Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday afternoon and hope you all had a lovely half term break and Inset Day. Firstly, I would like to congratulate Tallulah, Louis and JT in Year 8 for their amazing efforts last Monday evening when participating in the Youth Speaks competition. They won again! They are now through to the District Final and will be competing again in Marlow in a few weeks’ time. What an achievement! I also would like to congratulate all our young, talented musicians who auditioned for our Young Musician of the Year award yesterday – what an amazing turn out! Mr Creasey and Mr King gave feedback to every performer and they found out today if they are through to the actual concert itself. Well done also to Claudia Martin and Terri Hofacker have been made prefects. Lots of excitement buzzing around the school again.

On Monday morning at 5.00am we say goodbye to our Year 8’s who are off to Iceland for their big trip with Mr Hooper, Mrs Philpot, Mrs Allen and Mr Tyrrell, we wish them, all a fantastic and safe trip. The itinerary sounds so amazing and I am sure they will have the time of their lives. I will look forward to their daily updates.

Our Year 6 pupils have been completing their reading, SPAG and Maths’ SATs exams this last fortnight and it was so nice to see so many Year 6 parents and carers at our Parents’ Evening last night. Hopefully it gave you the opportunity to catch up with your child’s progress and achievements. On that note, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all our wonderful teachers for these evenings as it makes a long day, very long indeed! I am sure you would agree, they are always well planned and thought through and I am grateful that these evenings are still able to take place. Some of our teachers actually teach the whole school, whilst other members of staff might have two or three classes in one year group so these evenings are very busy for them all. So thank you to you all!

There are lots of upcoming events in school so do please add these dates to your diary:

**Dates for the diary:**

Fri 8th March – PTA tuck shop/ Cake Sale
Mon 11th March – Fri 15th March – Year 8 trip to Reykjavik, Iceland
Tuesday 12th March -15th March – Book Fair
Thurs 21st March – PTA family quiz night 7pm
Fri 22nd March – House Colour Mufti Day
Tuesday 2nd April – PTA meeting

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

*Mrs Nicola Chandler*

Head of School
Year 8 Heathrow Lego Mindstorm Coding Challenge – Mrs Southard

Coding is more important now than ever for the future careers of young people. It is estimated that the UK will need one million digitally skilled workers by 2020. TMS was very fortunate to be selected for the Heathrow Lego Mindstorm Coding Challenge.

Heathrow is an extremely large employer in the area and is committed to raising the achievement of local students to reduce the skills gap in STEM careers and study. Heathrow, in conjunction with Learning to Work, delivered the challenge to Trevelyan Middle School. The challenge was based on driverless pods, which are currently being used at Heathrow.

Volunteers from Heathrow and staff from Learning to Work led the sessions and worked with the Year 8 students throughout the day. The students were put into teams of 4-5, these were not necessarily with their friendship group in order to promote teamwork. They had to work together, share and listen to each other’s ideas and problem solve in order to take part in the challenge. The challenge was to create a mini wireless pod to race around a circuit as well as round obstacles. Then they had to use coding to programme the pods to complete the circuit. They tested their pods and there was an element of trial and error in order to ensure that the pods did not hit the barriers and remained on the course. The pod that travelled the furthest won the heat and that team went through to the final where a race-off took place to establish the winner.

The students were well behaved and extremely enthusiastic about the sessions. The students found the event very enjoyable and positive feedback was received. The race-offs were very competitive and created an atmosphere of excitement which encouraged students to persevere in order to get through to the finals.

Pictures below show the winning teams, as well as some pictures of the day. A special thanks to Mr. Redman for supporting the day.
Youth Speaks

It is a huge pleasure to announce, once again, a win for our public speaking team in the annual Youth Speaks competition. Tallulah Kingsman, Louis Ogston and JT Truter represented not just Trevelyan but the Windsor Rotary Club in the Zone Final on Monday 4th and came away with an emphatic win thanks to their outstanding performance. They were speaking on the importance of ‘De-stressing the school curriculum’, a subject which often seems to strike a chord with the audience!

We look forward to seeing how they get on representing all of Windsor, Slough and Ascot in the District Final at the end of the month.

Many congratulations also to our partners in Pioneer Educational Trust, Upton Court Grammar School, who secured a win in the Senior Section of the competition.

It’s British Science Week!

March 8th to 17th is the annual celebration of all things STEM and at Trevelyan, there will be lots of ways to get involved! Anyone who takes part in a Science week activity will receive ENRICH points and be in with a shout of some prizes.

