Reading for pleasure may be something supported by school, but ultimately it is nurtured in the home. In so many cases, we see evidence of this nurturing.
It is because we know that developing effective reading habits has such a significant impact on a child's life chances that we continue in our mission to develop a love of reading in all children. We know this is easier in some than in others as personalities and interests vary drastically from child to child (even within the same family or friendship group). However, we would urge all to carve out that quiet technology free space - for at least half an hour a day - where reading can take place.

If you have any queries or questions at any time - or require any support - please do not hesitate to contact us at the school office.

*Mr Day (Head of English) and Mr Redman (Pastoral Lead)*

**A Mountain to climb!**

Our intrepid climbers Mrs Chandler, Mr Day and Miss Shaw are about to embark on a challenge to scale Mount Snowden along with other members of the trust team.

The Trevelyan team is raising money for the ‘Make a Wish’ charity that help seriously ill children, realise their dreams. Please sponsor our team with as much or as little as you can afford. Every amount will make a huge difference!

The JustGiving page is:  [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tmspioneerchallenge](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tmspioneerchallenge)

Let the fundraising begin!!!!!!

**Message from the Library**

Over the past few weeks we have received some wonderful donations of books from parents and staff for the Library. The Library team would like to thank everyone who has contributed – many of these books were borrowed straight away by pupils and put to good use. It also means that the Library budget can be stretched further to keep the shelves well stocked with up-to-date, relevant books. Please keep the donations coming – here is a list of books which are always in demand:

- Jeff Kinney Wimpy Kid books,
- Rick Riordan – Percy Jackson series
- Tom Gates
- Robert Muchamore
- Anthony Horowitz - Alex Ryder series
- Charlie Higson –The Enemy series
- James Patterson
- David Walliams
- Jim Smith – Barry Loser
- Michael Grant

Any books on Accelerated Reader for Middle Years/Middle Years+ – please check [www.ARbookfind.co.uk](http://www.ARbookfind.co.uk)

Many thanks!

**Water Bottle Reminder**

Please remember that we do not like pupils bringing in single use plastic shop bought water bottles. We did allow them last week during the SATs but pupils should not continue to use them. Also frozen water in the bottles cause a real problem due to them melting on the table and also being used as potentially hazardous weapons. Thank you for your support once again.

**Letters to our heroes.**

As part of the English curriculum in Year 5 we wrote letters to our heroes. The letters included a short questionnaire, designed by the pupils, and then we sent them out all over the U.K. and some to America.
Most children had different heroes, although J.K. Rowling was popular with 3 girls. The heroes included mums and dads, YouTubers, sportsmen and women, TV personalities and professional people. There were also 2 girls that wrote to HM The Queen and the Duchess of Cambridge. Amazingly nearly half of the class received replies - one in particular was very special. Professor Stephen Hawking was written to by one of the girls and his secretary replied on his behalf. She wrote on his office headed paper and enclosed 2 fridge magnets with one of his most famous quotes. Sadly, Professor Hawking died recently, but one lucky pupil has a memento forever!

We also had replies from Mo Farah, Rowan Atkinson and J.K. Rowling. There was also a letter from one of HM The Queen’s ladies-in-waiting!

Lots of souvenirs and memories for our 10 year olds.

Here are some of the replies and hope that this becomes a regular feature in the Year 5 writing tasks.
GAMING ALERT! - Fortnite

We are noticing a worrying trend in KS2 regarding the online game “Fortnite.” Many of you will have children playing this and we feel that it is our duty to make you aware of certain elements of this game.

- In the UK the Video Standards council rate Fortnite as PEGI 12 for frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.
- Many younger than 12 are playing this game, often against older children, and are being exposed to language and visuals meant for older persons.
- Many use headsets whilst playing this game which do not allow parents to hear the conversations and language used. We know that much of this is NOT suitable for our KS2 pupils.

In order to try and help with this problem we have the following advice to give, should you be worried in any way.

Have an open and honest conversation with your child:
It’s important to involve yourself in your child’s online life and a simple and effective way to do this is by talking to them about their life online. Try to maintain an open dialogue with your child and find opportunities to talk to them about what they love to do online. Parents can help children access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online at the same time. Asking your child about how they play Fortnite and what they like about it is a great way to start a conversation.

Play with them:
It may seem daunting, but one of the best things that you can do is to engage with the gaming environment and begin to understand what makes Fortnite so attractive to young people, as well as giving yourself an idea of the reporting tools available within the game.

Know how to make a report:
On Fortnite you can report players who are behaving inappropriately by using the in-game feedback tool located in the game Main Menu, you can also make a report by emailing the creators of Fortnite.

See what other people think of Fortnite:
Common Sense Media allow parents and young people to give their reviews of games that they have played. They have created a very useful video guide to Fortnite with footage of the gameplay involved.

