Newsletter - 31st January 2020

Letter from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fortnight has whizzed past and it's funny to reflect back to this time last year when school was closed due to the heavy snowfall we had. It is certainly mild, children are playing outside without coats and there is even sign of pink blossom on one of my favourite trees bordering our school! It is the final day of January (Brexit Day) and there is just two weeks left until the end of term – where does time go? As always it has been a very busy and productive two weeks with so much going on inside and outside school and there are lots of upcoming events too.

Last week lots of our Trevelyan pupils joined with Foxborough and Upton Court Grammar to celebrate 'Aspire Week' – there were trips out on the London underground for three days and a day of collating information, teamwork and presenting at the end of the week where all year groups across the three schools came together. I am sure your son or daughter would have told you all about it if they were involved but you can find out more by reading their article. We also had a pupil parliament meeting at Foxborough where all our representatives on the school council came together to plan our charity themed week and Pioneer Challenge this summer. Lots of exciting planning going on and we will share the information soon when they have finalised their plans!

Yesterday I had the privilege of attending a ‘Leading into the Future’ conference in London where lots of Headteachers and Leaders across the country listened and discussed many issues we all face in the 21st century and how we are supporting and educating the young people of today. It was an extremely informative day and really opened our minds as to how we ensure we provide for all children and how we help them to meet the diverse demands of an uncertain future. It was certainly a day for me full of inspiration, challenge and reflection.

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an afternoon and evening out in London themselves yesterday where Ms Mowat organised a trip to the West End to see The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. As expected, the Year 5 pupils had an amazing time and their behaviour was reported as ‘outstanding.’ It was lovely listening today to so many of them eager to share their opinions of the show and how exciting the whole experience was for them. We have English workshops coming up next week for Key Stage Three pupils so hopefully these will be met with equal passion and enthusiasm!!

Next week we are celebrating two whole school events – on Thursday 6th I am delighted to announce we are supporting, as part of children’s mental health week, ‘THINK OF OTHERS day where we are inviting all pupils to wear a jumper ‘inside out’. This is to remind us all to stop and think about how others might be feeling; always be kind as you don’t know how your friend is feeling on the inside! A letter has gone home to you explaining this but we are inviting everyone to come to school in full uniform but with a jumper of their own choice worn INSIDE OUT. A £1 donation will be requested from all taking part for the charity, ‘If U Care Share’. Then, next Friday (7th Feb), we are grateful for Mrs Hill and the maths team to be involving us in the NSPCC Number day – Children deserve an equal start in life! Maths that day will have a number day theme and children will be invited to listen to the NSPCC Speak Out Stay safe series of programmes during their past oral time. As you would have read, that day pupils are invited to come to school in mufti day as we are taking part in the Dress Up for Digits where all the £1 donations will go directly to support this charity. The year 8 pupils are also holding a cake sale (with a number theme) so would very much appreciate donations of cakes as well as pupils bringing in some change if they would like to buy a cake at breaktime. Both these events fall in line with our theme for the week where we are raising awareness of the importance of our children’s mental health. We thank you in advance for your support.
Upcoming dates and events:

- **Friday 31st January (today)**: Tuck shop after school (PTFA)
- **Thursday 6th February**: INSIDE OUT day (£1 donation)
- **Thursday 6th February**: Youth Speaks Rotary competition
- **Friday 7th February**: NSPCC number day (£1 donation plus donation of cakes)
- **Wednesday 12th February**: Windsor Castle Art trip – Years 7 and 8
- **Thursday 13th February**: Year 5 Parents’ Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- **Friday 14th February**: Half term holidays - School closes at 3.15pm
- **Monday 24th February**: Pioneer Trust Development Day (school closed for pupils)
- **Tuesday 25th February**: End of half term (children return to school)
- **Thursday 27th February**: Spring Disco
- **Thursday 12th March**: Year 6 Parents’ Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- **Thursday 26th March**: Mufti Day (Easter egg donation)
- **Thursday 2nd April**: Easter egg tombola and Year 7 Parents’ Evening
- **Friday 3rd April**: School finishes 12.15pm for Easter holidays.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mrs N Chandler
Head of School

Aspire Week

As mentioned in Mrs Chandler’s introduction, last week saw our awe-inspiring Aspire Week – an innovative cross-trust project. The ethos behind the project was to nurture both the cultural capital and the outward confidence of young people from across all three of our trust schools.

Being on the doorstep to one of the one’s most magnificent and diverse capital cities – within which lies not only so much of the nation’s history but also the world’s history – London became the most obvious destination of choice. However, as a pioneering trust, we were determined to do something beyond the ordinary that would push pupils in terms of their resilience (one of our Trevelyan values), while also exposing them to a London to casual visitor or tourist perhaps does not see.

The result was giving each group of pupils a tube line each to explore. In total, eight lines were explored by pupils from across our three schools. Of these, pupils from Trevelyan explored the Circle Line (which encompasses some of the oldest underground rail anywhere in the world); the Central Line (which covers the longest route of all lines); the Victoria Line (the first line to carry a sitting monarch in the 1960s); and the Bakerloo line (a portmanteau of Waterloo and Baker Street).

