Welcome to our penultimate newsletter of 2014! As always the school has been busy doing this and that over the course of a fortnight with a very busy 3 weeks ahead. Our next newsletter will be written during the final week of term, and distributed, so we can update you all with the Christmas events and end of year goings on.

Where do I start? My last newsletter was written just after 8PY performed their wonderful assembly about being happy and today’s assembly was equally as impressive when Year 5 took centre stage. Despite many absences in the class, Mr Bishop and 5MB stood up and discussed all the simple things in life that we should be thankful for and led this in to America’s Thanksgiving celebrations. It was a pleasure to watch and a lovely start to a grey Friday morning!! Well done 5MB!

This week staff have been busy collating data for all the pupils they teach ready for you to receive your child’s first progress report home of the academic year. This will also then be discussed with the children themselves during the afternoon of Wednesday 10th December when they are off timetable for the afternoon to review their progress and set new targets and then with yourselves at the Tutor Parents’ Evening on Thursday 11th December.

As you can read further on, the pupils have also had exciting assemblies this week finding out and pulling colours out of a hat for our new house system that is to be launched this side of Christmas. Very much in the style of Harry Potter, class representatives came to the front of assembly to pull out the house colour they would belong to – now the biggest decision of all is left for the pupils to make – what will our new Houses be called? This week has also brought sporting matches, Christmas rehearsals, reading books for their new passports and also writing short stories for Mr Ruggieri’s short story competition that he has entered Trevelyan in. But most importantly, and you can read more, was the outstanding result from our 3 Year 8 pupils who went along with Mrs Wooders and Mr King to compete in the Youth Speaks competition. PROUD – the only word that I can use when I heard this amazing result. Molly, Ginny and Michael performed in assembly just days before and literally blew us away – but to find out they won having spoken in front of a much larger audience is even more special. Well done guys – can’t wait to see your performance in January. A huge thank you to Mrs Wooders and also to Mr King for their dedication and time in organising this event.

I hope you enjoy reading our news and stories and we look forward to updating you shortly. In the meantime PTA requests for the Christmas fair, monies for Christmas dinner and tickets for our Christmas concert will all be sent out individually.

Mrs N Chandler
EXTRACTS WRITTEN BY THE YEAR 8 DEPUTIES

ATL: Over the past few weeks I have been told by many teachers to “be on my best behaviour as the ATL is coming up” (for those who don't know ATL is attitude to learning - basically a score you get depending on how you work). Also over the past few weeks we (our form) have had an increasing number of tests which have changed out ATL results. After all of this build up I can’t wait to find out what I got and am really worried that I will have done badly. I can only wait……..!!!!

Isaac Jervis

It’s a known fact!

On Monday 24th November at 6pm the Trevelyan youth speaks team 2014 were ready! The chairperson was Molly Kemp – Me! The main speaker was Michael Smith and the Vote of Thanks was Ginny Davis. Our topic was all about superheroes. St Edwards Middle hosted the event in their hall. One by one we got there. I met up with Michael and Ginny then we located our very dedicated teacher Mrs Wooders and former teacher Mr King. These two teachers have met up with us nearly every break, lunchtime and after school opportunities we could get. So I’d just like to thank them so much for making this possible and giving up their own time to help us.

Once everyone was settled we sat down to watch the event. First, the senior schools had their turn; Windsor boys, Windsor girls and Brigidine. We all waited their extremely nervously, although I must say they were very good. Then it was our turn. We went first and then the 2 St Edwards’ teams followed. The atmosphere was buzzing with around 60 people in the hall. Though as soon as I stood up to speak, it went silent. Then just suddenly it was over, we had finished our speech and we all did a tremendous job. We watched St Edwards’ speeches and they were extremely good too. All that was left now was the agonising 40 minutes until the results. The head judge Mary stood up and spoke about each speech- it was not looking good - until she mentioned the word teamwork. Then I just had a slight feeling we could do this; we could win! Before I knew it Michael,
Ginny and I were high fiving each other dramatically and having a photo taken with our certificates and trophies! We Won! Michael also won the best speaker award out of everyone, so a huge congratulations to him. We hadn’t beat St Edwards for 5 years! But it had all changed now!!

The next round is in January and there are a few whispers flying around that Trevelyan is hosting it. But don’t tell anyone I said that, it’s not confirmed! I’m so proud of Michael, Ginny – the best team mates ever!  

Molly Kemp

New House Teams

It's time to say goodbye to tradition and welcome the new house system at Trevelyan.

