Newsletter
10th January 2017
Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite a very short term, half term has arrived and both pupils and staff are ready for the welcome break. It may have only been six weeks since Christmas but as always the days have been full, busy and no time for rest. We have had sports matches galore, day trips out, long walks, PTA cake sale, Sats’ preparations and Sats’ evening, progress data entries and last night saw the ski trip evening where Mr Clarke, Miss Lane, Mr Redman and Mrs Giles presented details to all the fellow skiers and parents who are off to Italy in March.

We have also had amazing success in the Youth Speaks national competition again which you can read more about and this is very exciting as well as our Key Stage 2 boys winning the quarter finals of the County Cup football in Bracknell last night so Trevelyan pupils are really on a roll. With so much more going on next term too, I am sure the newsletters are going to be full of congratulations and success stories!

A big thank you to 8MH for leading our assembly this morning, it is always a great way to start the day when the pupils lead on these things. Last week we saw 5TF also take their first assembly at Trevelyan about their role models and this also was superb. We look forward to 6JB next who will deliver their assembly after the half term break on Friday 24th Feb.

A reminder at this time of the year that all pupils are expected to be in full school uniform at all times – including their V-neck logo jumpers. (Our front office does have some second hand uniform for sale for £2 an item.) Coats should also be worn to and from school as it is shocking to see so many young people without them in this weather! Another plea too about parking and picking your children up – apart from complaints from residents in Cavalry Crescent, we have also had Monkies’ Nursery informing us that since the start of term this year, parents are again dropping of on the double yellow between the parking lot entrance and the nursery entrance. Not only is this dangerous but it is also causing an unnecessary traffic nuisance to everyone else. Please, please can we all use the car park safely, or pick your child up at a safe place further along the road.

We hope you enjoy reading all our news and wishing you all a lovely week off next week. All pupils will be welcomed back on site on Monday 20th February.
YOUTH SPEAKS – TREVELYAN WINS YET AGAIN!

We are thrilled to announce that one of our two Youth Speaks teams for 2016/2017 have won the second round of the National Competition. The Youth Speak competition, in which teams of three speak on a chosen topic in front of a live audience, is run by the Rotary Club and has seen Trevelyan success in the past.

You will remember from before Christmas that we had great success at the first Windsor-based round, with one of our teams (Annabel Hodgkinson, Juliet Bryant and Alysha Goldsworthy) winning and Harriet Moss, from our other team, winning Best Overall Speaker.

This second round – the ‘Zone’ round consisting of Slough, Windsor and Ascot- was held on Monday of this week in Wexham. The competition was incredibly strong, yet – despite very close scores – Trevelyan’s winners from the first round, won once again. In doing so, they beat off St Georges’ School, Ascot, and St Bernards’ School from Slough.

The next round is the regional final, bringing together Zone-winners from across the whole of the Thames Valley. The girls have already begun preparations for this next stage, taking place on Thursday 2nd March in Marlow.

A big thank you to Mr King, our former Head of Music, for continuing to give up so much of his free time to work with our talented speakers!

Mr Day – Head of English

Year 5 P2Is

This half-term, the English Department was proud to present the prizes to our Year 5s for their first ever Pathway to Independence Project. The Pathway to Independence Projects (known commonly among pupils and staff as ‘P2Is’) are designed to allow the pupils to experience each subject in a more independent and creative way, taking greater charge over the objectives and completion of their learning.

While this was the first P2I Year 5’s completed, they will complete a project in each of their subjects over the next four years.

We challenged each Year 5 to create their own storybook. Yet, it wasn’t simply the story itself we were interested in; we asked them to research, design, illustrate and collate the project into the kind of product you would find on the shelves in WHSmiths or Waterstones. To make it more of a challenge, we asked pupils to market their product at a much younger audience.

This year saw an exceptionally high standard of P2Is. Pupils had researched their audience well, with many showing clear evidence they had rummaged through the book shelves scouting out books for their target audience; others had made use of their younger siblings to find out what would impress them.
When it came to the stories themselves, we had highly imaginative concepts – everything from a Santa getting ill and needing someone to stand in, to octopuses bearing magic paintbrushes. Even Donald Trump’s hair made an appearance in one particularly humorous offering (when an animal got lost in his iconic hair!)

The presentation was also highly original, with one pupil creating an interactive journey for a toy penguin to follow through the story and many pupils making use of multi-sensory opportunities. Finally, the attention to detail was superb – pupils included professionally produced front and back covers complete with barcodes and all.

A very high standard set for this talented year group’s future P2Is!

