Newsletter – 21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the new academic year and it was so lovely to meet and greet so many of our new parents last night at our first informal event of the year. Thank you so much for coming along to meet us and we hope you found it beneficial and of course, enjoyable.

We have had a positive and exciting start to the new year: the girls look incredibly smart in their new skirts; our new staff have settled well; Drama has started at the school; clubs and activities at lunchtime and after school have started and most importantly, there seems to be over 550 happy pupils. The sun also continues to shine so we are enjoying, at the end of week 3, still being able to use the school field and tennis courts at any opportunity.

We will endeavour to send out next week ‘The Trevelyan Journey’ plan for you so you can see all the trips and activities on offer over the course of the four years. This is already planned out but we thought sharing it now will help you as parents plan for any trips you would like to be chosen for. We are currently planning our Year 5 induction trip to KidsZania in London and are delighted we have engaged so many parents and carers who have volunteered to help us out on the day. Thank you.

This week we have had our front of school entrance decorated to make it more welcoming – thanks to our great PTA they are continuing to support more internal wall art around the school. It will be lovely for the pupils to have more exciting and attractive displays and walls around the school as well as more subtle hints for them to follow – like footsteps up and down the stairs indicating which way to go up and down. This all fits in with our whole school priority this year to make the ethos of Trevelyan more positive, calm and happy. The children are enjoying shaking hands with a personal greeting in every single morning and afternoon registration across the school, as well as opportunities, if they desire, at the start of lessons or as they enter school. The visible mass of kindness and respect around the school at these times are overwhelmingly positive. We also have recognition boards in every classroom, room and space in the school to recognise children who go ‘over and above’ what is expected. If they are recognised by a few members of staff on different occasions they get nominated for Hot Chocolate Friday with myself in my office. This gives me the opportunity to chat to the chosen few and talk about how their actions and behaviour has been recognised. I have my first one this afternoon so have the Galaxy hot chocolate, cookies, Cream and marshmallows all ready. What a lovely end to my week. As parents you will receive a letter from me if your son/daughter has been chosen and they have each received their invitation by myself in this morning’s tutor session.

There is already so much I could tell you about but hopefully, in the following news articles, you can read more. I look forward to writing to you all again in two weeks with more updates and success stories.

Mrs N Chandler

Head of School
News from the Science Department

Recycling is still very much on our agenda. We still have our **battery recycling bin** so we will still be welcoming any deliveries of batteries that we can keep out of landfill. Whilst there is no competition attached this year, we hope that the good habits from last year will be kept up.

In addition, six of our Year 8 pupils have just begun a recycling project. Fatima, Erinne, Aeryn, Carter, Oliver and Terri make up the Trevelyan **Go4SET** team this year. They are working with industry mentors for 10 weeks to find innovative ways of reducing waste in school. As part of this, they went to the Lakeside Energy from Waste facility in Colnbrook for the day and were treated to a tour of the incinerator, which featured a grabbing claw capable of lifting seven tonnes of rubbish in one go and a view into the furnace of rubbish burning at the same temperature as lava. The heat generated is used to drive a power station which can power all the houses in Slough. As part of the day, all the student teams took part in a tower building competition to see who could build the tallest spaghetti tower capable of holding up a golf ball. With an impressive height of 0.5cm, Trevelyan’s team still managed to win as theirs was the only tower that actually supported the weight of the ball!! They even found themselves being interviewed about their day by BBC Radio Berkshire for their Breakfast Show.

We all left Lakeside feeling a lot more thoughtful about what we throw away and already have plans to get cracking on the research for the project.

Year 7 Residential Trip - France 2019

Don't forget that there are still some places available for this year's Year 7 residential. We are looking forward to taking our students over to France for, quite literally, a taste of the continental life. We are planning on fitting in croissants and snails as well as the opportunity to use their French language skills in a French market. Last year's trip took in Nausicaa, Europe’s largest aquarium, and we hope to visit it again this time around.

If you have not yet secured your child's place, please e-mail Mrs Tilbury to register your interest.

Upcoming PTA Events

It was lovely to see so many new faces at the PTA AGM and Year 5 Parents' Evening yesterday! Here’s what we’ve got coming up in the next few weeks!

- **Bags2School**
  Everyone will be getting a bag to fill, if you haven’t already, and we are hoping that we’ll get lots of bags returned. Last time we earned £243 for the school from your unwanted clothes – a great and quick way of fundraising! Please only return bags on the morning of 11th October, but if you have more than what you can fit in the bag you’ve been given, any bag that is properly tied together (to prevent the contents from falling out) is very welcome. Please see email from 20/9 for what you can include. **Could you lend a hand on the morning of 11th October?** Many hands make light work. We need to gather the bags together as they are brought in, and then make sure they are easy to pick up for the Bag2School people. From 08.00 to 08.45 is all we ask for. Please email pta@trevelyan.org.uk to let us know if you can help!
- **After School Tuck Shop**
  The PTA are running an After School Tuck Shop on Friday 12th October. The idea behind this is that the children spend their treat money with the PTA instead of at the local shop, and therefore get a lot more for that money than just the sweets they buy. This is a fast and frenzied event – great fun! And the children are remarkably sensible and restrained. But it all helps! Last year’s Tuck Shops raised a total of £261 and the children enjoyed them too! If you’re planning to buy some weekend treats for the family, consider buying them at the Tuck Shop – adults are very welcome and the money goes straight back to benefit the children! **Could you lend a hand at home time on Friday 12th October?** We start setting up at 14.45 and are done before 16.00. Please email pta@trevelyan.org.uk to let us know if you can help!