Despite following different lines, pupils explored the same five themes. These themes ranged from unearthing hidden and often dark secrets with “Hidden London” to exploring the role of those who defied the status quo throughout history with “Rebellious London”. No matter what line was being explored, certain characters and ideas kept resurfacing. For example, our Circle Line group saw the Royal Albert Hall where the infamous Kray Brothers once fought a boxing match; meanwhile, a few miles West, our Central Line team saw the Old Bailey where the same Kray Brothers were sentenced to life imprisonment a decade later.
The trip took in many little known sights, such as the traffic island beside Marble Arch that was once the much feared site of the Tyburn Tree – not a tree at all, but a wooden scaffold where many a criminal would meet their fate by hanging. Meanwhile, moving into the 21st century, our Victoria Line crew explored the streets of Brixton where they saw Electric Avenue, named as one of the first ever streets with electric street lighting and – more recently – the inspiration behind Eddy Grant’s classic track (written in response to the Brixton riots).

The trip demanding stamina from our young people and staff, which they rose to with energy and enthusiasm throughout. One group even managed to see the passing motorcade of Boris Johnson.

On the Friday, all pupils who participated in the trip convened at Upton Court Grammar School for a day of bringing together the themes of the day from across the capital city. Beyond the week itself, the trip has given participating young people so many stories to tell from the city’s great history that we hope will inspire them both within lessons, but also in further explorations we know they’ll take.

A big thank you to all our staff for supporting the trip – in particular to Debra Roscoe (our whole trust lead) for overall coordination of the ambitious project.

Mr B Day
Assistant Head Teacher

Year 5 attended a matinee performance of C. S. Lewis’ classic: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe yesterday afternoon (Thursday 29th January 2020). The production took place at The Bridge Theatre in London. Ms Mowat worked tirelessly to give the year group the opportunity to see the play, as a collective cohort, and I’m pleased to say….

…our Year 5 English students thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

The children particularly enjoyed how the production company asked them to partake in the show. A green slip was distributed to each student, upon entering the theatre, which acted as both their evacuee label and a leaf to signify the start of Spring and The White Witch’s slow demise. A well worthwhile visit which also signified the importance of the Year 5s novel unit; where the children took the opportunity to study C. S. Lewis (earlier in the school year), within English.

Mrs J Goddard
The Year 5s have been incredibly excited every time the post arrives at Trevelyan in the hope that their role model has replied to their letters sent off before Christmas.

Here are some of the replies we have had so far:

**The Queen**

**Anthony Watson**

**David Walliams**

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**Liverpool Football Club**

Mrs R Thompson

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**Request from English Department**

In the English department, we are constantly on the lookout for parent volunteers to help out with 1:1 reading! It is so important that children have the opportunity to read aloud to an adult and share their experiences with reading.

If you are interested in helping out by just listening to children read and engage in dialogue about their book, whether it be one hour a week or however many you can offer, please email the school office and ask to speak to myself. We would be so immensely grateful!

Mrs R Thompson
**Key stage 3**

**Spotlight**

This week KS3 have launched SPOTLIGHT! To shine the light on those that are achieving in every lesson. Pupils have been obtaining positive ticks that will be collated every Monday until February half term. Those that achieve positive ticks will receive positive emails home, ENRICH points for those that consistently shine bright and those that are shining stars will be put forward for Hot Chocolate Fridays. The tutor of the tutor group that scores the most points each week will receive a little something and put into the draw for the ‘gift of time’. Do have a conversation with your child on this and do check you emails from next week to see if your child has been shining bright in their lessons.

**Aspire Week**

Last week, we had our Cross-Trust Aspire Week which provided a small number of pupils the opportunity to see London in a different light. The year 8s got to experience the Piccadilly line where we went to Brixton to walk down Electric Avenue, admired the MI6 building in Embankment that we all recognised from James Bond’s Skyfall and learnt about Tate Britain’s past as a prison. We all had a fantastic time as we had the ability to see parts of London and its Cultural history in all its awe and wonder. Big thanks has to go to Mr Day and Mrs Roscoe on planning and organising this trip which some described as the “best school trip they have ever been on”.

**Behaviour escalation**

The pastoral team have been working hard to develop a behaviour escalation process that can be used across the key stages to support tutors and tutees. Below is a fresh system we wanted to share with parents that is being used to tackle behaviour concerns before they escalate. You will see below a staged approach which rolls on a two-week cycle. Pupils that have not shown improvement in the stage 1 process will escalate to stage 2 and so on. While we are continuously promoting our values of mutual respect between pupils and staff, we also hope that this provides reassurance to parents that any behaviour that could disrupt the learning of your child would be rapidly responded to and that we will maintain the highest expectations for our pupil’s behaviour and attitudes.