The Winners

With all this in mind, choosing a winner was going to be tough – hence I delegated this duty to Miss Saunders and Miss Bendell. After a great deal of time pouring over pupils’ books, here are the winners chosen:

**Top Three:**
Gracie Mynard
Cai-er Hui
Evie Mealand

**Runners-Up:**
Eloise Doncaster
Natalie Tate
Jacob Westcott
Ava Hutchinson
Archie Dennis
Hedy Davies
Amber Simpson

**Highly Commended**
NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

KS2 House Badminton Competition

The Yr5 and Yr6 House Badminton Competition took place on Friday 3rd February. We had 15 pairs from the Year 6 and 11 pairs from year 5 so we had 52 pupils involved. The tournament was a double elimination tournament, which meant that every pair at least got to play two games. The Year 5 final was between Sam Hodgkinson / Arthur Kohlen Gerrard (5JM Toethian) versus Abdul Ahmadi/ Raheem Mahmood (5VB Arfaest), with Abdul/ Raheem winning the final. The Year 6 final was an all Toethian match with Harry Pritchard/ Aeryn Barlett (6DA Toethian) versus Harry Bicknell/ Hashim Niazi (6DA/6JB Toethian), with Harry B/ Hashim N winning. A big thank you to all the participants and the sports leaders who helped.

Basketball House Competition

The House Basketball competition took place on Tuesday 24th January with three teams entering for the Year7 competition and five teams for the Year 8. The matches were played in good spirit but quite competitive.

The results are:
Year 7
1st Eadig
2nd Toethian
3rd Tilung

Year 8
1st Arfaest A
2nd Arfaest B
2nd Eadig
4th Tilung
5th Toethian

Well done to all participants.

Windsor Tag rugby tournament
We entered two Yr5/6 tag rugby teams into the Windsor Tag Rugby competition which was held at Windsor Rugby Club on Thursday 2nd Feb. Nine teams entered the competition with everybody playing everybody, apart from each other’s teams. Our first team won all their matches apart from drawing one match with Dedworth A, and our second team won all their matches apart from losing 3-2 against Dedworth A. So a very successful afternoon with some excellent rugby being played by both our teams.

Yr5/6 Girls County cup football
The following girls were involved in the knockout stages of the County Cup: Ella Grace Carpenter, Freya Whiteway-Roberts, Sky Fitzgerald, Phoebe Beale, Thea Perkins, Chloe Smith, Anna Babis, Bo Palmer and Martina Jimenez. The girls had a trip to Woodley near Reading to play Willowbank Junior school. The girls started quite slow at the beginning but grew into the game, defending very well to keep out a well organised Willowbank team. We went into the second half 3 – 0 down. Going into the second half saw us quite often in their half with a near miss from Phoebe from a free kick and two chances for Martina. The game finished 5 – 0 but the girls gave it their all right until the end. Well done girls.

NETBALL
Last week the Year 7 netball teams went off to Furze Platt for the termly league matches. They tried hard in all of their games but the competition was very good this term and we only came away with 1 win. However, all of the girls fought hard in all of the matches and didn’t give up. They certainly won with their singing in the minibus on the way home! Hopefully following a few training sessions next term, we will be able to come back with some more wins. Well done to everyone who took part.
TEAM GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

On Tuesday 7th February, Trevelyan hosted the yearly Team Gym Competition to years 3, 4, 5, and 6. This has replaced the previous Key Steps Gym competition.

Ten Sports Leaders have given up several hours of their time over the past few weeks to help coach our 36 year 5 and 6 competitors. As always, the Sports Leaders did an amazing job and grabbed the opportunity with gusto!

We started with the year 3 / 4 competition at 1pm and welcomed Brigidine, Dedworth Green and Alexander First Schools who all performed amazingly. Our Sports Leaders welcomed the schools and proudly brought them around to the Sports Hall where they had set up a range of equipment for them. They helped warm them up and get the competition running smoothly. We said goodbye to them just after 3pm and then got ourselves ready for the year 5/6 competition.

Again, the Sports Leaders got stuck in to rearrange the equipment ready for Dedworth Middle and Wraysbury to arrive with their 9 teams. The Sports Hall was buzzing with atmosphere as they warmed up and got stuck into their practice runs.

The competition ran very smoothly with Kiera Devlin taking control of organising that all teams were where they should be at the correct times and she demonstrated amazing confidence and organisation – Well Done Kiera!

The rest of the Sports Leaders organised their teams, warmed them up and got them practising straight away. The three elements consisted of a short tumble routine, a trampet jump and a vault jump. The year 5 and 6 pupils taking part took on the challenge extremely well and confidently.

The Sports Leaders did an amazing job at setting up, re-arranging and clearing away for this very busy and fast paced Team Gym Competition. Well done.

Even more exciting was that our Club Team Gym competitors came 2nd and 3rd. Our regular, non-experienced, Team Gym teams came 10th, 7th, 4th and 2nd. Well done to everyone who took part. Your hard work over the past few weeks committing to training really paid off and it was lovely to have so many pupils from Trevelyan taking part. The joy of hosting an event!

