Newsletter

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Welcome to Trevelyan’s next newsletter – where has the fortnight gone? As always it has been busy, busy with all the events that have been going on or that are forthcoming!

Firstly, a huge thank you to our dedicated PTA for an amazing evening last Friday. Our annual firework spectacular was fantastic and there were hundreds of visitors to Trevelyan. A big thank you also to the air cadets who gave up their time to support this event to ensure it was a safe and exciting evening. The PTA will update you in the next edition about how much was raised for the school. Thank you to all those who came to support this evening.

Another successful evening was last night’s annual MNDA quiz – we are delighted to announce we raised over £800! It was a great evening and so many parents, friends and supporters of this charity came to test their brains and enjoy a drink or two. Mrs Chandler’s parents ran the event alongside other volunteers of the Windsor and East Berks MNDA group – all monies raised will go directly to charity. Thank you to all those who came last night; we hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did!

Aside from evening events, a lot has been going on in school. Miss Saunders has started our reading buddies scheme this week where some Year 5 and 6 children get the opportunity to read to their Year 8 reading buddy; Mrs Chandler has launched the Reading passport that has gone out to ALL year groups. This is a reading incentive to try and push our children to read more outside of school. They have had an assembly about this but we are trying to encourage reading, of all genres, across the school. On the subject of reading, Marcia Williams has been in school this week talking to year 5’s across the borough about her books (item to follow) and Mr Ruggieri is running a whole school competition in the lead up to Christmas for those interested in writing their own short story (item also to follow).

This morning we welcomed some parents to our KS3 assembly where 8PY talked about what made them happy; it was a super assembly and was a great way to start the day. The hall was full of giggles and laughter when the video of teachers and pupils singing or dancing was shown. Well done Mr York and 8PY! We look forward to welcoming parents and friends from 5MB to our next pupil assembly in a fortnight.

Year 8’s are looking forward to their Geography field trip next week – Thursday and Friday are sure to bring lots of muddy wellies back in school! The children are also busy auditioning for Mr Elvie’s Christmas concert on the 4th December; so many were delighted today when they heard how they got on with last night’s singing auditions. More auditions are to follow next week.

Well, we hope you enjoy reading all the information today and we look forward to updating you again in a fortnight – just 2 more before Christmas! There are some dates for your diary
to watch out for and also some events we would like to invite you to. Please take note and we will update you nearer the time.  *Mrs N Chandler*

**FROM THE OFFICE**

ANOTHER plea to please ensure all clothes and items are named. As you can see from this photograph our lost property is growing by the day. We would also like to remind our pupils to ensure they wear warm clothes and suitable footwear to school – coats at this time of the year are essential! Even this morning in all the rain, at least a quarter of the school arrived in no coat!!

- all un-named lost property including 10 jumpers will go to a charity shop or washed and used for second hand uniform sales if not claimed soon!

**KARATE**

Huge apologies to Alfie for missing out this important and exciting item in the last newsletter. We were delighted to hear about this huge achievement:

Alfie Davies in 6DK passed his karate Black Belt grading in Northampton last month. It was a very long day indeed and he was exhausted but one very, very happy boy! He turned 11 just days after the big event and he was desperate to pass before his birthday; he's certainly the youngest black belt in his class! A huge achievement and we are very, very proud of him. Well done Alfie – keep up the good work!!

**OTHER SPORTING EVENTS:**

Yr7 football boys beat Ditton Park Academy at home 5-2

Yr7 football boys lost 7-2 against St Edwards after a very spirited first half when the score was 3-2.

Yr7/8 Indoor Athletics team just came 3rd by 4pts in the Windsor School competition
NEWS FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

The Maths Team have just launched their Christmas Competition for years 5 and 6. Letters have been sent home to explain what is needed but the idea is for the children (with your support) to achieve their Christmas maths target and make a sub-level worth of progress.

Each child in the school has now received a personal target just for them to work on relating to what they need to do to improve. We encourage all pupils to work on this target at home either independently or with support. We will check to see if they have achieved it at the end of this term.

In order to achieve their Christmas Target years 5 and 6 need to show their effort by keeping a log of what they work on using the personalised target sheets that have been sent home. The children then bring these target sheets back into school when requested so their teacher can see how much effort they have put in and what they have worked on.

In the final week of term certificates and prizes will be given out to children who have achieved their Christmas target and to those who have shown extra effort!

Below is a list of some resources and ideas to help you support your child in their efforts to achieve their target.

There are also some links on the School website to help. The Parents’ Toolkit and the Support for Parents links are very helpful giving simple, practical ideas to do at home.

