Second time writing to you this week I know, but as promised, I continue to update you with all our news and successes and what a fortnight it has been. I hope you all had a lovely half term even though it does feel like a long time ago! It has been a super busy and enjoyable week for me leading assemblies and sharing with all our wonderful pupils my vision for Trevelyan and the importance of being happy in school. The pupils have been absolutely fantastic dealing with change this week and it has been a pleasure walking around the school and popping into lessons to see them all at work.

Since half term so much has gone on – Year 6 have been fantastic enduring the stress and strain of their mock Sats exams. Despite a long and difficult reading paper on Wednesday, they then went outside for an extended break whilst the rest of the school went in to start period 2. This definitely went down well! Lots of children have been running up to tell me how they got on with their arithmetic paper, or how hard the spellings were but they have coped so well and again it makes you realise just how resilient these young people can be. However, exams aside, we did enjoy our trip up to London ten days ago with Year 6 when we went to see Matilda in the West End. The behaviour was superb and despite the very late night and long show, there were smiles and laughter all around. They really were an asset to the school with no one having to be reminded about their behaviour.

With mid-year reports going out today, we have also been extremely busy preparing these ATL reports for you and also ensuring the Tutor Progress afternoon next week will enable the children to reflect on their work so far and think about personal targets for the months ahead. We also look forward to welcoming Year 6 parents next Thursday for our first academic Parents’ Evening of the Year. Aside from academic work, yesterday was a real privilege judging the Year 5 World Book Day costume competition- there were clearly some fantastic costumes! We took lots of photos and we look forward to sharing these pictures with you in the next newsletter. Thank you all for making the effort as the children clearly enjoyed themselves and it helps them gain even more pleasure from the extra reading they are doing in school.

Today we have lots of excited children in school about to set off for their ski lessons with Miss Lane – they will be spending their day on the dry ski slopes preparing themselves for their week in Italy in just a fortnight’s time. We also have Year 7’s going
out next week on their annual History trip to Windsor Castle and are busily collecting in monies from Year 6 who are looking forward to their post Sats trip to the Harry Potter Studios in Watford in mid-May. It is great to be able to offer these extra curricular activities to extend their learning outside the classroom – watch this space as I know the English team are wanting a theatre trip for Year 5 and 7 too!!

I hope you enjoy reading all our news as I know, as a parent, it is important we try to keep you updated with life in school. So much goes on and there is so much we need to celebrate so I do hope you enjoy reading about the new reward I have launched this week as well as reading about our talented Year 6 boys who are off to Wembley!

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank you all for your positive messages and taking the time to write in this week, the Office have passed on your emails and calls and I feel fortunate to be so well supported. As I stated in my letter on Tuesday, I really am proud to be leading Trevelyan and I will do my very best to ensure the school continues its journey to become the outstanding school it deserves to be.

ROAD SAFETY

Yesterday, after school, I was shocked to hear from a very concerned parent that some of our boys were playing some kind of dare game across the main road. Basically, the boys were either side of the road, rolling an apple and then running out to fetch the apple!! This is so dangerous! Although we will share this message with pupils, please could you reiterate this at home so they understand the importance of this message? Thank you

HEADTEACHER AWARD

It was a pleasure re-launching this prestigious award in assemblies this week where pupils are highlighted for doing ‘over and above’ what is expected. Using our values (Encouraging, Nurturing, Respect, Inspiring, Creative and Happy), I would like to meet with pupils who are nominated for showing these values on a regular basis.

Every Friday I would like to invite half a dozen pupils to come and meet me where I can have an informal chat with them about their nomination and where they can receive a certificate, lolly and a letter home. I will always print their names in the newsletter too so they can see how important their achievement is.

Leading on from this, last week I emailed teachers to ask for any names of pupils who they thought deserved a special mention in assembly as I was celebrating achievement and good work – it was a pleasure to talk about these pupils in assembly and I thought I would also share this with you:
KS3 special mentions:

- Tara and Tallulah – excellent AR results; Archie, Josh, Spike and Ali 7AD – star AR pupils
- Dylan 7MJ – U turn in behaviour and outlook to school
- Sam Lee – brilliant effort in homework
- Oliver Williams – much improved ATL
- Victoria, Reiya and Mariko – consistent and unwaivering effort in Maths
- Taylor P, Mariko, Zoe L, Alice Cox and Kyle H – Special English mentions
- Libby and Leiona – consistent and unwaivering effort in Maths
- Freddy, Ben K, Diogo – great determination to succeed in English
- Bryn in 8SSt who has independently read over a million words for AR this year.
- Annabel Hodgkinson, Juliet Bryant and Alysha Goldsworthy – Youth Speaks winners having won the second round of the National Competition and who competed again last night.

