Letter from Head

Dear parents and carers,

It’s been a busy and eventful term, with lots going on. We’ve had many trips that the children have enjoyed and also had onsite events and workshops going on. As you are aware, we had the Ofsted inspectors in a few weeks ago, you will all have received the results of our inspection by now and hopefully had a chance to read the report. We are delighted with the results, I am very proud of my team for all their hard work, commitment and dedication they have demonstrated throughout this process. The results of the report are a testament to everyone’s hard work. I would like to say a big thank you to all our parents and colleagues for all the messages of congratulations and gifts. Everything we do is for our children, and to have the support of our parents means so much. I wish you all a very happy and restful half term, it’s been busy, hectic but very a wonderful end to the term. We look forward to seeing you all on 11th November.

Nicola Chandler

SEND News

The SEND team were thrilled to get a special mention in the recent Ofsted report. We have a dedicated team here at Trevelyan, all working to ensure that pupils get the provision they require to meet their varied needs. Myself and Miss Paynter (SENCO) met with the senior Ofsted Inspector during the inspection to discuss how we support SEND pupils in school. We had so much to say that we seemed to answer his questions before he even had time to ask them! Contrary to some media opinions, we found the Inspector to be interested, knowledgeable and understanding.

With thanks to the whole amazing staff team and pupils at Trevelyan!

We are even more pleased to have been recognised under these particularly austere times. This week Parliament's Education Select Committee published a damning report on the role of the Department for Education in managing a recent overhaul of the SEND system. The results of the inquiry are thus:

“Let down by failures of implementation, the 2014 reforms have resulted in confusion and at times unlawful practice, bureaucratic nightmares, buck-passing and a lack of accountability, strained resources and adversarial experiences, and ultimately dashed the hopes of many.”

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For those of you embroiled in this system, you will know the frustrations of long waiting times, lack of funding, and the reliance on charities to fill the gaps in your local communities. As a school we have faced these same pressures as we have sought different avenues to find support for pupils. Finally, a cross-party report has investigated these issues in depth and has demanded immediate action to rectify the gross underfunding of pupils in our schools, and the hand-cuffing bureaucracy that has prevented the reforms from bringing the successes they promised.

Alternatively, if you have the time, patience and inclination, you may wish to see the full report here: https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201920/cmselect/cmeduc/20/20.pdf

Mrs Roscoe

**School trips**

**Year 5 Kidzania trip**

Year 5 cohort recently travelled to Westfield in London as part of the KS2 Pastoral Programme to have a go at a wide range of careers, igniting curiosity and raising aspiration. The students were very excited on the way there getting lots of waves and toots in the coach and we had some beautiful singing to take our mind off the roadworks.

Once the children had received their fifty Kidzos they were off and the whole 150 children began their Kidzania experience. All day we were surrounded with nurses, graduates, animators, weather and news crew and even policeman- even trying to arrest Mrs Dixon on numerous occasions!

The experience incorporates testing different skills such as listening skills, reactions, social skills and teambuilding skills to complete a task as a group such as a news report, organ transplant and even putting out a fire. The experience is designed to get children thinking about potential future careers but also help them in their transition to middle school; testing their independence, curiosity and creativity.

The children pay ‘Kidzos’ to take part in a career activity and then earn money back for their hard work. At the end of the day, we spend time in the ‘Kidzo Shop’ where the harder they have worked (or saved in their savings accounts!) they can spend their money on the essentials- bouncy balls, pencils, pens and wind-up toys!

The children were impeccably behaved and respectful and asked some amazing questions and ‘Strawberry Laces’ – our ‘zupervisor’ was really impressed and stood on sadly as we raided the ‘Kidzo Shop’ so that we could spend our hard-earned money.

Thank you, Year 5, for a day filled with laughter, thinking and of course hard work!

Mrs Dixon
Year 8 trip to The Woman in Black

Yesterday, 83 of our Year 8 pupils took part in a theatre trip to watch “The Woman in Black” by Susan Hill. This was in connection with their studies of Gothic writings.

The play, at the Fortune Theatre in London, is a masterpiece of horror as everything takes place on an almost bare stage. There are only 2 actors involved (plus the woman in black) who take on every part. Clever use of a few costumes and props moved us from an office in London, onto a train journey and finally a pony and trap that brought our hero to a large, grey house in North Wales.

Our Year 8s were sceptical to begin with as they couldn’t understand how a stage play would frighten them. However… after several frights and screams they were wholly immersed in the story. In the second half you could hear a pin drop in the theatre as the tension mounted!

No further details of the story will be released here but it does get a 5 star rating from us. All year 8 children were a credit to the school and we know that for many this was their first experience of a theatre trip. We hope that it is the start of many more.

See the next newsletter for the Year 8 reviews.

If you like a fright go and see “The Woman in Black!”

Miss Mowat
Internal visits

A visit from Windsor Rotary

Christmas started early for our Year 6 pupils this year. On Tuesday, October 22nd, both Windsor Rotary clubs came to Trevelyan to distribute free dictionaries to every Year 6 pupil. This is an annual event for all Windsor Year 6 pupils and this year was co-ordinated by Mr Paul Andreianu. Windsor is lucky enough to have two Rotary clubs; Windsor St George represented by Roshani Perera and Windsor and Eton, represented by Ralph Cooper, their president.

The dictionaries, The Usborne Illustrated Dictionary, are a lovely colourful edition and will be of tremendous help in all subjects. This project by the Rotary is a marvellous way of supporting literacy in the community and we are immensely grateful for their kind and generous offering.

Here are pictures of just some of the grateful recipients.

