Welcome to our first newsletter of the summer term – just a shame the sun is not shining!! We hope you had a lovely and restful Easter break and enjoyed the English sun whilst it lasted.

It has all been busy since our return and we are delighted to welcome Miss Warden and Mr Jerrold full time to the staff team, and also welcome back Mr Tallis who is covering Maths for the summer term for us. We also welcome Mrs Allen, our Head of PE, who starts with us next Tuesday after the Bank Holiday weekend.

On Monday, whilst we are enjoying a lay in and an extra day off, Mr O’Donnell, Ms Kopacka, Mr Broad and Miss Hewett set off for France with 93 of our Key Stage 3 pupils. More information in this newsletter but we wish you all a wonderful week and hope you return with a broader French vocabulary and some great memories to treasure.

Although we are in the final term, please could we remind you that all pupils are expected to be in full school uniform and ties must be worn at all times. Some pupils seem to ‘forget’ school rules as soon as the sun comes out but hair must be tied back, no nail varnish, small stud earrings (one pair) in the earlobe only and sturdy school shoes must be worn at all times. We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this. Just for your information, we do have a handful of school ties that can be purchased from the front office if your son loses his.

Another reminder that ALL pupils cycling to school MUST wear a cycle helmet to bring their bike onto the premises.

The week after next is SATS week, the busiest week for our Year 6’s where they have to sit their English and Maths’ exams alongside all the other Year 6 pupils in the country. All parents have received all the vital information they need for this but please contact the school office immediately if you have any queries regarding this.

We hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you back in school on Tuesday morning.

**NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.**

We had a fantastic turn-out to our revision session on Physics this week and we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and Year 8 pupils that the remaining sessions will be held in Lab 1 on May 11th and 18th.

The Year 8 Go4SET group (Sarah Valentine, Larissa Bowyer, Molly Kemp, Ruby Appleton and Amy Burridge) are continuing to work very hard on their Eco-Classroom project. Their deadline for submission to the competition is next week and they will find out the results in a special celebration and achievement day at Centrica towards the end of the month. The girls
Rotary International Youth Speaks Competition.

It was a real privilege to spend the final Saturday of the holidays in Maidstone, Kent with our Youth Speaks team and their fantastic supporters. Molly Kemp, Michael Smith and Ginny Davis had worked incredibly hard to reach the penultimate round of this national competition; further than Trevelyan has ever got in the competition before. Answering the question ‘Is Superman so Super?’, all of the team spoke incredibly well to a packed room of judges, teachers, parents and Rotarians. (So many people that the organisers had to find extra seats!)

Despite what was probably one of their best speeches yet, the Trevelyan team were narrowly edged out by 2nd placed St Catherine’s Bramley School from Guildford and competition winners Claverham Community College from Hastings. It is a fitting tribute to all the work that the team put in that they did take away the prize for Best Chairperson, which went to Molly Kemp, beating the other 6 schools in this category.

Mr King and Mrs Wooders would like to thank the families of the team for all their support, especially during the holidays, but above all we would like to thank our team for having been genuinely super! You are an inspiration!

On Saturday the 18th of April, Molly, Michael and I attended the semi-final of youth speaks at Cornwallis academy in Marlow. The day started with us practising in one of the extremely large classrooms. It had been a long time since we practised with all three of us so we were in desperate need of one, luckily nothing went wrong! After around two hours of waiting, the event finally started. Unlike the previous rounds where we had competed against three other teams, we were now competing against six, which was a very big shock to us!

Everyone was introduced, the judges, the timer and more. They then announced the first team to come up. They were very good and talked about how learning Latin could help us in everyday life. It was a very tough competition—and unfortunately that was only the first group! After their speech and a few minutes of waiting for the judges, it was our turn. We stood up and walked over to take our seats, Michael on the left as the main speaker, Molly in the middle as our chairperson and I was on the right as the vote of thanks.

Molly stood and began her speech. She was tremendous (as always!) and delivered her speech fantastically. Next was Michael and he delivered his speech superbly. Our speech
is called ‘Are superheroes so super?’ and Michael showed both sides of the argument fantastically, and added in some humour too. After his speech comes the dreaded question, where each main speaker is asked a question on the spot about their speech. Thankfully the question was quite simple for Michael. The question was ‘who would you like to see classified as a superhero and why?’ (Of course they had to add ‘and why’!) Michel answered the question very fluently considering he was on the spot and showed what he thought was the main quality of a hero, and how the real heroes are ordinary people who can do extraordinary things! Before I knew it, it was my turn. I slowly stood up and nervously began my speech. ‘Thank you Michael, for that fantastic speech and thought provoking questions about the value of a superhero…’ I read my speech as I normally do- hopefully it was good enough for us to win!

We finally finished our speeches and took our seats, praying that we would win. After another speech, the interview took place and then the next four speeches which were amazing-extremely tough competition! Suddenly, it was time to announce the winners. We crossed our fingers and hoped and hoped and hoped.