- **October PTA Meeting**
  The next PTA meeting, the first regular meeting of the school year, will be held Tuesday 2nd October at 19.00. It will be in one of the classrooms down the hall from the office and we’ll put some signs up so that you can find it. Do let us know on pta@trevelyan.org.uk if you are planning to come, but if you forget to let us know, feel free to just turn up! (use the Wood Close entrance) We’ll be starting the planning for all the autumn events up to and including the Fireworks Night.
  Looking forward to seeing many of you there!

*The Trevelyan PTA*

**Message from the Library**

The Library team would like to say a big thank you to several people who have really given us so much support.

Firstly, to Mrs Warren (Luke’s mum) who has put in a lot of effort to organise the repair of the library easy chairs. They look wonderful! Thanks also to the PTA for funding this and to Mr Cotton for the dismantling them and then putting together again.

We have also received many generous donations of good quality books from pupils and parents. Some have been left in the office and I am unable to find out who the donors are! These are invaluable for keeping up the library well stocked. If I know who you are I will try and thank you individually!
Message from the office

This is a gentle reminder to parents to label ALL property (not just initials) as we already three boxes of un-named lost property including jumpers, water bottles and packed lunch boxes. Come to the office to have a look through if you think you have lost anything. Un-named items are kept for two weeks only.

Book Fair

There will be a book fair in the Library at lunchtimes starting Tuesday October 2nd until Friday October 5th. This is normally very popular with pupils, giving them the opportunity to select their own books as well as providing valuable funding to the Library to benefit all pupils. Please let Mrs Hocking know (via the School office) if any parents are able to help out on any of the days. It is a good way of getting to know the school, as well as other parents, if you are new to the school.
Are you a future designer? Are you creative? If so, Pioneer Educational Trust needs you!

**PIONEER PARLIAMENT LOGO COMPETITION!**

The Pioneer Parliament needs a set of logos and you are asked to design them.

You have been commissioned to design a sample including the logo for the Pioneer Parliament and **one of the departments**.

You can choose from:
* Department for Equality and Inclusion  
* Department for Health and Wellbeing  
* Department for the Environment  
* Department for Sport  
* Department for Learning  
* Department for Culture and Enterprise

**The winning designer will then be commissioned to produce the full set of logos.**

There will be a **£25 voucher prize** and the winning designer will also accompany the expedition to the Houses of Parliament.
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Harry Leeson in 7VB who has been selected for the U13 Berkshire Hockey Squad. He trialled with around 100 other boys and it is great news to hear. He will start 8 weeks intensive training in January. I would like to wish Harry luck and am sure he will be amazing!

General PE

Well what a busy start to the year it has been. Thank you to everyone for the lovely messages regarding students attending clubs. I also would like to thank everyone for their understanding that the clubs are now full. An absolutely amazing start to the year.

There will be more choices for Year 5/6 clubs in January and information will be sent out in December.

Thank you also to everyone who has completed the football boots/shin pads form. This has been a real help and allows us to understand if children are unable to bring the correct kit, or indeed are just forgetting it. I am still waiting for over 150 replies though so please can you try to do this. It would be a great help.

Netball club has started this week with the 43 year 5s! The Sports Leaders were just amazing taking groups of 10 off to practice their skills. I couldn’t have done it without them.

Again, a reminder:

If anyone needs to contact PE you can do so at PE-sports@trevelyan.org.uk.

Here’s to a lovely start to the year, and long may it continue.

Mrs Allen - Head of PE
FOOTBALL TRAINING

Elite Training for 9-14 year olds at Bridgestone Arena

Every Saturday
9:30am - 11:00am

Register online at soccerlutionacademy.com

Wolves London Development Centre
In partnership with Bridgestone Arena.
By invitation only.
For further details and assessment opportunities call 07388 110 385.

CLEWER GREEN
Café FIRST SCHOOL
Autumn Fair

SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 11.30AM-4PM

- Famous Clewer Raffle
- Military Vehicles and Army Dress-up Photo Op
- New Retro Games Including Human Fruit Machine
- Inflatables and Wet Sponges
- Bottle, Chocolate and Soft Toy Tombolas
- Face Painting, Nail Painting and Shine Shack
- Pulled Pork, Food Stalls and Licensed Bar

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