Dear Parents and Carers,

What a beautiful start to the half term break – blue skies, glorious sunshine and even a bank holiday weekend ahead! I know we are all looking forward to the week ahead and we wish you all a fun, safe and enjoyable week.

I am not sure where to start today as there seems to be a few big things to report on but I think I will choose last Thursday evening where I sat and watched our very talented young people perform in the Young Musicians of the Year concert. What a privilege it was to sit there and be part of the audience; an enormously talented group of Trevelyan pupils. I thoroughly enjoyed writing home to each parent when I got home as I was really bowled over by the skills and abilities, and of course the confidence, that these girls and boys exhibited. Well done to all our performers. It was also fun meeting in my office for a tea party the next afternoon – they sure deserved it!

This weekend eight Year 6 boys are off to Wembley for the big game. In the midst of the excitement for Exeter and Blackpool to try and make division one, we are more interested in the game before where we will watch our boys play the other finalists to win the EFL cup. Playing on Wembley pitch must be every boy’s dream and our school have made it! I am so looking forward to it myself and I am only a spectator!! Our boys travel up on Saturday where they have a whole host of activities and treat planned before their night in the hotel, tour of Wembley Stadium in the morning and then their lunchtime fixture sporting their new kits. GO TREVELYAN!!!!!

More good news is that Trevelyan won the Bags for Help Tesco token scheme and we have been awarded the top prize of £5000 to go towards our new trim trail – we are delighted. A big thank you to all of you who supported this. I know my children suddenly loved shopping in Tescos!! It is wonderful news and we can at last start the process of looking into the type of trail we want for the pupil. Talking of new equipment, we are in the midst of our four classroom extension at the moment and although some classes have been re-roomed (and at time it can be extremely noisy), disruption has been minimalised and the building work is well underway. We hope to get the rooms decorated too, ready for the new year in September.

Yesterday, despite the very sad occasion, I felt extremely proud of the pupils who all marked the one minute silence at 11.00am to remember all those involved in the Manchester terror attack. Most classes decided to stand and bow their head but wherever we were, we all stood or sat quietly. There is much advice being shared with us regarding terror attacks, and an accessible resource that we recommend, if you also want to share this, was advertised on BBC News last night. There is a short video and advice for children and adults. We have shown this in form time and reinforced that if pupils are upset or worried, they should talk and share their worries in a responsible way.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002
With Year 6 exams finished and Year 8 exams looming, we know the summer term also brings lots of fun events. Sports week, Sports day, Legoland for Year 6, numerous theatre trips and also a two-day transition this year for those moving up to Trevelyan in September and for our Year 8’ moving on. Our Year 5 pupils are due back later this afternoon from their first Trevelyan residential in Swanage and what a glorious week they have had. Daily reports are full of positive news, good behaviour and exciting days so we look forward to welcoming them all back in a few hours’ time – after their fish and chips on the beach at lunchtime! We hope you have all enjoyed reading our latest news and I will update you again in the new term.

Wishing you all a lovely week off and a fun Bank Holiday weekend

Mrs N Chandler - Acting Head of School

Year 6 Pirate Day
A big thank you to all of our year 6 parents for their effort and time in helping your child to look fantastic for our annual Pirate Day!

All of the maths teachers were blown away by how creative the costumes were, and how great the pupils looked!

We had a fantastic day and held a Pirate Parade, where the best pirate costume was rewarded. The maths teachers were also competing for the best costumes.

We also held a Pirate treasure map competition and each winner got to choose from a selection of Minion notebooks and David Walliams reading books. Once again thank you for helping your child at home to make their maps look so authentic!

Finally we held an adventure treasure map puzzle competition, where the pupils had to work in small groups to solve puzzles, make bridges, use multi-link and string and create a treasure map from various clues. Our winners beat the runners up by 10 seconds and they were Oliver Quashi, Atticus Chute and Max Kingsman. Each winner got to choose a new book as well.

We had a truly fun and wonderful day, mostly helped by the pupils’ brilliant behaviour and great attitudes!

The Maths Team.

KS3 Tennis Match
On Monday 22nd May we hosted a tennis match against Holyport College.

It was such a hot day and this took us all by surprise. We had to ensure we were all hydrated throughout.

Holyport arrived at 2.30 and our first three pairs went on. We were winning 2-1. We then swapped around and after the next set of matches were winning 5-1. We then mixed up the pairs and played another 6 matches. After an hours play the boys won overall 10 – 2.

Samir Talha was nominated player of the tournament which was amazing. He played so well and fought for every point.