We wish the children good luck in achieving their Christmas Target and we look forward to rewarding those that go the extra mile and seeing the progress they make.

We would also like to thank you for your time and support in helping your child to achieve their Christmas Target. Working together we can make a real difference to your child's learning.

YEAR 5 CATCH UP CLUB
Some children in year 5 who are a little behind the new Government expectations have been invited to attend a free 6 week Catch Up Club. We will aim to help your child catch up in a fun, active and enjoyable way and we will provide refreshments as well.

If you feel your child would benefit from a recap or needs some extra support please ask your child to collect a letter from Miss Lane (Head of Maths). The club will run from the 10th Nov to the 15th Dec on Mondays after school until 16:30.

A little reminder that Mrs Harrisons’ Maths Club runs on Wednesdays after school. This a fun and practical based Maths club using the brilliant card game Número as a starting point. It’s great to see such a good turn out for the club but if your child would like to come along and give it a go I’m sure we can fit them in!

Mathematician of the Week
Catherine Newton - for having an excellent attitude to learning and always working very hard to the best of her ability.
Usmaan - for making excellent contributions to lessons, making good progress and working hard.
Lydia Jeremiah - for some excellent research in our Maths project on the Golden Ratio.
Aidan - for working really hard on a difficult topic and making good progress.
The **National Cipher Challenge Competition** For years 7 and 8 we will be running a Code Breaking club on Thursdays during lunch times. This runs in line with the National Cipher Challenge competition run by Southampton University.

The children work in small teams, code breaking several different types of ciphers. Each team will be entered into a league table and compete against different schools.

The challenge ends at Christmas and we will hope to run a school trip in the New Year to Bletchley Park, the home of the famous British Code Breakers during World War 2. Here is a link to see the flyer for the competition.

http://www.cipher.maths.soton.ac.uk/media/com_cipher/pdf/Poster2014.pdf

**FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.**

Over the half term holiday, Mrs Wooders challenged her Key Stage 2 classes to 'do something science related' as their homework. It was absolutely amazing to see the range of science activities that the pupils and their families got involved in. From watching science programmes on the TV (such as Life Story and Wonders of the Monsoon) to visiting science activity centres (The Science Museum in London, The Lookout in Bracknell and, most incredibly, NASA in Florida) and even making model circuits, rockets and hovercraft, it was clear that pupils were really engaged in their science learning. A huge thank you to all those who helped the children to complete this homework!!

**ENGLISH – author event**

Trevelyan was the host for the Marcia Williams author event on Wednesday. Pupils from Brigidine and St Mary’s Primary joined Year 5 to meet the author, who is famous for her beautifully illustrated books on classic themes and history. She talked to pupils on how she created her recently published book on the First World War “Archie’s Scrapbook” with slides and artefacts. Pupils were
then able to chat to Marcia and get their books signed. Copies of this book as well as her newest title “My War Diary” will be available in the Library for all pupils to borrow.

**HOUSE POINTS**

These are the winning tutor groups for last half term for collecting the most house points:

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**DEPUTY HEAD BOY/GIRL**

Our Deputy Head Boys (Isaac Jervis and Liam Atkins) and Girls (Larissa Bowyer and Molly Kemp) have kindly agreed to update you fortnightly on something that they feel is relevant to them and to the pupils. Here is what they say;

**Rugby training by Isaac Jervis**

Last Monday was the first year 7&8 rugby club training if you can really call it that? It’s more just having fun landing in the mud that sort of thing. Even when we do the actual exercises they’re really fun and I can finally pass properly in rugby. I don’t really like sport but rugby club has made P.E lessons more enjoyable and I am hoping when we get to our first interschool game we win.

**Year 5 reading buddies by Liam Atkins**

On Monday all the prefects were given a reading buddy. Every Monday & Thursday we will go to the allocated area with our buddies and we will read a book that they have chosen. Sometimes at the end we will ask them a couple of questions: ‘Where is Timmy?’ ‘Why is Timmy upset?’ just to make sure they have been taking the book in.

Personally I love having a reading buddy. The responsibility, giving them help, making them laugh – it’s all very enjoyable. It gives me something to look forward to during the week! I hope when they are in year 8 they can assist the new year 5 students and make them laugh and enjoy books too.

**Attendance Competition- Larissa Bowyer**

Over the last two weeks I have been thinking long and hard about what to write about in the newsletter. Finally I came to the decision to tell Trevelyan parents about the Attendance Competition we have.