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Mrs Gingell, Mrs Dixon and Mr Day.
PE Department

Netball matches have now been organised for all year groups, the dates are listed below for your information. Invitation letters were sent home last week with the girls, so please ensure you return the consent forms. Details of upcoming fixtures are listed below. Letters will go home to selected students nearer the dates.

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Swimming Information Questionnaires
There are still some outstanding Year 6 Swimming Questionnaires (deadline 31st January). Thank you to those who have completed them - the best year group so far!

Mrs D Allen

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day takes place on 11th February 2020 this year. Safer Internet Days promote positive use of technology as well as to help to create safer online communities. Each year, there is a theme and this year the Safer Internet campaign is using the hashtag #freetobe. The aim is to encourage young people to think about their online identities and to explore what the internet would be like if young people were free to be themselves when they are online.

Young people are encouraged to explore how they manage their online identity, and how the internet shapes how they think of themselves and others. The campaign wants everyone to celebrate difference and help us to create a more inclusive internet.

In Computing lessons, we will look at range of resources, activities and ideas to raise awareness.

For more information and advice on helping young people stay safe online, please visit:

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers

Mrs K Southard
**Polite requests from the office**

**Absences**
If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that you call the school absence line (option 2), before 8.30am and leave a message. If the absence is more than one day, you will need to call daily to keep us informed. School registers are vital for safeguarding and in case of emergencies, so it is important that we are kept informed of your child’s whereabouts at the earliest opportunity. This also avoids parents receiving an absence message from the school.

**Lost property**
We try very hard in the office to ensure all lost property is returned to their rightful owners. We are however, reliant on parents to label all their child’s belongings to enable us to do this effectively. Occasionally a child will accidently take home something that isn’t theirs, and items can get lost forever! Please can you check to see if everything your child brings home is theirs, and if not please return to the school office and we will endeavour to return them to the correct child if we can.

**Car parking**
Once again, it is with regret that we have had further complaints regarding car parking issues. On this occasion, a resident from Wood Close has called the office to complain about how thoughtlessly parents are parking on the pavements surrounding Wood Close, and on resident’s driveways. The school have taken action to stop the dropping off and flow of traffic in Wood Close. We have informed the Council and received advice from the Senior Parking Warden which we have put into action to support the residents. The gate was only made accessible to families who reside in Wood Close, and is strictly for their use only. Only these families were given the entrance code on the promise that it was not shared with other children or parents. However, it appears that the code has been shared as parents are dropping children off at this entrance. As a result, we will change the code, this will only be disclosed to families living on Wood Close. Should this be shared again, the school will have no option but to permanently close off the gate. All other children must be dropped off/picked up at the St. Leonard’s Road car park where there is ample parking.

**ParentPay Lunch Accounts**
We have quite a few children coming to the office at break times asking us to contact parents to top up their lunch accounts. Whilst we are happy to do this, we just wanted to make you aware there is an option on your account which reminds you when your balance is getting low. See below information:

1. From within your ParentPay account, navigate to Communication > Alert settings
2. From the list of alerts, select which alerts would like to receive, and whether you want to receive them by email or text message. There is no charge for emails, text messages alerts will be charged at 6p each.

Thank you for your co-operation
Trevelyan Admin Team
Useful information for parents

Sports4Kids
(please see attached flyer)

Half term Football Camp
(please see attached flyer)

Reading Rockets Basketball Camp
(please see attached flyer)

Windsor Girls Rugby Club
(please see attached flyer)

TikTok app
The Ticktok app has been in the press again, it has been reported that the app is being used by predators to groom children as young as eight. Please click on the link below to read the full article.

https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/news/predators-groom-children-as-young-as-eight-on-tiktok-app

Maidenhead Big Read Competition
Please see attached poster for the Maidenhead's Big Read Competition. This is a fabulous opportunity for your children to be involved in a community event. The closing date is 14th February, further details can also be found on Maidenhead's Big Read website:

https://www.maidenheads-big-read.org.uk/design-competition.html

Family First magazine
Please use the link below to access your free copy of Family First magazine, which provides parents with all the tools required to help keep their children active, eating healthy & playing more sport (and away from their PlayStation/Xbox), helping to combat obesity in children & young adults.

Here is your free e-copy of Family First, the UK's largest family title - Enjoy
https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff-issue_5_digital130120
Like & follow us on

Teacher Training Open Morning
Windsor Girl’s School are holding an open morning for anyone interested in applying for teacher training. It will be held on Monday 10th February 9.30am -11.15am. Please see attached flyer for further details.

London and Sussex Teacher Awards 2020
Applications are now open to nominate a teacher, teaching assistant or education support staff for going above and beyond.
This event is sponsored by British Airways, they will personally be sponsoring the STEM award for both London and Sussex. They are seeking teachers who go over and above to promote STEM opportunities and make STEM exciting for young people!
If you would like to nominate your favourite teacher or support staff, you can do so by using the links below. Nominations close on 1st March.

Nomination link for London Teacher Awards: https://lnkd.in/dgQ_St
Nomination link for Sussex Teacher Awards: https://lnkd.in/d4JUQqA

Thank you for all your support