A GIANT LEAP!

There has been a strong whiff of science and Technology about school this past fortnight (metaphorically speaking of course!) 7/4 assembly as part of British Science week recalled the memorable journeys of both the first Transatlantic flight (100 years ago) and the first moon landing (50 years ago). We reflected on the courage and imagination of the scientists and engineers who dared to dream what might be possible. And we reflected on how we all enjoy the benefits of this technology and research in our own lives today. Last week we also had Heathrow Airport in school setting a coding challenge to Year 8 who had to build, program and then race their own team lego robot. Work-based skills such as teamwork, planning and communication were all in evidence and the students seemed to really enjoy the experience. This week our focus in ‘Citizenship Week’ has been on internet, cyber and digital safety: Digital Citizenship. Please talk to your son/daughter about these important issues.

Important Feedback

Attached to this newsletter are some important letters. The Governors’ Newsletter offers a summary of their scrutiny of Parental Survey feedback from the four Parents’ Evenings held in Terms 2 and 3. The results of the surveys are overwhelmingly positive and school leaders have looked closely at them with the Parent Governors who have prepared this evaluation. Thank you to the great many of you who completed the surveys; some more than once for the different year groups. There are always areas for improvement and your feedback is helpful to the school. There are also messages relating to uniform – following other surveys – and to after-school library provision. Please read these carefully as there are changes happening after the Easter Break.

Whole-School Photograph

Unfortunately the whole-school photograph had to be cancelled on Friday morning as it was so windy and the rain makes the scaffolding slippery and dangerous. We have re-scheduled this for Monday morning June 3rd. This is the day we return to school from half-term which is not ideal but we will send reminders during half-term and on the morning of 3rd. Although ‘Summer Uniform’ is permissible from Term 4 onwards, on that day we will be requiring all students to be wearing full uniform with jumper and tie, long trousers etc for the photograph. Please note in your diaries and calendars. Year 8 will also have a ‘Leavers Group’ picture on the same day.

Parking and Traffic Issues

We again need to remind parents to avoid driving children to school and dropping off in Parsonage Lane if at all possible. Neighbours of ours are still having to deal with rude and inconsiderate drivers who park across driveways, park on the pavement, park on yellow zig-zag lines and obstruct the road. We are requesting more visits from the Community Wardens to enforce issues of illegal parking but preferably those involved will see the sense of this message and comply with our request. It is the safety and well-being of children that is paramount and this is not well-served by current behaviour. Please don’t drive or park up a distance away from school wherever possible.

Year 8 to France

Good luck, God Bless and Bon Voyage to staff and Year 8 students travelling to France next week. We look forward to hearing all about it!

Easter Service

In the last week of term on Thursday 4th April we shall be walking to St Edward’s Catholic Church in Alma Road for our end-of-term Easter Service. Unfortunately there is not enough room for us to ask parents to join us. The trip will take place in the morning departing after registration and we will be back in school to resume normal lessons before morning break. The service will be led by students and Father David.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for Mankind”

Neil Armstrong (First man on the moon 1969)
Stanley Spencer Visits

Over the last 2 weeks each year 7 form has had the opportunity to visit the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham.

They enjoyed viewing work from the famous artist and a walk around the local area visiting sites that inspired many of his paintings.

Accelerated Readers—Congratulations go to:

Millionaires: Matty Quinn 7/1, Joshua Roberts 5/4, Josie Brown 7/1, Oliver Daniels 6/2, Cobey Divers 6/4, Hannah Sadler 7/1, Poppy Fletcher 5/1, Leila Gabriel 6/1, Lucas Stilling 5/4, Loukas Philippides 7/4 and Hamza Adel 7/2,

2 Million words: Tiffany Akpieyi 5/1, Martha Arnold 6/1 and Mrs. Bird.

3 Million words: Maisie Ingham 7/4

Honours Reader: Ryan Newman 8/1

** PSA UPDATE ** PSA UPDATE **

Many thanks to all the parents who helped at last Friday’s disco. It was the final whole school disco of the year and we raised £585 which adds to the total raised so far this year for the benefit of our children.

Congratulations to Leanne, mum to Bonnie in year 5 - winner of our March 50:50 draw. Four more draws left this year. It costs £1.50 to enter each draw - so, it is only £6 to enter for the rest of the year. The more parents that enter, the bigger the prize for the winner each month.

Last night was our termly committee meeting where we discussed plans for the summer term - more details to follow soon, and how our fundraising money should be spent.

Sports & PE Update

Over the last couple of weeks pupils have been very busy with fixtures and events. We would like to say ‘thank you’ to all staff, parents and pupils who have supported the PE department with the running of these events.

The Year 7 boys won their final league game 11-0 on Tuesday night against Herschel Grammar. Jimmy W scored a double hat-trick and was awarded man of the match, a great way to finish their league campaign as they remain undefeated in all their matches. Next week they have their semi-final match (away) against St. Bernard’s on Wednesday. On Tuesday the year 8s also played Herschel Grammar at home. The boys all played well winning the game 6-0. The boys did an excellent job of encouraging and supporting each other during the game to show excellent teamwork.

On Wednesday evening the year 8 netball team went to Furze Platt to play in the netball finals. Pupils were up against some tough competition but won 3 matches, drew 1 and lost 3. Player of the match goes to Hannah I for her excellent interceptions which assisted Eden H (GA) many opportunities to shoot and score.

On Tuesday year 5 and 6 went to a tag rugby tournament at Home park. They played against Wraysbury and St Peters A and B teams. The Year 6 team were undefeated in all of their games with many tries scored by Jowan B and Devon H. Year 5s won all of their games until they were beaten by the Year 6s, 5 tries to 1. Pupils look forward to representing Windsor in the Berkshire School Games in the next couple of weeks.

Indoor Football League

The Year 6 Indoor Football League kicked off last week, with 8 teams of boys and girls participating from across the year group. The students created their own 5-a-side teams, and will be playing each other once a week during lunchtimes to see who will be crowned champions.

Reporting on each and every game are our talented team of journalists, whose articles are published in the weekly Football League Bulletin.

Below is a match report by Matteo M (6/3) and Thomas P. (6/2) on the week 1 fixture between the two teams, Little Piggies and Cola.

Little Piggies Huff and Puff to Victory! Final score: Little Piggies (5) – Cola (3)

As the match went on the game remained tied, but after half time the Little Piggies had other ideas…they annihilated the opposing team with a smashing goal inside the penalty box!

It seemed as if Cola had given up, as the Little Piggies scored another sensational goal, but they somehow clawed back some goals to make an exciting end to the match.

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