Well done to all of the boys who took part, I am a very proud head of department: Geraldo Kasaj (Yr 8), Akhil Paleti (Yr 8), Samir Talha (Yr 8), Tommy Hill-Parsons (Yr 8), Alexander Walker (Yr 8), Marcus Chute (Yr 8), Atticus Chute (Yr 6), Josh Askew (Yr 7), Aku Launonen (Yr 7), Oliver Sheppard (Yr 8) and Ibraheem Kiyani (Yr 7).
Rounders Matches

Unfortunately due to the weather all of our Rounders matches have been cancelled so far this term! This is a great shame. We are hoping to get them rescheduled but it is an extremely busy term next term. Watch this space!

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Year 8 Transfer Tests

Maths Online Resources

Revising little and often will have the best impact on memory and learning. Please see the school website for practice Transfer papers and revision booklets.

Our Maths Link Governor Mr Jervis who has found a fantastic Website called the Khan Academy Website. There are helpful hints and videos on the various topics and there is the option to sign up and follow your child's progress.

It is a great resource to look at for children in all Key Stages but particularly good for Key Stage 3.

CGP revision guides and work books are the best resource for the Transfers. KS3 – Foundation and Higher.

BBC Revisewise KS3

Education City - Free to use with a Trevelyan Login for Key Stage 3.

My Maths Transfer Boosters - Free of charge with Trevelyan login

Transfer Test Revision List

- Converting percentages to fractions.
- Fractions of amounts, ordering fractions
- Algebra – simplifying.
- Indices
**Year 8 Science Transfer Exams**

With the end of school exams looming, a word of advice on what the pupils will need to know to do well.

There will be three exams: two covering the science subject knowledge from Key Stage 3. The pupils have studied these topics: Cells and Systems, Reproduction in plants and animals, Respiration & Photosynthesis, Digestion, Sound & Light, Forces & Motion, Space (in Year 6), Electricity & Electro-magnetism, Energy transfers, Chemical equations, Acids & Alkalis, The Reactivity Series, The Periodic Table.

The third exam will be a paper looking at working scientifically skills: planning experiments, identifying sources of error, presenting results (including graph drawing), drawing conclusions and evaluating results. Good luck with the revision!

*Mrs Wooders*

**Humanities Plea for Gardening Equipment**

The Humanities Club is in full swing and have so far collected over 400 two-litre plastic bottles with Kieran Wren in 6DA having brought in over 100 on his own!! We still have a long way to towards our target of 1,500 needed to build a greenhouse using them, so please keep bringing them in.

The Humanities Club is also going to rejuvenate the disused and over grown vegetable patches that are in school but not touched for over 4 years. To do this we desperately require gardening equipment in the way of gloves, trowels, spades and forks. Local allotments and garden centres have been contacted for donations but if you have any unwanted gardening equipment that you could donate to the school, it would be put to a very good use. Many thanks,

Mr Hooper- *Head of Humanities*. 

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Zoolab Report

by Leiona Lewis

On Monday 15th May the Zoo Lab Company came in with some species that could be found in the tropical rainforest. It was a wonderful experience and the animal species which were brought in were amazing: there was, a tarantula, a milk snake, a lizard as well as other animals. We were able to hold all the species apart from the tarantula luckily! This was a big relief for Mr Redman! Surprisingly though this was more for the safety of the tarantula who was only 3 months old and very delicate and being shaken as she was passed around could be enough for her to break a leg although she could fall out of a tall window and survive as she is so light and would use her legs like a parachute to slow her fall.

Mr Hooper’s favourite animal was the Madagascan cockroach which we heard could run 100 metres in just 3.5 seconds and survive a nuclear blast as its tough exoskeleton doesn’t absorb radiation. It can also survive up to ten days after being chopped in half as it has two brains. One is in its head and the other in its abdomen. The head would carry on eating whilst the abdomen walked around searching for a mate to reproduce and would give birth to 300 young in those 10 days. Both only die from starvation. These cockroaches are able to survive anywhere, they can be frozen solid, burned in a fire and continue to live. They eat anything they can find including bricks, metal, wood, fabric, in fact the only thing that they can’t eat is glass!

As you can tell the hour session was fascinating and we learned so much about a range of different species and their unique adaptations to the rainforest environment.

News from Swanage

Our year 5’s who have been at Swanage (due back later today) have had an amazing week and have been so lucky with the weather. All have had an amazing time so we are sure they will have lots of tell you on their return.
MOONWALK THANK YOU

A very big personal thank you to every single friend, pupil and parent who sponsored me for the Breast cancer 26.2 mile walk I completed a fortnight ago – it was quite an event! A superb and supportive atmosphere with thousands of women in decorated bras but a delayed start meant a midnight start time for us and then the marathon began. Despite 45 minute queues for toilets and some drizzle and rain during the early hours, I managed to complete the marathon and still get back home to Windsor just before ten o’clock the following morning. I stayed awake on the Sunday but happily fell into bed early on the Sunday! Despite a blister, I am delighted to say I raised almost £1000 so a really big thank you to you all.

Mrs N Chandler

Acting Head of School.