I also received an email this morning stating, “I would like to nominate Nikolai Smith for his consistent outstanding behaviour around school. He is a fantastic role model for others and has also read 1,248,672 words on AR this academic year!”

“Can I suggest Liliana Henriques, Ben 8CO and Tommy Hill-Parsons for the Headteacher’s mention? They played the drums in front of their Key Stage as part of the Berkshire Maestros assembly - I thought they did a really good job of not being daunted and persevering even if they found it difficult to start with."

KS2 special mentions:

- Megan 5VB, Ivy, Ava, Grace and Tilly 5EW – PSHE
- Bethany Foster, Luke Fiander, Aeryn Bartlett and Lucy Wilson – Maths
- Ruth Mendy – excellent behaviour
- Haris Syrmos – problem solver!
- Sam Reed-Hearne – much improved attitude to learning
- Alima Ahmed – amazing active reading minutes in AR
- Michael 6JB – PSHE
- Ellen, Nawshin and Katherine – reading buddies
- John Carter – always trying his best
- Ali, Ayoub and Natasha 6BD – special English mentions
- All Year 6 who are attending booster sessions – well done!

So a great start to this award and I look forward to updating you more with this. This afternoon I am meeting with the seven KS2 boys who are off to Wembley in May – please find the write up below!
GOING TO WEMBLEY

The Yr5/6 Football team are going to Wembley! In December the boys were invited to a Football tournament organised by Wycombe Wanderers Football Club and the EFL, the Football League Kids cup. 47 schools from around the area/counties of Wycombe were invited to the competition with the winners going on to represent the club in the southern regional final, Trevleyan won the competition and were invited to the regional final which took place on Mon 27th February at Adams Park.

We arrived at Wycombe Wanderers ground and were told that we could use the Home teams changing facilities (the only team to be allowed). The boys were very excited, especially when the head of Wycombe Wanderers Educational Trust brought in a full Wycombe kit for the boys to play in and keep.

Team – backrow-Stoyan Ilkov, Lockie Lee, James Miller, Freddie Ramsden-Head.
Bottom row- Finlay Creffield, Jack Arnold, Max Kingsman.

I and Mr Stannard got the Fixture sheet. There were teams from all over the south and each of those teams would have had to have played around the same number of school to have been able to represent their clubs, the best of the best. In our league we had Cambridge United, Colchester United, Exeter City, Luton Town, Plymouth Argyle and Stevenage.

Our results from the league matches.

Wycombe (Trevelyan) 1 v 0 Cambridge United – Won the game with Max scoring
Wycombe 3 v 0 Colchester United – Won the game with Max, Stoyan, Jack scoring
Wycombe 1 v 0 Stevenage – Won the game with Jack scoring
Wycombe 1 v 0 Luton Town – Won game with Jack scoring
Wycombe 1 v 0 Plymouth Argyle – Won game with Max scoring
Wycombe 2 v 0 Exeter City – Won game with James and Lockie scoring
That meant that we progressed to the semi-final unbeaten and no goals scored against us.

Our semi-final was against Portsmouth, the boys were up for the task winning the game by a goal to nil with Finley getting our winner.

The final was against a strong Leyton Orient team who had some big powerful boys, who hadn’t lost in over 30 games. The boys were on top of their game with some excellent passages of play and everybody tracking back to help defensively as well as getting forward. Our speed and skill level was pushed up a level scoring the first goal was vital. Jack scored our first goal with a well taken effort, we then started to dominate the game. We then scored another through Jack with Finley capping it off with our third.

The final whistle blew with Wycombe (Trevelyan) winning the game 3 – 0, an outstanding performance from all the boys to go through the whole tournament without losing or conceding a goal against the best teams in the south is a massive achievement.

It doesn’t end there the boys will go on to represent the south and will play the winner of the northern half of the competition at WEMBLEY at the beginning of the League Two playoff final on the 28th May to hopefully be crowned the National Champions fingers crossed.

