Newsletter

12 February 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter this half term and hoping you are all enjoying the Inset day today! We were delighted to inform you last week about our Academy Proposal; The Governing Body has explored the benefits of joining an established Trust and decided that it would be in the school’s best interest to join Upton Court Educational Trust (UCET). At this point, as you are aware, we are just consulting with stakeholders (including parents, staff, pupils and the local community) for their views and feedback. The mission of the UCET is to create a positive atmosphere and culture in which everyone in the school community can develop and excel. The Trust is committed to excellence and personal enrichment as much as to the fulfilment of every learner’s potential which will enable them to face future challenges with confidence. We believe Trevelyan Middle School shares the same aspirations, to enable all our young people to become successful and responsible citizens, resilient, resourceful and creative thinkers who are confident and happy, and therefore they are a natural affinity that would support us in our desire to become outstanding. We will update you in the near future of any further consultations and news.

Yesterday afternoon Trevelyan was a busy, buzzing place to be as we hosted the Windsor Partnership Key Steps Gym competition for many first and middle schools. There were lots of little people showing off their talent whilst the older pupils amazed us all with their skills, flexibility and gymnastic routines. A big well done to all those who performed and we look forward to sharing the results with you in our next newsletter as we heard, late afternoon, that Trevelyan came FIRST and won several of the competitions. We will fill you in with all the details next time but our Year 8 Sports Leaders deserve a big well done for all their help and support and obviously all the competitors did fantastic!! Well done Trevelyan!!

As always, we are starting to collect the Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers, for cooking and sports equipment. There is a collecting box in the reception area so please feel free to pop in and fill it up for us – we have been very successful in the past purchasing new equipment for the school using this incentive. Thank you in advance.

Could we also take this opportunity to remind you of a few things: pupils must not come into school before 8.15am unless they are going for breakfast in the hall. This is really important as there are no staff on duty at this time so for health and safety pupils must wait until this time to enter the school site. Could we also please insist that
children wear coats to school – it is shocking the number of pupils walking into school without coats. Finally, a plea really, again for health and safety. We would really prefer if aerosols could be left at home please – if children need to use a deodorant after sport/PE lessons, please could we request a roll-on deodorant. We thank you in advance for your support.

I hope you enjoy reading our latest news and forthcoming events:

**Pupil of the week**

**Science:**

Year 8 – Ellie Charles Collett – great progress in Chemistry and Physics particularly.

Year 7 – Alfie Kinghorn – enthusiastic approach to Science lessons.

Year 6 – Jamie-Lee Gale – positive contributions in lessons and good progress.

Year 5 – Poppy Baynes – enthusiastic approach and great quality work.

**Pupil of the Week**

**Learning Support winners:**

Keane (Y6) has been concentrating real hard in DT, following instructions and working very productively.

Laila Elyousfi – 5RW – amazing progress and dedication at both school and home in Lexia.

Jack Hurdwell – 7EJ – working extremely hard in History.

**ACCELERATED READING**

The AR winners for last week are

5BD    Megan
7CO    Alexandra
5DA    Lily T
7DE    Kush S
7DK    Max R
7EJ    Bryn A
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR WINNERS

I would like to thank all those students that continue to do the right thing by turning up every day to school on time, fully equipped with a pen, pencil, ruler and planner and always try their best. All those students that do this get entered into a draw and win a ten pound Amazon Voucher. This terms winners are:

Year 5 – Megan Sentence
Year 6 – Harry Smith
Year 7 – Hasan Ahmed
Year 8 – Vili Launonen
Will it be you next time?

HOUSEPOINT TOTALS

Here are the totals for January’s house points:

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1st Arfaest 10057
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Best three classes overall totals:
1st Tilung 5JJ with 1821 HP
2nd Eadig 7DE with 1493
3rd Tilung 7CO with 1389

**RE Y6 P2I WINNERS –**

6LM – Aku Launonen – thinking outside the box and carrying out research into the unique Three Pagodas of Chong sheng Temple. A extremely well presented, clear and interesting presentation.

Charley and Kirsty – 6SS – Amazing gingerbread church – with all features labelled – lots of time and effort into research and construction of church! Well done! Amazing effort!

Kadu – 6TF – For a clear and well-presented PowerPoint presentation about a Mosque all in own words. Included many interesting pieces of information and key features of the Mosque. Entertaining and memorable song to finish as well. Well done!

Courtney 6LM – An excellent model and presentation on a place of worship. Full of detail and a clear understanding shown - really well done!

*Mr Redman*
**Rugby**

On Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} Jan Trevelyan entered two tag rugby teams into the Windsor schools competition being held at St Edwards on a really windy wet day. We entered one yr5 and one yr6 team, everybody played each other once. Both teams played some excellent rugby with both our teams making it to the final to play each other. On the way our yr6 team were undefeated and our yr5 only lost against the yr6 team, so could revenge be on the cards. The final match was very close with the yr6 team just winning 4 tries to 3, meaning that we go through to the Berkshire games on the 16\textsuperscript{th} March. Well done to the boys and girls who took part.

