

Headteacher's Update

28th April 2023

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

I wrote to you this week to share a new resource with you, a BAFTA-nominated short film starring Jodie Whittaker, but wanted to mention it again here. Capture is a powerful film about big tech and young people, beginning with every parent's worst nightmare: returning home to realise your child is nowhere to be found. It examines where our children really are when they're online and who is responsible for their safety, says the publisher. The film uses the emotionallycharged idea of a child's disappearance to examine a much more common - though still damaging occurrence. With children spending increasing amounts of time online, they find themselves at risk of a range of mental health conditions and exploitative interactions with other users. The film's writer, Nina Segal, said: "With Capture, we wanted to bring an emotion and an urgency to the subject of children's safety online. Parents are, quite rightly, very aware of children's physical safety. With this film I hope we can harness that same feeling towards children's safety online."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk

As each year passes, I become increasingly concerned with the things that young people are exposed to at the click of a button - access to pornography, purchasing drugs, violent imagery, misogyny, homophobia, racism.

It is only when we realise that class A drugs can be purchased as easily as a pizza online, do we really comprehend the risks that our young people face. Please be vigilant. In the same way we held our children back as toddlers when they stepped into a road, we need to do the same online.



Logging in to Student Bromcom

The student Bromcom login system has changed in the past few days to a 'Single Sign On' so that it is now the same login for both the school email address/Teams and student Bromcom. When the student goes to the Bromcom student login, page they should click the button that says 'login with Microsoft Account'. Please see the below image for a screenshot. This has been communicated to students during tutor time.

Dates for your diary:

Inset Day - 2nd May

Half term - 29th May - 2nd June

If your child requires their school email/Teams password to be reset please ask them to come to student services at the school office and we can do that for them.



Homework Club

We offer a general homework support club, in addition to some departments who also offer subject specific clubs. Please do encourage your child(ren) to take advantage as this often alleviates a lot of pressure at home, especially for reluctant homeworkers!

Details of homework club open to all students, all year groups:

Mon – held in 6th form study area Tue - held in room 0.16 Wed - held in room 0.16 Thurs – held in room 0.16 Fri – no club

Peter Pan

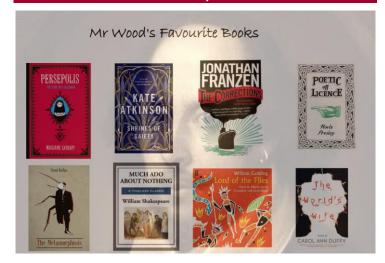
Congratulations to Florence B in Y7 who stars in Peter Pan and Wendy which is released on Disney+ today (Friday).

Florence, who filmed on set in Canada when she was in Y5, is pictured here with the rest of the cast at the premier last week.

Well done, Florence!



Books recommended by Mr Wood



Persepolis by Mariane Satrapi Shrines of Gaiety by Kate Atkinson The Corrections by Jonathan Franzen Poetic off Licence by Hovis Presley The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare Lord of the Flies by William Golding The World's Wife by Carol Ann Duffy

Literacy Fact - Phrases and Clauses

A clause is a group of words that includes a verb (a doing word) - it usually tells you about an event e.g. She ran from the house.

A phrase is a group of words (making up part of a sentence) that does not contain a verb – it gives extra information about an event in a sentence

e.g. in a far and distant land. Clause – 'The boy yawned' Phrase – 'first thing in the morning'.

Year 7 Poetry

Year 7 have been studying poetic form in English as part of their study of poetry this term. For homework, some students wrote their own limericks. Here are a few of our favourites:

There once was a girl called Thea
Who bought a swivel chair in Ikea
She spun round and round
Boring down through the ground
Maybe a sofa would have been a better idea!
Curtis, 7T

There once was a sheep called Mark Who wanted to go to the park He got on the bus with minimum fuss And didn't get home until dark Freddie M, 7T

Hickory Dickory Dock,
The man pulled out his sock
He said 'empty your pockets,
Give me your lockets,
Or you'll get a smelly shock!'
Stan, 7T

Year 12 A Level Geography Fieldwork

This week Year 12 Geography students have been out and about along the South Downs in Sussex. In preparation for the NEA project work, students need to undertake an individual investigation based around the Changing Places, Ecosystems and Coasts topics of their A Level course. On Monday we visited Itford Hill to investigate ecosystem functioning and biodiversity.





Tuesday, the sun came out as we looked at the impacts of beach processes and management along the coast at Newhaven and Seaford. We practised key primary data collection techniques such as beach profiling as well as speaking to locals in Seaford answering questionnaires regarding management.





Our last day of fieldwork was an urban investigation of Lewes town centre. Students were engaged in array of activities from looking at environmental quality, perception of place, 'smellscapes', crime prevention and service provision. Year 12 worked really hard throughout the three days in this intensive course. The Geography team were proud of the way all students engaged with the tasks and members of the public in a positive and constructive manner. We look forward to seeing their projects develop over the next few months and thank them for a lovely few days in Sussex.

Year 9/10 Girls Rounders v RTS

The term's rounders fixtures got underway last week with a combined Year 9 and 10 team taking to the pitch, coming up against Richmond upon Thames in this first match. In true summer term fashion, the sun was

shining and the girls were looking forward to hosting the school's first ever rounders match on our field. It was the visitors who got their campaign off to a strong start however, as the Turing team suffered a 13-9 loss in what turned out to be an otherwise tightly contested game as both teams enjoyed periods of superior batting and fielding. The only way is up for the girls and their next match is against Hampton High in a few weeks' time. Well done to all involved!