1) Royal Holloway will be holding their annual Science Open Day on Saturday March 9th from 10am to 4pm. See their website for details: https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/science-festival-2019/
2) Design a Labcoat competition. The top 5 posters will receive prizes and be entered into a national competition. See Mrs Wooders for an entry form.
3) Poster competition – design a poster that explores this year’s national theme of ‘Journeys’. The top 5 posters will receive prizes and be entered into a national competition. No entry form for this one.
4) This month’s library trail – the theme is Science (obviously)! Read and quiz on 6 books from the library before Easter that have a scientific or science fiction theme and you’ll be entered into a prize draw and receive ENRICH points completing the trail.
5) Run with the Ancestors – don’t forget you can download a free app to run a virtual timeline through human history as well as being entered into a virtual race. Details at https://runwiththeancestors.com/
6) **Project Weather Rescue** – your chance to get involved in some citizen science by helping to digitise weather data. You can play your part in researching weather changes and climate trends by getting involved in this project via the following website, which goes live on March 8th [https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/edh/weather-rescue](https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/edh/weather-rescue)

**YOGA**

Year 6 Parents,

Thank you firstly for all your attendance at parents evening, it was lovely to see so many parents there discussing progress and attainment with the relevant teachers and working together to make sure of a successful mission. In addition to this we have been working hard at school to not only progress students during lessons and supply them with fuel across a range of subjects, but this week saw a new mission to help health and wellbeing of the students and this was in the form of yoga.

6JR with help from the Pioneer Parliament and a selected few Year 7 boys took part in our first Yoga session on Monday focusing on breathing and 5 simple stretches to get our mind and body into the right place before starting lessons for the day. Each form group will be given this opportunity and hopefully they all find it as beneficial as 6JR did. In addition to this please make use at home of this opportunity to ask the students about it and maybe even join in with them! **Mr Redman**

**Playground Leaders**

I am so pleased to announce that I have chosen x10 Year 6 Playground Leaders who have shown me maturity in lessons, who always put 100% into their learning and who I can trust to help me to hand out and maintain equipment at breaktime and lunchtime. They will take a day each to be responsible for handing out equipment and collecting it in. They will also all receive badges to wear and be proud of around school.
Congratulations to the following Year 6 pupils:

Verity Mitchell       Archie Seeburg
Charlie Ketterer      Izzy Imberg
Bronwen Crick         Leo Murrell
Christian Jeremiah    Amy Rossiter
Isabelle Clark        Kyle Lane

Mrs Allen

**SATS Champions: English Writing**

Last term, a brave group of pioneering Year 6’s took part in an innovative new project, where they devised, planned and delivered a series of lessons of key SATs skills to the entirety of Year 6. They not only did themselves proud, but they have also begun what we hope will be a revolution of pupil-led teaching at Trevelyan Middle School.

The pupils leading this initiative were Amy Rossiter, Dhwani Iyer, George Warnell, Thomas Roberts and Olivia Skinner.

Here is a report from three of the pupils below:

*by Amy, Dhwani and George*

*Throughout the past few weeks, we have had an amazing time teaching the whole of Year 6 about our chosen English topic: Mood and Atmosphere. We spent a lot of time planning and organising our lessons and trying to find different techniques to teach our peers. We practiced our lesson on a group of Year 5s and Year 7s to help us grasp a better idea of where we were in our teaching.*

*As well as teaching other people, we actually learnt a lot ourselves; not only about English but it also boosted our confidence levels in speaking and teaching in front of a class. We spent time with Mr. Day perfecting our lesson and gathering the required resources. We also made a PowerPoint on mood and atmosphere which consisted of some examples of our own writing to compare the different techniques in creating atmosphere. In addition, we gave the Year 6 classes some pictures to describe the atmosphere of the image.*

*Once our presentation was complete, the first lesson was nerve-racking but went as planned. We soon picked up on our style of teaching which seemed to be working. There were a couple of ups and downs but we got there eventually. It was a truly incredible experience and we enjoyed every minute of it.*
**KS3 Update**

This week I shared with KS3 the information on which pupils in February had achieved their AR targets, been at school every day and had no behaviour points. Each pupil has been congratulated and awarded ENRICH points.