Well done to everyone who participated, and helped organise the event.

Mrs Allen
PE EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Term 4  (Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March)

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| MONDAY  | AFTERSCHOOL  
3.30pm - 4.30pm                                             |
|         | Year 6 Ultimate Frisbee (Windsor Boys’ Leaders)              |
| TUESDAY | Year 5 Golf (Mr Davies)                                       |
|         | Year 6 & 7 GIRLS rugby 
Coach - Mr Bolton: Windsor Rugby Club (RFC)                 |
| WEDNESDAY| Year 7/8 Rowing (Coach)                                      |
| THURSDAY| Year 5/6 Badminton Year 5 / 6 (Miss Dixon)                   |
| FRIDAY  | Year 7/8 Net Games: Badminton / Volleyball (Mr Brazier)       |

Please come to the PE office, at break time or lunchtime, to sign up for all clubs you wish to participate in.

From the Science Department:

CALLING ALL RUNNERS, WALKERS, AND NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION WAVERERS!

Science Department would like to share with you a new initiative from the British Science Association called Run the Solar System.

Produced by Six to Start, the team behind Zombies, Run! (the world’s most popular smartphone fitness game), and supported by Yakult UK, Run the Solar System will be an immersive running app, with the solar system scaled down to a 10k virtual race. Broadcaster and space enthusiast Dallas Campbell will narrate the virtual race through space, which will also feature clips from the NASA archives.
The Run the Solar System website is live for sign-ups to the virtual race now, and the app and a 5k training mission will be available in early March. The full virtual 10k race will be available to download and participate in during British Science Week (10 – 19 March 2017). To help kick start your training, why not download our 10k training plan? You’ll even be able to compare your times against the world on a live leaderboard!

We’d love to hear from anyone taking part!!

YEAR 5 – HEAD OF YEAR CHALLENGE

Over the last two weeks I have given every Year 5 pupil a challenge to help us to continue to improve ‘behaviour for learning’ across the year group. Week 1 (last week) was to enter the classroom for each lesson in silence and to stand in silence behind their chair and wait for the teacher to start the lesson. Week 2 (this week) has been to continue that challenge but also to stay completely silent at all stages in the lesson when the teacher is speaking to the class. Pupils were awarded 5 house points if they achieved a 100% record in a day. A congratulations email has been sent home to all parents/carers of pupils who achieved a 100% record for the entire week. 74 emails have been sent!

The comments below are directly from Year 5s:

“I think that the HOY Challenge has changed lots of people’s behaviour and has had a big impact on all the Year 5s and now I think we are a better year. It shows who we really are.”

“It has given me a chance to change my behaviour for the better.”

“I like it because people are listening to the teacher more and it is calmer”

“I think the challenge has changed everyone’s attitude so that it makes the classroom quieter. I think it has helped me and my friends be quieter too.”

“The Year 5 challenge has helped me; I feel more sensible and having to be quiet helps me concentrate in my lessons.”

“I think the challenge is amazing because you get housepoints and it makes me feel good.”

I am really pleased to have witnessed the impact of “The Challenge” as I have gone into Year 5 lessons. I look forward to sending more emails at the end of this week!

Mrs Hill
NEWS FROM HUMANITIES

On the 9th January, Year 8’s were lucky enough to visit The Henley River & Rowing Museum and this proved to be a fun, excellent and educational day out. In the morning, we were split into groups and given different activities which included a beautiful walk along the River Thames during which we visited the March Lock and learnt about the various flood defences along the river, a trip to the museum where we learnt about flooding disasters in the past and we also got the opportunity to carry out different experiments to do with flood waters. We were all given a booklet to complete during the day and this included having to sketch how a flood is caused. Our day ended with a slide show reflecting on what we had learnt during our visit to Henley. Although, the weather wasn’t at it’s best, it didn’t get in the way of us all having a great time. I found our day trip to Henley extremely fascinating and it really boosted my knowledge on rivers which we are currently studying in Geography. I would highly recommend this trip to year groups to come.

Libby Brake 8DK

Walk of Wonder at Windsor Castle

Third time lucky!!! Finally we were able to go on our “Walk of Wonder” at Windsor Castle. All of Year 6 assembled just after 9 o’clock and we began our journey.

It was a cold morning, but it wasn’t raining. After a brisk walk we reached the main gates of the castle where we were greeted by Colonel Dewar, head of security. He explained to us some of the history surrounding the castle; who originally built it, what extensions were made and by whom and how much money had been spent.

He then began our tour and we walked up to the Main gate which was guarded by a single soldier. There were a lot of bare trees to one side as well as some odd buildings. We found out that these were for the Queens’ horses. One of them, a circular barn,
was where the horses train when there is bad weather or when the Queen is not present. From there we walk along the “Red Road,” which is usually only used by the Royal family!