Year 8/9 Mixed Cricket v Twickenham

Some Year 8 and 9 students took part in a friendly cricket match last week against Twickenham. This game took place while students await the many cricket fixtures to begin and offered another exciting 'first' for the school - it was the first time THS had hosted a cricket match, making use of the cricket pitch for the first time ever. The Turing team opted to bat first, scoring 63/6 in ten overs. Chasing the home side, Twickenham came close to securing a victory but fell short by 6 runs as they scored 58/3. Well done to all involved!

Year 8 Boys Basetball v Whitgift

The Year 8 basketball team made the long journey to Croydon last Friday to take on Whitgift in the quarter final of the Junior NBA league. With the competition now entering the knock-out stages, it was nothing but game faces in the minibus - business as usual for this team. A slightly depleted Turing team did incredibly well

to stay in the fight throughout the whole match with just 6 players. However, it was the opposition who will be moving onto the next round as they won 37-31. The boys looked set to make a last minute comeback as they closed the gap on the scoreboard and continued to apply pressure right up to the last second, making their efforts something to be proud of. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 7/8 Girls Rounders v Waldegrave

Having been rained off just as the opposition arrived on the previous day, the Year 7/8 girls got stuck into their first rounders fixture of the term against Waldegrave earlier this week. We can now enjoy the space and facilities to practise in rounders club, running every Wednesday, which gave the girls a chance to practise beforehand. The match proved to be a close encounter, but it was Waldegrave who emerged victorious, scoring 8.5 to the Turing team's 5. Still, a considerable improvement on last year so the girls can be proud of their performance. Well done to all involved!



Year 11/12 Sport Studies Climbing Trip



The Year 11 Cambridge National students got to enjoy a trip south of London to an outdoor climbing wall week. This was part of their Outdoor Activities unit within the Sport Studies course, where they were assessed on their climbing competency and use of equipment. The Year

Cambridge Technical students were also in attendance as they were completing a similar unit for their A Level equivalent course. The day was enjoyed by all and all students worked well together on the day.



Sports Clubs in terms 5/6

The rugby and football pitches make way for athletics, rounders, cricket and volleyball pitches on the field as we enter the summer term! Take a look at the table to see what sports clubs are running as of now:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
Y8-9 Boys	Y7-13	Y7-13	Y7-13
Basketball	Advanced Tennis	Judo	Dance
7.30-8.15am	7.45-8.15am	3.15-4.15pm	3.15-4.15pm
Y7-13	Y7-13	Y7-13	Y7-13
Volleyball	Table Tennis	Rounders	Cricket
12.30-1.15pm	3.14-4.15pm	3.15-4.15pm	3.15-4.15pm
Y7-8		Y7-13	
Basketball		Athletics	
3.15-4.15pm		3.15-4.15pm	
Y7-13			
Beginners Tennis			
3.15-4.15pm			

Click Photography















Our Year 7-10 & DofE Photography Club is a fun and exciting introduction to Photography. Looking forward to an action-packed Summer term. Canon Dslrs included

Summer 2023

Topics include Vortography, Summer Colour, Richmond Bridge, Spheres, Forced Perspective, Self Portrait, Baby Chicks, Small World

Classes are on Thursdays and begin on 11th May Sessions 3.10 - 4.10pm. 9 weeks Fee £85





or use the booking form on our website clickphotographyworkshops.com



Girls Rugby League training



Start date: 17th May Every week for 8 weeks

Wednesdays - U13: 4-5pm U14: 5-6pm Thursdays -U15: 4-5pm U16: 5-6pm

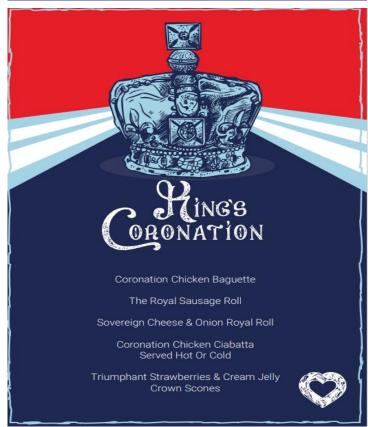






Contact: Ben Selway for Registration ■ ben_selway@hotmail.co.uk 207392 063844

The King's Coronation



Bushy Park Girls Cricket Club

Bushy Park Girls is the only all-girls and women's cricket club in Richmond Borough, and has been active for more than ten years. It's a majority female coaching team and focus on girls' and women's participation as much as performance. It caters for ages 5 and up, and offer girls the opportunity to play in a friendly, supportive environment with dedicated facilities (in comparison to clubs which offer only mixed teams or run girls' cricket as a secondary concern).



DramaCube

Love musicals? Don't miss out on a place in this special West End Showcase!

Dramacube's GREATEST SHOWMEN (professional Artistic Director & Choreographer) will be working with SIX young casts to produce a show where they WILL ROCK YOU with performances inspired from popular West End shows.

This WICKED, musical theatre project is for GUYS & DOLLS aged 8-18 years who enjoy singing, dancing and performing.

Weekly rehearsals start from the 13th May in Hampton Hill, Twickenham and Esher.

MAMMA MIA! The final performances will be in the West End of London at Wonderville Theatre! Every child who signs up will get to perform - but places are limited!

SIGN UP AT: www.dramacube.co.uk