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### The Brain Tumour Charity Bake Sale 21ˢᵗ March

#BigBandanaBake

The brain tumour charity is working towards getting a cure for brain tumours. Brain tumours ruin lives not only for the people unfortunate enough to be diagnosed with one but also for their friends, families and the people they see every day. At Trevelyan we want to help stop the big numbers of people who pass away because of the horrific consequences of this disease.
We are hosting a bake sale to contribute to this year’s #BigBandanaBake. In the crush hall at break time, we, the senior prefect team, will be selling a variety of delicious baked treats – see recipes below. But we need the treats! On the 21st of March we encourage the pupils of Trevelyan to bring in whatever they’ve baked, bought or decorated so that us, as a school, can make a difference.

Survival rates of brain tumours are 28.8% for boys and 31.6% for girls. The brain tumour charity is trying to change these numbers. Our aim is to raise £500 but we would be appreciative if we even got £75. Help us get there by bringing some baked treats into school. No amount is too little, even a few cupcakes are valued.

Many thanks Mrs Thompson

Latest Update from the PTA

Adults Quiz Night
Help us raise £1000 for three all-weather table tennis tables!
We’re very happy to be introducing the Trevelyan Quiz Night – and the fundraising objective for this very first quiz night is the outdoor table tennis tables that the school would like to install.

Where: The School Hall
When: Thursday 21st March 19:00
Who: This is an event for the grown-ups in the family – parents, carers and grandparents are all very welcome.
Tickets: £10 a head, including a fish&chips supper – available through Parent Pay until 18th March

Enter a team of 5-6 or put your name down and we’ll connect you with other participants. There will be a bar with soft drinks, wine and Windsor & Eton Brewery cask ale.
For any questions, contact us on pta@trevelyan.org.uk

Amazon Smile
We have now started to see some funds coming through from the Amazon Smile link-up, which is very exciting! It’s such a simple way to help raising funds for the school as once you’ve set up your Amazon account correctly and log in via the Amazon Smile portal, it’s automatic – and you don’t pay a penny extra either!
As we’ve have had a few questions on how to set it up recently, here’s a summary:
Just go to smile.amazon.co.uk, log in with your normal Amazon credentials, once prompted search for ‘Trevelyan School Parent and Teacher Association’ and select us as your nominated charity. You’ll only need to do this once as it will then be linked to your account.

Once you’re set up, as long as you log in via smile.amazon.co.uk for your Amazon purchases, 0.5% of what you buy (ex. VAT and delivery costs) will automatically be donated to the Trevelyan PTA. Doesn’t get easier than that!! (And don’t worry, we can’t see what you’re buying!)

PTA Contributions So Far
We thought you might like an update on what the PTA fundraising has helped with so far around the school this year.

£5,100 for “footprints” to mark out the one-way system in the school in a fun and decorative way and avoid having to have “stop signs” on the doors – it’s health and safety and interior design in one!
£500 for DT materials for all year groups
£5,000 for the school minibuses
£600 towards ENRICH point rewards
And we have agreed to contribute with a £100/month fund for stationery and equipment. Funds really are stretched for the school, and this will help the office staff as well as the teachers with ensuring they can have the right office equipment to hand.

We have also had a donation of a digital camera to the school after our appeal before Christmas which is already being put to good use.

The next target is to raise money for three outdoor table tennis tables, to give the children more opportunities for sports activities at break time. We’re kicking off the fundraising for these at the Quiz Night on 21st March as mentioned above. Do come along and help contribute!

Next PTA Meeting
The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 2nd April at 19.30 in one of the classrooms off the crush hall. Entrance from reception. Everyone’s welcome!

Book Fair in the Library
The Scholastic Book Fair will run from Tuesday 12th March until Friday 15th March during lunchtimes in the Library. Information leaflets are being distributed this week. Please encourage your child to support this event as every purchase will provide free books for the Library in commission. If any parents would like to come and help please contact the Office. Many thanks!

Cleaning staff
We are still looking for cleaning staff. If you are interested please contact the school office on 01753 864371 or email office@trevelyan.org.uk.
TREVELYAN QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH IN THE SCHOOL HALL
THE EVENING STARTS AT 7PM
TICKETS £10 - INCLUDES A FISH & CHIPS SUPPER

Join us for a fun fundraising quiz night for the grown-ups in the family - parents, carers and grandparents are all very welcome.

Do bring along friends too, particularly if you think they might help your team win! Enter a team of 5-6 or put your name down and we'll connect you with other participants.

Hosted by our very own in-house quiz masters.

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If you have any queries or would like to put your name down to join a quiz team, please email pta@trevelyan.org.uk

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH PARENTPAY UNTIL 18TH MARCH