Unfortunately we weren’t good enough. We didn’t win. Although we were very disappointed, everyone was still very proud that was had even got to the semi-final (I wasn’t even expecting to get past the first round!) Thankfully, Molly had done amazingly as she took her trophy as the best chairperson. It was a spectacular day, and although we weren’t good enough, it was great to take part in the competition.

-Ginny Davis, 8PY

GYMNASTICS by Ellen Donaldson

In February, I completed at National gymnastics competition called Alpha Factor and came 1st at my Grade. I was presented with a sash, tiara and Barbie doll instead of the usual medal, as the event was sponsored by Mattel.

March was a busy month for me as I competed at The English Championships with 2 team mates. It was an amazing experience for us all and we met Olympic gymnasts Claudia Fragapane, Rebecca Tunney and Max Whitlock, who were just some of the big names competing at the same event.

The following week I became Regional Grade 1 champion and qualified with a distinction for National Final as part of the South region team. We will compete as a team and individually. I have 5 weeks of intense training before this big event and am getting a little nervous…..

Ellen Donaldson 8JB
**ELECTION 'TREVELYAN STYLE'**

Move over Cameron, Milliband and Clegg.....the new generation of political leaders are evolving at our school...

The four year 8 tutor groups have developed their own political parties! Each party has a logo, manifesto, candidate and they have organised the campaigns to persuade Year 5, 6, 7 and members of staff to vote for their party.

Voting will take place on Thursday 7th May 2015.

The names of the political parties and their candidates are:

- Representing Trevelyan Community (RTC) – Mr Liam Atkins
- Eadvelya Party – Miss Amy Burridge
- Trevelyan Liberal Community (TLC) – Mr Laurie Rae
- United Trevelyan Party (UTP) – Mr James McClenn

The votes will be counted and the result will be announced in a specially organised assembly on Friday 8th May 2015.

The enthusiasm for this enterprise has been fantastic and the Year 8s have thrown themselves into this challenge with great energy. It has required creativity, organisational skills and thinking through what would appeal to different groups within the school in order to maximise votes.

Mrs Hill

**TREVELYAN'S POLITICAL PARTY-LARISSA BOWYER (Deputy Head Girl) 8PY**

This term the year 8’s are embracing a political vote. Throughout year 8 forms we have created our own political parties. We want to be able to follow the same steps as current MP’s and make our own policies that will make Trevelyan a better place. Year 5’s, 6’s, 7’s and all staff (both support and teaching staff) are being asked to vote on their favourite form from year 8. The lower years have to consider how realistic the policies are and how easy the policies will be to deliver to Trevelyan. The four forms are:

8PY- Eadvelyan

8JR- TLC

8DE- RTC

8JB- UTP

Next week the election will take place on the same day as the General Election.

Watch this space to find out who will be the winning party!!
YEAR 7 HISTORY PROJECT

Over the last six weeks year 7 History lessons have been focusing on their Castle project. Pupils worked on a presentation looking at Castles throughout the ages and also built a model to enhance their project.

The results were excellent.

Mr O’Donnell and I thoroughly enjoyed reading all our pupils’ projects. They were filled with ideas as to how you could attack and defend the three different types of castle. Their opinions as to which castle was the strongest were all very different and life inside a castle gave a real insight as to how people lived during Medieval Times.

This year we also saw many models created to an exceptionally high standard. Some pupils made castles out of stone, others used sticks and foam.

All our pupils worked hard work to ensure that the castle project was a tremendous success and we’re very proud of their achievements.

Mr Redman and Mr O’Donnell

MAGNA CARTA POETRY JOUST

To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta, the RBWM Library Service has been organising poetry workshops with the performance poet Philip Wells. He visited Trevelyan this week and ran two workshops with Year 7. Pupils were encouraged to write imaginatively and perform their work in a poetry “joust”, using words as weapons rather than lances! All pupils were encouraged to enter the poetry competition with a chance to perform their work at the Magna Carta River Relay in June at Runnymede. This competition is open to all ages and details are available www.magnacarta800th.com (final entry date 16th May).
**World Book Day competition winners**

Congratulations to the winners of the competitions launched on World Book Day and to all the pupils who entered.

Winners of the Short Story Competition:

Year 5   Amelie Maskell  
Year 6   Emma Quinney  
KS3   Aliya Prichard-Casey  

Winner of the KS3 Graphic Novel Competition  
Chloe Tang

**PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE FINAL - YEAR 5**

Congratulations to Eisha Rai, Sara Khan and Louis Toy who have successfully got through to the final of the Year 5 2015 Primary Maths Challenge. The three formed a team as a result of being the three winners after two preliminary rounds which had involved the whole of Mrs Hill's Maths class. The final internal round required Eisha, Sara and Louis to complete a booklet of challenging Maths problems within 1.5 hours. Not only did they have to work out the answers but they had to clearly show their method. The team completed this independently (with no help from anyone but themselves) and worked really effectively together. All three were awarded Mathematician of the Week for the way they worked as a team. They thoroughly deserve the success and we are very proud of them.