We hope that this is useful to you and also take this opportunity to think about how much your child/children are spending online, on Xbox and on other gaming sites.

Thank-you for your help with this.
Humanities News

ZooLab Visit

On Friday 11th May we welcomed ZooLab with a host of rainforest animals from millipedes, Giant African land snails, tarantulas, cockroaches, rats and snakes, luckily none escaped!

A fantastic time was had by all year 8 pupils who learnt about how these animals are able to survive in their hot, wet, often dark and competitive biome and were able to touch and hold these animals if feeling brave!

Eco Club

Eco Club have worked incredibly hard all year. Back in September the vegetable patches seen below were not even visible and in fact I am sure we could have lost a pupil in the incredibly tall grasses and weeds grown. These were cut back and weeded, a membrane fastened in place to prevent further weeds. My room has been used to grow a variety of seedlings and in recent weeks the beds have been filled with compost and planted up. Bottles have been used to create drip water feeders. A big thank you to Sophie K, Scarlett and Ceydan for watering these every lunchtime.

Please keep the 2 litre plastic bottles coming in, we are close to our target and construction on the plastic bottle greenhouse will soon be starting!

Horrible Histories

On Friday 18th May we walked the majority of year 7 to Windsor Theatre to see the production of Horrible Histories. It was a fantastic performance which definitely brought history to life in an extremely fun, lively and memorable way. We travelled through hundreds of years in just 70 minutes from the Romans, Saxons and Vicious Viking’s, terrible Tudors, the civil war, the Victorian era and the impact of Shakespeare on our modern language and the cholera
outbreaks, as well as the shocking loss of life during the First World War. A massive thank you to Robert Miles theatre director who very generously arranged a Q&A with one of the actors and allowed our pupils onto the stage.

**Trevelyan’s Treasure!**
Recently, a group of students lead by myself and Robyn McClenn have been digging around the newly developed sports areas during Eco Club. Much to our and everyone else’s surprise, we unearthed some interesting finds. The most common discoveries were pieces of china and pottery, most likely to have come from the Victorian era. Definitely our oldest discovery was porcelain doll’s leg with a William IV stamp on it. This dates it from between 1830 and 1837 making it at least 180 years old!

Our most unexpected and exciting surprise however, was a bullet! We took it to the Household Cavalry Museum and they confirmed that it was a rifle bullet from a Lee Enfield short magazine rifle. These were used between 1880 and 1960. They think our bullet might date from the Second World War when the area Trevelyan stands on was probably used as training grounds by the army.

So now as well as being Eco-Warriors, we are a team of archaeologists. Robyn and I were not the only ones who found treasures, Eve Humphrey, Amelia Jones, Jonathan Hudd, Keiran Wren and Gina Malhotra also found interesting pieces so credit goes to them for their pottery fragment finds.

*India Finke 8RR/PY*

**From the Office**
If you need to give your child a message via the office, please contact the office before 12.30 so it can be given at afternoon registration.

We have 24 un-named lunch boxes and a similar number of water bottles in lost property. These are only kept for two weeks before being thrown away. If your child has lost one, please ask them to pop by the office as soon as possible.

**New Uniform items**

We are excited to launch our new bespoke pleated Tartan Trevelyan skirt for September. This is a compulsory school item and the only alternative to this for the girls are black trousers. The skirt will shortly be available from Goyals in Maidenhead.

Mrs Chandler has also said that during the Summer term boys are able to wear black/grey smart tailored shorts, which is also an additional to our uniform.
NEWS FROM PE

Sports Day
We are busy getting ready for Sports Day on Wednesday 27th June at TVAC. We are still waiting for some letters to come back though so please can you make sure you get your child’s in before half term if you haven’t already.

COUNTY SPORTS
If your child competes in any sport and represents their county please let me know. There are some bursaries available if they compete and live in Windsor and also award that we can nominate them for locally. Please email Mrs Allen at PE-Sports@trevelyan.org.uk with any details if you would like me to put your child forward or if you would like to apply for a bursary. Information about the Sports Bursaries available are attached at the end of this newsletter.

Athletics
Our year 7/8 pupils went off to TVAC to compete in the RBWM Athletics League round 1. It started a very wet afternoon but dried up enough for them to compete. Unfortunately we are unable to make the next date as it is the same day as our Sports Day. We didn’t get any 1st or 2nd places though but all the students who took part worked hard and completed all their events showing great determination.

Rounders
We have our Round 1 of the Rounders League for year 7 on Thursday 17th May and I wish the girls good luck. They have been working hard to improve their tactics and skills in the past few weeks.