Mr Brazier

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Author Visits**

To celebrate World Book Day we have arranged for two authors to come to Trevelyan.

On Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} March the popular creator of the “Spy Dog” series Andrew Cope will be entertaining Year 5 and 6, talking about the canine spy Lara (code name GM451) and inspiring their reading and writing. If parents wish to order books for...
Andrew to sign please return the order form sent out last week as soon as possible. (also attached)

On Wednesday 23rd March we welcome back Andy Robb, author of *Geekhood*, returning to Trevelyan to talk to Year 7 and 8 about his books and his life as a writer (and geek!). A letter with more details will be sent out after the mid term break.

**Book Fair**

The Scholastic book fair will run in the Library at lunchtimes from Tuesday March 1st until Friday March 4th. If any parents are willing to come and help on those days do please contact Mrs Flory or Mrs Hocking via the School Office.

As usual all pupils will receive their £1 World Book Day token, which can be used at the fair or in any bookshop.

**PTA Newsletter Item**

We had a very productive PTA meeting on Tuesday 9th February 2016 and have dates for you to put in your diaries!

The PTA are organising events to ‘match fund’ our Sports England Grant of £83,150 to enable our outdoor hard surface play areas to be extended, refurbished and improved for your children! Please join us to make to have a bit of fun and improve the facilities at Trevelyan Middle School.

**Thursday 03/03/16 Quiz Night** (Adults only). Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start and 9.30pm finish.

Teams of up to 6 per table, cost to enter £5 per person, please bring your own drink, glasses and nibbles.

We will be in touch with how to purchase tickets after half term. If you do not have a team please still come along and join up with new friends and make a team for the evening.
This will be a fun night, we have an experienced Quiz Master who will have a range of questions covering many topics, some very easy and some to make you think. There will be a break during the quiz and a raffle held on the evening. Anyone with a spare bottle of wine at home they would like to donate as a prize please bring it in beforehand! I look forward to seeing lots of school teams of both staff and parents. Let us make this the first of many fun evenings!

**Thursday 17/03/16 is the Easter Disco.**

More details to follow! An event enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. Tickets will be on sale in March.

Finally **Saturday 21/05/16** is the May Family Fun Day. We have decided to move the date to earlier in the term to avoid clashing with other local events. Any help as always will be much appreciated please try and help for a few hours setting up, running a stall or clearing away.

More information will follow after our next meeting which will be held on **Tuesday 08/03/16** at 7.00pm at the school, you are all welcome to attend.
LEXIA
We are delighted that Jenny Fell, one of Trevelyan’s LSA’s has been recognised for her fantastic work:

“Following the hectic ‘back-to-school’ routines of January, we at LexiaUK finally feel back to our usual selves. As February heralds St Valentine’s Day and a half-term holiday to recuperate, we decided to take stock of what it takes to really love literacy, obviously with a helping hand from Lexia! Turn over to read our analysis of the latest research into software that motivates pupils and how Lexia sets a perfect example. Our Star User, Trevelyan Middle School, are also setting an impeccable standard. By using the Lexia software to its best potential – Trevelyan, you’ve stolen our hearts!”

Lexia’s Star User
Our Star User this month is Trevelyan Middle School in Berkshire who stood out for their impressive management of the Lexia system. Jenny Fell is the LSA at the school and uses Lexia Core 5™ with Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 pupils

Jenny finds evidencing pupil progress incredibly simple. A visit from Ofsted last year also demonstrated the reports are great proof of a wisely spent PP budget:

‘Ofsted want to see progress first hand - they want to see how Lexia has worked. So, at the start of the intervention we record each child’s reading and comprehension age before starting on Lexia. We allow them 12 weeks and then record these again. Almost every child had improved by at least a year. They would have been expected to demonstrate 3 or 4 months progress in this timescale. One EAL pupil made 17 months progress! When he arrived at the school two years ago, he didn’t speak a word of English. Ofsted also asked for paper-based evidence and I showed them the ‘skill builders’ work sheets that can detail exactly what they’re doing.’

It's obvious that Trevelyan has a real appreciation for what works best for their pupils and in bringing Lexia on board, they've proved their dedication to achieving the objectives of engaging, inspiring and motivating each child with literacy. Great work Jenny and the Trevelyan team – you’re all Star Users this month!

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back in school on Monday 22nd February.

Mrs N Chandler
Deputy Headteacher
Mozart

Requiem in D Minor K626
Symphony no. 41 in C K551 (Jupiter)

The Royal Free Singers
The Orchestra of London
Ben Gunner – Conductor

WINDSOR PARISH CHURCH
SATURDAY 19th March 2016
7.30 PM

TICKETS £15 from: