

## Parent Bulletin

Week Commencing 9th March 2020

<b>Fortnightly Diary</b>	
Open Morning (Year 6)	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 8 & 9 Author Visit	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 12 Careers and Apprenticeship Fair (Reading College)	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 12 & 13 Particle Physics Masterclass	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Open Evening (Year 6)	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
GCSE Drama Practical Exam	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 10 & 12 Reports to be sent home	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Open Morning (Year 6)	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
GCSE English, Jekyll & Hyde Performance, Readheart visiting theatre group	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 9 Immunisations	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 7, 8 & 9 Reports to be sent home	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Looking Ahead</b>	
Economics Trip	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Berkshire Games (Selected students)	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
PixL Maths Strive for 5 (selected Yr11 Students) Bristol	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
GCSE Dance Final Practical Exam Day	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March
Alcohol Awareness Talk (Years 7 & 8)	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Sixth Form Question Time	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
A Level Drama Practical Exam	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
GCSE PE Moderation day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2020

## **Recent Events**

### **Women in Science – Trip to BP**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, year 9 students Erin McCarthy, Lucie Fenwick and Prisha Kumar attended an event at BP-Castrol Technology Centre promoting and celebrating women in STEM careers. The event coincided with the week of International Women's Day and the girls participated in workshops exploring stereotypes, the gender pay gap and the range of careers available to women in organisations like BP-Castrol. The girls met some inspirational women from different backgrounds including marketing, research, engineering, and sales, but their favourite part of the day was the tours of the Analytical Chemistry Laboratories and Engine Testing Cells.

### **Year 7 French Trip**

#ThealedoesFrance @MfITheale

What a weekend! We have just returned from a fantastic gastronomic experience in France with 44 year 7 students. On Friday we visited one of the oldest working wood-fired bakeries where we watched and listened to Bruno the baker, and we ate some enormous pains au chocolat. This visit was entirely in French and the students were able to follow everything he said! Saturday began with bowls of hot chocolate and dunking viennoiseries at the chateau d'Ebbingham, followed by a visit to the market in Boulogne. The day continued with a visit to Becasuc sweet factory and a demonstration and workshop at P&J chocolaterie. We ended the day with dinner and snails. On Sunday we visited Nausicaa, the biggest aquarium in Europe, where we saw a fabulous array of sea life and were even able to touch the fish and the rays.

It was a real pleasure to be with our year 7 students who were unfailingly enthusiastic and well mannered. We know they had a great time, but we enjoyed it as much as they did!

Merci!

Mrs Parker, Mr Neill, Mr Wall and Mrs Baric

### **Year 7 Activity day**

The remainder of Year 7 students enjoyed a full day of activities on Friday, which included:

A cultural exploration of France, making cross-curricular links between the Humanities subjects and Modern Foreign Languages

A PSHE based problem solving Virtual Escape Activity

A physical activity

There was some amazing team-work and plenty of certificates and house points were given out.

### Year 9 Science Day

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March Year 9 took part in day based around the British Science Week Theme of “Our Diverse Planet”. The day started with Mrs Halliday and Mrs Strong talking passionately about the importance of Science in our everyday lives and the theme of “Our Diverse Planet”. The students then split into their classes to experience a series of workshops:

1. Diverse People – students had to solve the mystery of what had happened Mrs Oakes. She was missing and we had found a series of clues which would help us find out what happened. Students then learned about fingerprinting, blood typing analysis, hair sample analysis and were even able to extract their own DNA. In the end all turned out okay when Mrs Oakes turned up period 5 and explain what had happened.
2. Diverse Landscapes – students had to solve the problem of moving tomatoes up a hillside in Nepal. This was harder than it sounds as students had to build a working model and only had a set range of materials they could use.
3. Diverse Climate – students looked at endo and exothermic reactions that have been inspired by our extreme environment. They then investigated the effect of temperature on glow sticks

### Upcoming Events

#### Open Events – Year 6

We are delighted that for the second year running, we have seen an increase in the number of families choosing our school. Following the recent National Offer Day we are offering families who may not have had the opportunity to visit us a chance to look around and meet some of our staff and students.

#### Visit by author to inspire Year 8 & 9 pupils. –Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Gary Toward, author of the historical crime novel set in WW1, The Magpie, will be visiting Theale Green to take pupils on a journey through time, incorporating the history of the period his book is set in.

The Magpie is set accurately in the period of WW1 and Gary will explain to e pupils how he developed his main character based on his own experiences as a child in a mining family, and how they can use their own knowledge and experiences to make their writing be more realistic. The Magpie begins in the north east and ends in the hell of the trenches.



### NOTICES

#### Term Dates 2020-2021

Please see dates attached

#### Word of the Week - Please support by using the WOW at home too

##### This week:

Word of the week ...	<b>jocular</b>
Word type	<i>adjective</i>
Definition	Humorous or amusing
In a sentence	He was a jocular man who could make the most serious people smile.
synonyms	witty playful
antonyms	serious solemn

##### Following Week

Word of the week ...	<b>Jubilation</b>
Word type	<i>noun</i>
Definition	A feeling of great happiness and triumph
In a sentence	The President's decision to step down was met with widespread jubilation
synonyms	delight glee
antonyms	anguish sorrow

### Taking Part

- ★ Congratulations to Timothy Graham, Year 7, who becomes our latest Word Millionaire (1,257,100 words read) – a fabulous achievement!