**MORE NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT:**

Our year 7 football team entertained Dedworth on Weds 1st March here at Trevelyan. The game started well for Trevelyan with Will cross scoring from close range. The boys then started making some errors and Dedworth managed to capitalise on our mistakes, we went into the half time 2-1 down. The second half saw a different Trevelyan team come out to play - we looked like scoring on a number of occasions.
We put Dedworth’s defenders under a lot of pressure making them make mistakes to the point of them putting the ball in the back of their net on three occasions making the final score Trevelyan 4 – Dedworth 2. We could have had a number of goals with George Couzens’ effort been cleared off the line just as he was about to celebrate. Well done boys.

House KS3 badminton competition.

Friday 17th Feb- Inter-house Yr7 and 8 Badminton competition, enter your pair and win 100 hpts. Houses can enter up to three mixed pairs. The event is taking place in the sports hall between 3.30-5pm.

Trevelyan’s got Talent

Trevelyan Has Talent is hitting Trevelyan! If you have a talent come and show us how amazing you are. The competition is going to happen between Monday 27th – Thurs 30th March so look out for the details which will be coming out next week.

Humanities

Just a reminder that on Wednesday the 8th March there is the Year 7 Windsor Castle field trip taking place. The pupils that are attending the trip need to arrive in school uniform with a packed lunch for the day and equipment to write with. The usual school rules apply regarding phones, sweets etc. I strongly urge all pupils to bring a coat as we will be walking to and from the Castle regardless of the weather. Pupils can bring a small amount of money as there will be an opportunity to visit the gift shop but this is their own responsibility.

On a separate note a plea from the Humanities club to save and bring into school any empty 2 litre plastic bottles to help us reach our total of collecting 1,500 bottles so that we can use them to build a greenhouse. All bottles returned to my Humanities room will receive a small reward for your recycling efforts.

Many thanks,
Mr. Hooper,  Head of Humanities
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Year 6 English

This has been a very busy time for Year 6! In the space of 3 weeks they have visited Home Park, the private grounds of the Queen AND attended a performance of Matilda in London.

As you will read in the newsletter, both events were thoroughly enjoyed by our pupils. In this edition you will find reports and poetry based on their “Walk of Wonder” as well as theatre reviews.
What does stand out is the excellent behaviour displayed by all of our children at both of these diverse trips. All Year 6 pupils walked to Home Park and nearly 100 pupils travelled by coach to the theatre. Staff members have commented on what a pleasure it was to journey with Year 6 and we hope to do more of this with them and the other years over the next few terms.

Happy reading

Matilda reviews

“Amazing! I loved it! Can we go again next week?”

(Most of Y6!)
“I loved the last song with Matilda and Miss Honey. It was beautiful.” (Hashim 6JB)

“What a great evening!” (Poppy, 6JB)

“Can we go to a show every week?” (Adam 6DA)

“That was brilliant! I loved it! I’m going to read the book!”

(Michael 6JB)

“All the actors were great but Miss Trunchbull was really horrible!” (Morgan 6BD)

“Wow! My first time in a theatre and I loved it! I’m going to get my parents to go next time!” (Stoyan, 6JB)

YEAR 6 WONDER WALK TO WINDSOR CASTLE

A visit to Windsor castle by Khadija, 6JB

Introduction: What is the report about?

This report is about when Trevelyan Middle School year 6 pupils had the opportunity to explore Home Park by the permission of the Queen. The visit took place on 8/02/17. We left at 9:15 am.

Information

We saw the quince trees and we saw guards. We saw the Queen’s horse when we were walking. We saw the Herne the Hunter tree and the head of security gave us a tour around the park.

Facts

A fact about Windsor Castle is that every king and queen of England has stayed in Windsor Castle. Queen Elizabeth has her own private area. Also George III had extra parts of the castle built.

Day trip to Windsor’s famous castle by Manaal Siddiqui.

The first time I entered the big black doors of Windsor Castle, I was amazed how the first look made my eyes glitter like a cat hunting for its prey. The man slowly opened the doors of the huge beautiful palace as everyone sneakily tried to see first what was there. I rushed through the crowd of people and saw the beautiful unique buildings of Windsor Castle. As I took another step forward I saw perfect patches of lush greenery that stunned me with its beauty. Firstly we were allocated to our tour guide, Col Dewar, who was the man who dealt with all the castle security.

The first destination he took us to were the homes of the workers and employees which were old and some were a bit shabby. The second destination was to the guards
standing outside the entrance to the royal quarters. Next he took us to some of the fields which were definitely amazing and spectacular to see. There were various trees that lined the paths as well as a sport centre and golf course.