The avenues of trees were beautiful, even in the cold of winter. Col. Dewar took us to the oak tree of “Herne the Hunter,” a famous ghost said to wander Home Park. We all felt a cold wind across our faces as he was telling us the story.

From there we walked around the sports pavilion, past the cricket ground and car park and arrived at the side gate where we exited Home Park.

In the next newsletter there will be reports from the Y6 pupils about this amazing trip but it was memorable for all the adults as well. We were aware that we were experiencing something special-something that we will probably never do again but will always remember.

**SAT's Revision**

With the SAT's tests fast approaching now is the time to put in that extra bit of effort. Revising in small chunks, little and often can make a massive impact to your child's confidence and progress. Practicing mental maths skills is essential and an easy way to boost marks - Any Mental Maths books from WHSmiths, Lett's, Scholastic or CGP will be very useful. In addition to this Education has some practice mental maths test available to use.

Practice on weight and capacity such as; the weight of an apple or the capacity of a cup. Practice on conversions of measurements such as; grams to Kg's, metres to Km and so on. Reading scales is also an easy way to boost marks.

The Maths department have put together a list (found below) of useful websites and resources that might be useful to support your child in their revision.

**Maths Resources (YEAR 6 SAT's)**

Education City- Test practice for all levels including Level 6 - Free of charge with Trevelyan login

My Maths Boosters (all levels) - Free of charge with Trevelyan login

BBC Bitesize KS2

Mental Maths practice is essential and an easy way to boost marks - Any Mental Maths books from WHSmiths, Lett's, Scholastic or CGP.

• Woodlands Maths Zone - [http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/)
• Woodlands SAT's support - [http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/)
• http://www.compare4kids.co.uk/maths.php - This is a Maths Boot Camp with a series of activities to aid year 6 SATs. http://www.adamup.co.uk/ - Maths Adventures and Songs to help remember facts. On the Trevelyan Website in the Maths section there is a helpful document describing what each level looks like with some helpful hints for what parents can do to help at home. A very useful document for parents.

**Maths Online Resources (YEAR 8 TRANSFERS)**

A big thank you to 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. A great resource to look at for children in all Key Stages but particularly good for Key Stage 3.

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

**FRENCH INSTITUTE Y5 TRIP**

Here are a few quotes from our lovely day trip to the French Institute:

On 13th December, 23 pupils from Year 5 went to the French Institute in London. They behaved impeccably and enjoyed the day's activities. Here are a few comments from them about their day:

The French trip was very interesting and we did loads of fun activities. We learned a new French song, they also taught us a little bit on how to read and write in French. Kady, 5TF

Today's trip to the French Institute was really good because I learnt a lot of words in French that I didn't know. Harrison 5EW

Today was fun. We got to see a French film about Charlie's Christmas. I learned many new French words. Thomas, 5VB

The day was brilliant and really fun. I would absolutely love to do it again. Caitlin, 5VB
Cake Sale

£278.20 – just amazing!!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes for our Cake sale on Wednesday. As you can see we raised a fantastic amount of money. A special thank you to Harriet Moss, Marcia Karavis Cerys McCarthy, Kete Djan, Phoebe Medcalf, Flora Broad, Mohini Mair and Lauren Hawthorne for all their help. The PTA will be putting all this money towards our new trim trail – hooray!

Consultation re: Change to Academic Year and Dates for October Half Term 2017 – 2018

Next year the school is considering to trial a “two week half term break” during the autumn term. The autumn term is very long and we believe that pupils and staff would benefit from a longer break. We also feel that the longer rest will enable them to return to school ready to face the challenges of the second half of the term, leading up to Christmas, with renewed energy. The same number of school days for pupils will exist and so learning time is not lost.

Having spoken recently to a number of Headteachers and parents who have adopted this, they have highlighted the advantages as outlined below:

- Parents / carers are able to access cheaper holidays as they can access holidays outside of “normal” school holiday dates;
- Inset days are grouped together and not spread out through the year causing disruption.
- Attendance improves and this has been seen in a number of schools in the surrounding area;
- Helps to reduce sickness in the Autumn term
- Staff at these schools appear to like it so it is a recruitment incentive so the school can have the best teachers;
- An increasing number of state funded local schools have moved in that direction

Your feedback on the impact, positive or negative, of this trial will be very much welcome.

Please send any comments you may have to office@trevelyan.org.uk
I am writing to inform you of an opportunity for your Year 5 and 6 students. I have recently launched a cookery school which I run in the holidays. Through this I am promoting the importance of healthy eating and helping children to develop a greater sense of independence through learning practical cookery skills.

We hope you enjoyed reading all our news and we will update you again after the half term break.

Have a lovely week!

Mrs N Chandler – Deputy Headteacher