Mrs Hill
TREVELYAN WELCOMES ELVIS

This week saw the start of our new PSHE nurture sessions with our year 5 pupils. Elvis, our pet therapy rabbit, is helping to make this a unique and new type of learning experience. It is well documented the positive effects animals have on Children’s moods and proves beneficial when teaching social skills, communication skills and understanding boundaries.

Our small nurturing groups with Elvis started this week and focussed on the importance of living in a community and behaving responsibly. The session proved to be very popular with all the pupils of 5NR.

In preparation for next week, pupils have been asked to keep a 5 a day food diary which they are filling in during afternoon registration with Mr Ruggieri. These diaries will play an important part in our next two PSHE Nurture sessions as we are learning the importance of eating healthy food.

Look out for updates in Trevelyan’s next newsletter.

YEAR 8 TRIP TO THE FRENCH INSTITUTE IN LONDON.

On the 29th of April 26 Year 8 students had an opportunity to visit the French Institute in London.

The Institute promotes French language and culture. It comprises a language centre, cinema, theatre, multi-media library and restaurant.

All our pupils had an amazing opportunity to do a tour of the centre and participate in a language activity that included the screening of Les Enfants de Timpelbach in French.

Everyone really enjoyed the trip.

Miss Kopacka
We are pleased to inform you that our French trip is taking place on Monday 4th May 2015.

Le Château du Broutel is situated on the edge of the small historical town of Rue, 5 minutes off the A16 motorway which links Calais - Amiens - Paris.

It is going to be an active week with many outdoor activities planned.

During the trip we will also have an exciting opportunity to visit a French town, French market and also spend a day in Disneyland.

Our trip will be a great opportunity for everyone to test their language skills, have fun and enjoy outdoor activities. There are 93 Year 7 and 8 pupils going and we wish you all an amazing and safe trip. We look forward to hearing all your news and updating you in the next newsletter.

We are all looking forward to the trip.

Miss Kopacka

**HOUSEPOINT TOTALS:**

Here are the new house point totals:

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Toethian 8586

Tilung 8065
PUPIL OF THE WEEK

PE
Yr 5 Robyn Mc Clenn – always gives thoughtful and considered answers
Yr 6 Aamir – positive attitude to lessons
Yr 7 Fraser Upton – always gives 100%
Yr 8 Harry Hocking – for helping with extra-curricular activities

MUSIC
Y5 – Katie Tull – excellent effort and progress
Y6 – Rose Siddiqui - excellent effort and progress
Y7 – Anoop Matharu - excellent effort and progress
Y8 – Matthew Gibbons - excellent effort and progress

THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT’S WRITER OF THE WEEK AWARD
The English Department are proud to award Writer of the Week to the following pupils:

A.J. Birmingham for always being full of wonderful, exciting creativity.

Mate Bagi for a consistently great effort and making good progress in all aspects of English.

Charlotte Burke for making excellent improvements in written style and reaching her targets.

Shaina Lovell for crafting an excellent piece of descriptive writing.

Well done to you all.

MRS CHANDLER’S PERSONAL PLEA
Firstly, a heartfelt thank you for all those people who have sponsored me in my mad challenge this coming Sunday………just 48 hours to go until I face my ‘bonkers’ challenge. Half marathon with 32 world class obstacles – 10 000 volts of electricity, fireman’s pole through a ring of fire, monkey bars where you drop in ice and over 20 obstacles involving a lot of mud……..it is going to be fun!!!

However, the reason I am doing this is for raising awareness and money for the terminal disease, Motor Neurone Disease, an illness very close to my heart.

If you haven’t already, please read my story so far and I promise to update you after the weekend.
Again, the kind messages have really helped me and I cannot thank you enough for this. Thank you in advance and I promise a photo to follow:

“For those who don’t know, I set myself a personal challenge every two years to raise awareness and money for Motor Neurone Disease, a terminal illness my husband sadly endures. It is always a big thing for me as I am fortunate I can do it but it also helps me spread awareness about this fatal, progressive disease that affects the brain and spinal chord. MND has no cure which is a fact very few people are aware of – it is my aim, and all the people who kindly volunteer to help the MNDA, to change this!!

Therefore, on Bank holiday Sunday (48 hours time!!!!) I will be competing in the TOUGH MUDDER – a half marathon run with thirty two world class obstacles involving a lot of mud, ice, 10 000v electric shocks, more mud and rings of fire. It is a course that can take approximately five hours to complete – eek!!!

I ran the half marathon as my first challenge and some of you may remember, I cycled 112 miles in the summer of 2013 and raised a whopping £1600.

So, to spike the adrenalin further and to really make the sponsorship worth it, I signed up and pledged to complete the Tough Mudder.

I have my own fundraising page online which is very simple to follow : Type in justgiving.com and my page is ‘Nicola’s Tough Mudder 2015’ page – you can give as little as £1 as every single penny counts; or you can simply text using my unique code NCHA50 with the amount to 70070. It really is that simple!!!!

Thank you so much to you all!!

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter and we will update you again in a fortnight.

Mrs Chandler

Deputy Headteacher