Year 6 Workshop

Last week, we had the opportunity to take part in a war workshop which explained what it would have been like if you were a warden in the war. We found it really interesting and funny, especially when he explained how to dispose of a bomb and put on a gas mask. It was hilarious when he threw the baby inside the gas mask - don't worry it wasn't a real baby!

Everyone got to take part and everyone had the chance to do a bit of acting.

At the end, we had a jazz party because that's what the American soldiers did. We got to dance and sing!

Poppy, Harry and Oliver 6KS
We were delighted to have Heathrow sponsor another coding event at TMS. They teamed up with Spark! and delivered an informative and fun session to the Year 6 students. The challenge showed students how coding is used at Heathrow Airport, particularly with regard to transporting cargo from the warehouse to the ‘belly’ of the aircraft. The challenge involved students working closely as part of a team in roles of either Officers or Managers. They then used ‘Scratch’ to code different routes; helping them to understand the journey of cargo from the warehouse to Heathrow and onto the hold of a plane.

The session was delivered by Spark!, a charity, and volunteers from Heathrow. It was a great way for students to develop their coding and programming skills, as well as to encourage team working. The students enjoyed the session and benefitted from it greatly.

Mrs Southard

Royal Society Young People’s Book Prize

Trevelyan was invited by The Royal Society to participate in choosing the winner for this year’s Young People’s Book Prize. This prize is awarded to the best science book for young people published in the last year. A panel of five Trevelyan pupils rose to the challenge to read each of the shortlisted books and give them points for ease of reading, look and feel, interest and inspiration. The shortlist consisted of the following books: Planetarium, Making with States of Matter, Kid Scientists, 100 things to know about Numbers, Computing and Coding, The Bacteria Book and The Element in the Room.

The panel of pupils: Hannah Dyson, Noah McEntee, Arran Eden, Walter Sinclair and Ashanti Thompson read, reviewed and discussed the books and voted on the winner. Their choice was 100 Things to know about Numbers, Computing and Coding. This decision has been sent off to the Royal Society who will decide the overall winner from votes from schools around the country. The winner will be announced in November. In the meantime, the books will be on display in the library for all the pupils to enjoy.
**Launching the Year 6 Aspire Project**

We are really excited to announce the launch of our Trevelyan Aspire Group of Year 6s. This exclusive group of eleven pupils are going to be working alongside our skilled team of Year 7 coaches in order to work towards the higher standards of their Writing, Maths and Reading. The coaches themselves will rotate across the year, beginning with our Writing Experts. The group launched today with a presentation from three of the coaches: Grace Nathu, Isaac Thornton and James Warnell. These pupils gave inspirational words of wisdom but also talked through their personal stories – including the challenges they faced last year. By Christmas, this group will be ready to share an enticing collection of stories to share with you all in this very publication. So… watch this space!

Miss Dixon and Mr Day

**Trevelyan Cake Sale**

Several representatives from 6JG (Ellie Chandler, Elodie Shields, Amelie Simkin, Olive Williamson, Naya Postigo and Roxy Webb) volunteered to lead on our Trevelyan Cake Sale, this week, in order to raise money for charity. The charity chosen from the girls was the RSPCA so our tutees were under strict instructions to design cakes with an animal theme in mind.

The cake sale was incredibly popular across Key Stage 2! Miss Mowat oversaw the sale, as our in-house Food Technology Teacher! Our girls, from 6JG, raised a stupendous total of £185 and 86 pence!

A very well done to both our Year 6 campaigners as well as our contributors - a very worthy cause!
News from the PTFA

Fantastic costumes and make-up on display made a great night of fun and entertainment at the Spooky disco. We also thank all the volunteers as without your helping hands the event would not be possible. We raised a total of £2200, which is £215 up on last year. A special thanks also goes out to out DJ Guy and the staff who stayed late to support the PTFA.

The next big event in the calendar is our annual Fireworks display taking place Friday November 15th 6pm onwards. Tickets will be available on ParentPay and can be bought for friends and family at discount in advance or full price on the night. Under 4’s go free. There will be BBQ food, drinks including Eton & Windsor Brewery cask ale and mulled wine, sweet treats, toys and games stalls. As always, we need your helping hands on the night so please get in touch on pta@trevelyan.org.uk if you could help out.

With the festive season fast approaching we also need your help in securing raffle prizes and donations both for Fireworks night and the Christmas Fair. In the coming weeks we are seeking gift baskets, wine gift bags, food and drink items for hampers, which you can donate by contacting us on our email address. If your employer or company could offer a donation or discount please find attached a letter you can share to help secure such. Post event we write to thank all our donors and sponsors for their contribution.

And your fundraising efforts are already making a difference. We’ve so far donated £236 in maths equipment and funded £2000 for the school hall makeover. Please don’t forget that there is a very easy way you can fundraise through Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile just by shopping online and choosing to put your charity donation towards Trevelyan PTFA. Thank you for your helping hands!

Events and activities

Science events over half-term:

Just a quick heads up about 2 Science events taking place over half-term that you may find interesting.

Norden Farm Arts Centre in Maidenhead has lots of half-term activities including the return of magicians Morgan and West with their brand-new show Unbelievable Science! Expect explosive thrills and chemical spills on Monday 28 October at 11.30am and 2pm. Leave your lab coat at the door for this bonkers science extravaganza!

Dark Matter Day: Tuesday 29 October. There will be a free lecture on Dark Matter by Dr Stephen West, head of the Department of Physics, at Royal Holloway University at 6.30pm in the Windsor Auditorium on their campus in Egham. This is the third time RHU have celebrated the global hunt for the universe’s missing matter and they recommend that you book your place at this popular lecture.

Mrs Wooders

Please also see attached posters for activities up coming half term events and activities.

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE STAFF AT TREVELAYAN WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY HALF TERM.