The competition is a weekly contest that takes place in school. We are encouraged to attend school and try our very best to come in even if we feel slightly unwell. Making an effort determines whether our form gets taken out of the competition. Every week the form with the least percentage is removed; sometimes this can get extremely competitive! The competition is split between Key Stages meaning Year 5 and 6 are against each other and the same goes for Year 7 and 8.

Attendance is extremely important, getting into the routine of staying at home, when really we could be pushing ourselves, could last for years and teachers stress to us as students how important turning up is. The competition allows our attendance percentage to go up, as none
of us want our form to miss out on a prize from our form tutors! It is a fun and creative way to encourage us to attend school.

Fireworks – Molly Kemp 8PY

Last Friday night at the Trevelyan fireworks show, the 20 minute display went down a storm! The gates opened at 6:30pm but behind the scenes the army and PTA had been working for most of that afternoon to get the show on the road. The result was mouth-wateringly brilliant. With sausages, burgers, teas, coffees, cakes, sweets, glow sticks and more this was a true bonfire night. At 7:30pm everyone flooded into the playground to see what was to be made of the piles of boxes at the far corner of the field. The fuse was lit and so was the sky. “Ooh” and “Awe” type words were the only ones I could hear for quite a while apart from a dozen of huge BANG’s at the end for the spectacular finale, of which I saw completely new fireworks bursting in the air. Our display attracted families old and new. Ex-pupils came back and new prospective parents joined us as well and local people from Windsor. I think it’s fantastic how these events bring loads of people from our community together. Overall this could not have happened without the great efforts of the PTA who have been organising this for ages, so thank you and of course everyone who bought a ticket and just came along and enjoyed themselves. After all this was to raise funds for our school and I know the money will be very well spend.

TREVELYAN SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2014

November is National Novel Writing month. To celebrate this month we will be launching a Short Story Competition across all year groups.

Your story can be about anything you want – as imaginative and crazy as you like.

However, you MUST keep your word count to a maximum of 400 words. That might sound a lot but it’s more difficult than you think and requires good writing skill.

It’s important you make very conscious language choices and think about how you phrase something in the best possible way so you don’t ramble on and take up the word count!

Remember, you must tell a story in those 400 words and spelling, punctuation and grammar will be taken into consideration when judging takes place (you wouldn’t expect spelling errors in your reading book, would you?).

Entries can be typed up or hand written but must be submitted to Mr Ruggieri (Room 3) by Friday 12th December!

So if you want to have fun, win a prize and improve your writing skills, why not join in?

There will be prizes for the best short story in each year group.

Good luck!

PARENT GOVERNOR

Following the recent advertisement for a Parent Governor, Sasha Harbridge was the only applicant, and is therefore elected unopposed. We would like to welcome Sasha to the Governing Body.
CHRISTMAS AT TREVELYAN

Thursday 4 December
Christmas Concert 7pm
Mr Elvie is busily preparing for what promises to be an exciting Christmas Spectacular open to all parents and pupils. Further details and ticket information will be sent out shortly but please put this date in your diary.

Friday 12 December
Christmas Jumper Day
Now becoming a tradition at Trevelyan pupils always have lots of fun on our Christmas Jumper Day. We would ask for a small donation of £1. A proportion of the money raised will again go to Save the Children and the rest towards some Pupil Council initiatives here in school. Please don’t feel under pressure to go out and buy a jumper – pupils can always decorate a plain one! We would ask that the rest of the school uniform i.e. black trousers or skirt are to be worn as usual.

Christmas Market
The PTA will be running the Christmas Market again on the same date, straight after school on 12 December. Available for sale are jewellery, cakes, books & cards and lots, lots more, plus Santa will again be making an appearance! More details of this event to follow from The PTA.

Christmas Lunch
Also on the 12 December we will be having our school Christmas lunch. We always like to encourage everyone to take part in this fun, festive occasion. If your child would like to have a Christmas lunch, please return the envelope, which has gone home with your child today, with payment of £2.30 before Friday 28 November; otherwise we cannot guarantee a meal for your child on this day.
(If your child is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), please indicate their choice and return the envelope to school in the same way. Please note that no other meal choices will be available on this day.)

Christmas Menu
Roast turkey served with chipolata sausage, roast potatoes, sage and onion stuffing, carrots & garden peas with gravy and/or cranberry sauce.

OR
Brie, spinach & cranberry puff pastries, roast potatoes, carrots & garden peas.

Dessert
Festive chocolate biscuit & ice cream.

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of the newsletter and we look forward to updating you again on Friday 28th November.

Mrs Chandler - Deputy Headteacher