## House Awards:

Congratulations to the following students for achieving their House Awards, certificates will be given out in this week's House Assemblies

BENYON			
Katy Prior	9-3	100	BRONZE
Holly Lewis	10-2	101	BRONZE
Codie Searle	10-1	203	SILVER
Lucy Rowan	9-3	203	SILVER
Ruby-May Smith	7-3	205	SILVER
Nathanael Hansell	8-1	213	SILVER
Toby Jackson	8-3	303	PEARL
Alex Riches	9-2	324	PEARL
Tiago Fernandez Dias Carneiro	7-3	328	PEARL
Thomas Norman	7-1	329	PEARL
Jean-Marie Van Taak	8-3	332	PEARL
Beatriz Bruscato	9-3	338	PEARL
Charlie Payne	7-3	339	PEARL
Jessica Grouse	7-3	354	PEARL
Lydia Hitchcock	9-1	357	PEARL
Lily Varley	9-1	359	PEARL
Chloe Robins	8-1	360	PEARL
Tamara Jovanova	8-3	363	PEARL
Lola Roberts	7-3	385	PEARL
James Rowan	7-1	396	PEARL
Alex Moore	9-1	432	PEARL, RUBY
Louie Napper	9-2	437	PEARL, RUBY
Amy Wilkes	8-1	467	PEARL, RUBY
Eddie Riches	7-1	556	RUBY, SAPPHIRE
James Young	8-2	556	RUBY, SAPPHIRE

HUNT			
Mitchell McArdle	7-2	200	SILVER
Duncan Wales	7-2	202	SILVER
Min Toon	11-1	204	SILVER
Erin Watchman	7-3	312	PEARL
Sonny Goodey-Miller	7-3	312	PEARL
Olivia Clark	8-3	318	PEARL
Dhillon Feasey	7-5	335	PEARL
Eva Lovegrove	8-2	338	PEARL
Macey Heap	8-3	372	PEARL
Jasper Burton	7-5	436	PEARL, RUBY
Ava Brittain	7-2	467	PEARL, RUBY

PIPER			
Edward-Riley Rogers	7-3	204	SILVER
Evan Rose	7-4	205	SILVER
Lilly Lye	7-3	302	PEARL
Lucas Fry	7-2	305	PEARL
Katie Conlon	8-2	322	PEARL
Navjot Bolina	7-1	322	PEARL
Alex Quinnell	7-1	325	PEARL
Aoife Phillips	8-2	333	PEARL
Olivia Townsend	7-1	351	PEARL
Lawrence Reeves	8-2	352	PEARL
Eve Liggins	7-2	354	PEARL
Edward Haines	7-1	360	PEARL
Harry Quinnell	7-4	378	PEARL
Norbertas Jalinskas	7-1	380	PEARL
Grace Wingrove	7-4	398	PEARL
Isobel Townsend	7-4	404	PEARL, RUBY
Alfie Hopcroft	9-1	416	PEARL, RUBY
Trixie-May Hallett	7-3	433	PEARL, RUBY
Grace Sergent	9-1	472	PEARL, RUBY

SCOTT			
Layla Tipper	8-1	100	BRONZE
Adam Seymour	10-3	110	BRONZE
Harry Knight	9-3	114	BRONZE
Annabelle Stonell	9-1	315	PEARL
Jodie Healy-Byrnes	7-4	315	PEARL
Hannah Seymour	7-1	318	PEARL
Josh Yates	7-1	327	PEARL
Sam Roff	7-2	340	PEARL
George Lockley	9-2	361	PEARL
Noah Radley	7-1	385	PEARL
Edward Neale	7-4	400	PEARL, RUBY
Lauren Clifford	8-1	442	PEARL, RUBY
Megan Lockley	7-1	484	PEARL, RUBY
Emily Clifford	7-2	489	PEARL, RUBY

## Fixtures

<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Approx collect time</u>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> March	7 Boys	Football	Home	Willink/Blessed Hugh Faringdon	5:30
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Sixth Form Girls	Netball	Kennet	Tournament	6:20
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> March	11 Boys	Football	Reading Uni	St Johns	5:40
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March	7/8 Girls	Football 6-a-side	St Barts	St Barts	5:40
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9 Girls	Football 6-a-side	St Barts	St Barts	5:40
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March	11 Girls	Netball	Home	Kennet	5:20
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> March	8 Boys	Football	Home	Willink/Blessed Hugh Faringdon	5:30
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> March	7 Boys	Football	Chilton Edge	Wren	5:40
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> March	11 Girls	Handball	Willink	Willink	5:30
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Sixth Form Girls	Netball	Wallingford	Wallingford	5:30
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	8 Boys	Football	Chilton Edge	Chilton Edge	5:40
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	11 Boys	Football	Little Heath	Little Heath	5:40