The day was certainly unforgettable.

By Hashim Niaz:

A group of children from Year 6 were fortunate enough to be given permission to visit the private grounds of Home Park, thanks to their English teachers.

The children set off on foot on a cold and chilly February morning.

Home Park, previously known as Little Park (and before that Lydecroft Park) is a private 655 acre Royal park, administered by the Crown estates. It lies on the eastern side of Windsor Castle, very close to Trevelyan School.

The group were met at the main gate by Col Dewar who led the children on an expedition around the grounds. He gave us an insight into the history of the castle and the surrounding area. Everyone listened intently as they walked through the grounds.

The group made their exit through a side gate and the children have all written to the Queen, thanking her for permission to visit.

Home Park Private by Aanya 6JB

What we did:

Recently we visited Home Park private, because we're looking at poetry as our English topic. There were so many beautiful plants and trees everywhere! First we walked up the Long Walk and once at the gate went onto the Short Walk.

What we saw:

We saw the guards standing exceptionally motionless. They were wearing bloodshot coats and lengthy gloomy hats. To be honest, they looked somewhat terrifying. We kept strolling along the cobble and suddenly stopped to look at a tree. It was called "Herne the Hunter"; it had a chilling backstory about ghosts at night. Col Dewar told us that his dogs wouldn't go anywhere near that tree (even though it's not the original one!)

The end of our walk:

At the end of our walk we ambled past houses that belonged to people who worked at the castle. They were vast and beautiful.
We walked to the end gate (which is far from some of the houses) back along the Long walk and back to school.

Windsor castle trip by Amy Briggs 6JJ

On Wednesday 8th February, me and all of the Year 6s in Trevelyan Middle School had the opportunity of a trip to the private land of Her majesty the Queen.

We had the chance to see a lot of what the Queen owns and her lands. For example, quince trees, golf course, horse stables, trees, etc. It was a great time walking through the trees and learning the history of Herne the Hunter and his ghostly story. Also we walked along a path that led to the golf club; we also heard the story about King George V who liked to watch the cricket and golf in peace so he built a tower. Its only big enough for 1 person.

There are quite a few towers at the castle that people haven’t seen or gone into. But one of them at the back is where the Queen stays when she visits Windsor. The Castle is close to being 1000 years old and is still in great shape.

Windsor Report by Jack, 6JJ

On February 8th 2017, Year 6 went to Windsor Castle. At 9am we all left school to start our walk to Windsor Castle. It was really cold and frosty but thankfully it wasn’t raining!

When we arrived at the main gates we met someone called Colonel Duncan Dewar. He is the head of security at the Castle. He spoke to us about the history of Windsor castle such as who built it and how much it cost.

I was surprised to only see one soldier guarding the main gate as I thought there would be more. We saw some strange buildings and Col Dewar told us that they were for the Queen’s horses. There was also a little round building which we were told was where the horses were walked around and exercised.

Next we walked along a path called the “Red Road.” This is normally only used by the Royal family, so we were really lucky!

A bit further down we saw a golf club, cricket club and a bowling green. These are for the Royal family and everyone who works at Windsor castle.

We also got to see the great oak tree. This is where Col Dewar told us a horror story about “Herne the Hunter.” Apparently this is a ghost who wanders round Home Park and Windsor park but I’m not sure its true.

Finally, we walked past the car park which took us to the side gate exit. It was a really memorable trip and I feel very lucky to have been a part of it.
**Windsor Castle Walk by Mark Venter, 6JB**

Trees swaying from side to side,
Excited children walking by.
A rose red road made fit for a Queen.

Royal guards at the ready,
Horses trotting in fields nearby.
Colonel Dewar leading the tour.

Rebuilt castle made of stone.
Spectacular views as we go.
Windsor Castle is so great!

**Windsor Castle by Tom Branscombe, 6JB**

(This has been sent to HM the Queen)
Steep banks of grass raise the Castle high,
Walls of pale stone reach up to the sky.
Above the town its towers rise tall,
With fortified and imposing walls.

Portcullis and soldiers guard the door,
Keeping your castle safe and secure.
History, architecture, gardens and more,
To excite and thrill us on our tour.

We hope you enjoyed reading all our news, successes and things to come and we look forward to updating you again in our next newsletter.

**Mrs N Chandler –**

*Acting Head of School*