Upcoming Fixtures/Events
Quad Kids – Tues 22nd May
Year 7 Athletics District Trials – Thurs 24th May
Ultimate Frisbee – Thurs 7th June
Swimming Gala – Friday 22nd June

PE P2i Projects
The year 5 pupils have been working very hard on their P2i projects and we have finished marking them and are very impressed with the standard this year. We have awarded lots of “Excellent Effort” certificates as well as the Top 5 and runners up. These will all be presented in the Year 5 P2i assembly on Friday 18th May. Particular congratulations to our top 5 who have created some amazing audio reports, news reports and videos. Some picture below of some other great projects. Well done to all the year 5s who handed their work in.
Football Season
The football season has now finished and the boys in year 7 have done very well and won all their games in the league. They went on to win the Slough Cup beating Ditton Park 3-2. The year 8 won a number of their games through the year in the “A League” and managed to reach the semi-final of the Slough Cup losing 2-1 to a strong team from St Bernards.
**Windsor Quads Kids Tuesday 22**nd May

Six boys and girls from year 6 went over to Newland Girls School to take part in the Windsor Quads Kids competition, which involves the pupils doing four athletics events which are: the 75m sprint, standing Long Jump, a vortex throw and a 600m run. The top four athletes scores are added together to make the schools total score. The whole team were excellent helping each other to come second, with Isla Jones winning the overall Girls competition. Well done to the whole team – Isobel King, Ivy Broadway, Angelina Bergin, Isla Jones, Mia Philo-France, Grace Ranner, Lockie Lee, Harry Leeson, Harry Stevens, German Grande, Akeem Aiken and Shareef Abdul Motaleb.

**Young Musician of the Year**

Tickets for Young Musician of the Year are now on sale! To purchase a ticket, you will need to access your ParentPay account and order online. We have a limited number of tickets available and tickets are selling fast so make sure you order yours soon.

The competition is on Thursday 14**th** June, at 7pm, with two guest judges to decide our winning performers. There are three categories: instrumentalists, singers and band. Performers have the opportunity to win prizes and a trophy which will have their name engraved and they are able to keep the trophy for a year.

Winners are invited back the following year to perform and present the winners their prizes. We are lucky this year to award special prize winners in both singing and instrumental categories and these go to those that showed promise in the first round but not successful through to the finals, we always invite those to perform again and have been indicated below (*) who our special prize winners are.

Parents of performers, please can you make note of the following dates as there will be rehearsals during the day and a schedule will be given to the children after the holiday.

**Tuesday 5**th **June** – rehearsal for Arran Eden, Grace Nathu, Ellen Hammersley, William Thomas and Christian Jeremiah (**instruments and sheet music will be needed**).

**Tuesday 12**th **June** – all performers (**no rehearsal will conflict with Y8 Transfers**).

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*Special prize winners
Accelerated Reader – Pupil of the week
w/c 14/5
5EH Isaac Thornton
5JR Amelia Jones
5LV Zainab Hussain
5MH Bella Wright
5NS Aisha Alam
6AH Isobel King
6EW Jackson Stone
6JM Calvin Alves
6VB Hannah Dyson
5EH Ruben Mistry
5JR Arran Eden
5LV Maya Hanafy
5MH Bella Wright
5NS Amy Rossiter
6AH Haris Syrmos
6EW Khizra Wasif
6JM Arthur Kohlen Gerard
6TF Haider Hussain
6VB Eloise Doncaster
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The 2018 Sports Bursaries applications are now open

**Player Bursary Award**
Are you an aspiring athlete?
Do you need help with:
- Coaching Fees
- Training Courses
- Purchase of Equipment and clothing to assist with sports performance
- Traveling expenses

We offer awards of up to £500 to help young people with their training costs to gain local, national and international recognition in their sport. The Award Scheme has been established to acknowledge young sporting achievements.
To apply online:
Player Bursary Application: https://rbwm.uk/jadu.net/forms/form/861/en/sports_bursary_application_form_player
Player Bursary Endorsement: https://rbwm.uk/jadu.net/forms/form/349/en/sports_bursary_player_endorsement_form
Deadline for applications: 22nd June 2018

**Coach Bursary Award**
The Coach Bursary Award scheme aims to acknowledge the vital contribution coaches make to sport and aims to raise the profile of coaches as well as enhancing coach education in the Royal Borough. The Bursaries are awarded to people from all sports and are aiming to help towards:
- Coaching Fees
- Training Courses
- Purchase of equipment and clothing to assist with sports clothing
- Traveling Expenses
To apply online:
Coach Bursary Application: https://rbwm.uk/jadu.net/forms/form/560/en/coach_bursary_application_form
Coach Bursary Endorsement: https://rbwm.uk/jadu.net/forms/form/503/en/leisure_coach_bursary_endorsement_form
Deadline for applications: 22nd June 2018

**Lifetime Achievement Award**
The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to sport within the Royal Borough over a number of years.
Previous winners include:
To nominate a person: https://rbwm.gov.uk/forms/form/384/en/lifetime_achievement_application_form
Deadline for Applications: 22nd June 2018

If you have any questions, please email: sports.development@rbwm.gov.uk