Since the beginning of the academic year Mr Brazier has been working extremely hard to launch the new houses throughout school. This week has been very exciting as we finally found out what house each form is in. Unlike previous years, each house consists of a form from each year group. Many names have been suggested but none have been decided yet, so for the mean time they are simply called:

Red, Yellow, Green and Blue!

In assembly we found out what houses we are now in and a draw was held by the House Representatives from each form.

Everyone in Trevelyan looks forward to knowing the new house names and making an effort to ensure their house wins.

WINDSOR SCHOOLS YEAR 6 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
The Year 6 Hockey team played in a Hockey tournament on Tuesday 18th November at Windsor Boys School. They played against all of the other Middle Schools and Brigidine. They won all of their group matches and met Dedworth A in the final. They won 3-1 to make them the overall winners of the competition. They played with great enthusiasm and worked really hard as team to improve as the games went on. They are now going to representing Windsor at the County finals on the 25th March. Well done!

**BASKETBALL COMPETITION – match report to follow in next edition**

Last night Trevelyan competed in a basketball competition. A big thank you to Mrs Wooders for taking the team.

Trevelyan A came 3rd, Trevelyan B came 4th out of 7 teams.
**PUPIL OF THE WEEK in ART**

**Year 5 – Courtney Humphrey 5NR**

Outstanding effort and dedication in Art lessons and for Homework. Courtney spends her own time finishing off work during breaks to ensure it is always to her highest standard.

**Year 6 – Jack Grey 6DK**

Outstanding collage homework of a horse. It had tone, background and detail.

**Year 7 – Chloe Caton 7KL**

For perseverance and dedication. Chloe was unhappy with the quality of her final piece so she decided to come in during lunch times to redo her final piece and is currently achieving level 5.

**Year 8 – Aliya Pritchard-Casey 8JR**

Aliya has achieved level 6 in Art. Aliya has willingly spent lunchtime completing work to secure her new level.

**NEW HOUSE SYSTEM**

We are introducing a new House system to the school, with new house names and a system which will be embedded throughout the school. Pupils will have a say in how the house system is run from the new names to what competitions will be set. Each House will have a form from each year group - we have started the houses off with a house colour: Red, Yellow, Green and Blue.

Form groups in each House are:

Red- 5COD, 6EJ, 7AH, 8JR
Yellow- 5MB, 6CH, 7EW, 8JB
Green- 5NR, 6AS, 7KL, 8PY
Blue- 5SS, 6DK, 7DM, 8DE

The house point totals:

Red – 2172
Yellow- 1621
Blue- 1752
Green- 1877

House names will follow as soon as the House representatives have decided.
This month our Scientist of the Month is Professor Sir Alec John Jeffreys, (born 9 January 1950 in Oxford) is a British geneticist, who developed techniques for DNA fingerprinting and DNA profiling which are now used worldwide in forensic science to assist police detective work. When he was eight, his father gave him a chemistry set, which he enhanced over the next few years with extra chemicals, even including a small bottle of sulphuric acid. He says he liked making small explosions, but an accidental splash of the sulphuric acid caused a burn, which left a permanent scar on his chin (now under his beard). At about 12, he made a small dissecting kit (including a scalpel, crafted from a flattened pin) which he used to dissect a bumblebee, but he got into trouble with his parents when he progressed to dissecting a larger specimen. He is now a professor of genetics at the University of Leicester. In 1994, he was knighted for services to science and technology.

Joining him on our Science Star board will be Annabel Hodgkinson, Libby Brake, Sam Lee, Ashlee Martin, Himanshi Verma, Ellen Donaldson, Oscar Walker, Gracey Caller, Eugenia de Salas, Priya Juneja. Well done to all these pupils for their continued effort in their Science lessons. Who will be our December stars?

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- **Christmas Concert**  
  Thursday 4th December  
  7pm to 8.45pm
- **Parents’ (Tutor Progress) Evening**  
  Thursday 11th December  
  4pm to 7pm
- **Xmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch**  
  Friday 12th December  
  During school
- **Christmas Fair**  
  Friday 12th December  
  3.30pm to 5.30pm
- **Christmas Disco KS2**  
  Thursday 18th December  
  6pm to 7.30pm
- **Christmas Disco KS3**  
  Thursday 18th December  
  8pm to 9.30pm
- **Last Day (school finishes at 1pm)**  
  Friday 19th December  
  1pm finish!

We hope you enjoyed our newsletter and we look forward to updating you with a fun packed Christmas edition in the last week of term.

Happy weekend to you all.

*Mrs N Chandler – Deputy Headteacher*