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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

To mark anti-bullying week, Linz Dawn from Sparkfish has been taking our assemblies. The Antibullying Alliance has lots of helpful tips for parents and children on how to deal with bullying. <u>https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week</u>

The Year 11s have finished their mocks. Our cross country teams have been to the Royal Alexandra and Albert School at the District Cross County race and Years 7 and 8 had a rugby festival at Oasis Academy in Coulsdon. Both with great success.

For the next four weeks we would like to introduce useful tips from the CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection) Thinkuknow website <u>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk</u> which automatically updates with the latest developments, guidance and parental/professional support strategies. The first tip below is from National Online Safety.

The Let's Sing Together concert last week was a huge success. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who helped towards making it such a fantastic evening.

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT				
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT				
Year 7	Jude Auckloo for his amazing history homework			
Year 8	Midhun Kirupaharan for his outstanding start at Reigate School			
Year 9	Joel Smith who has excelled in maths this term			
Year 10	Toni Norman and Scarlett Potter for volunteering to stand in at the last minute to help out the Y11 netball team			
Year 11	Kayley Tulk for coming 1 st in her trampolining competiton			

COMMENDATION AWARDS		
Year 7	7NMO	
Year 8	8VKE	
Year 9	9LSW	
Year 10	10HSK	

UPCOMING DATES					
Monday 19 th November	Carnegie Club trip to Everyman Cinema, Reigate.				
Tuesday 20 th November	Year 11 sponsored run 'Phase 1' a Y11 initiated fundraiser for canteen improvements				
	GCSE Dance trip to the Royal Opera House to see INFRA.				
Wednesday 21 st November	Year 11 sponsored run in aid of 'Phase 1'				
Thursday 22 nd November	Year 9 Surrey Police talk at the Harlequin Theatre				
	KS3 Performing Arts trip to see School of Rock at the New London Theatre				
	NHS Careers Performance to Year 8				
	7MHI movie and pizza evening in school				
	Year 11 Reigate College interviews				

Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP) - TIP 1

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

National Online Safety have created a 'conversation starter' poster about online safety. The guide includes seven questions to get 'the conversation' going in relation to children's internet usage. Engaging in regular, two-way communication with children about online activities is a really important way of building trust and highlighting the dangers they are exposed to every day. The poster is available to view on the following link:

https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/7-Conversation-Topics-November-2018.pdf

NEWS AND EVENTS

LET'S SING TOGETHER

Friday 9th November was a magical evening at Reigate Baptist Church as the Let's Sing Community Concert took place. Our own school choir and Leading Ladies singing group took part along with six local primary school choirs.

The Deputy Mayor Councillor Julian Ellacott welcomed everyone and then our Head Boy and Head Girl Oscar and Etienne introduced the theme 'The Greatest Show'. All seven choirs opened the show singing two songs from the The Greatest Showman with Oscar being our very own P T Barnum. Each school then sang two songs from some great shows.

Our Deputy Head Boys Zak and Efan introduced the two charities we were collecting for - Stripey Stork and Welcare. The evening ended with children and parents joining in a singalong of 'This is me'. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all and we raised around £900. Thank you to all who helped on the day.

Reported by Mrs Parker Marketing and Events Co-ordinator













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POPPIES

This year we wanted to do something a little bit special to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1. Planning began last year after feeling inspired by Redhill's 'Knitting Nana'. Pauline Clark is grandmother of two of our children Iris and Isabella and last year she yarn bombed Redhill with over 1,000 knitted poppies to raise money for charity. So this year we asked every child in the school to make a poppy. Everyone was keen to get involved in the poppy movement. Initially we ran poppy club where the staff and children came together each week for a 'knit and a natter'. Then before we knew it we had everything from knitted to clay poppies! The children and staff worked very hard to create a spectacular display in the front entrance of our school.



"I played a part by sketching out a large poppy onto canvas for the year 7s to paint during the freshers' fair. I think that the display shows lots of different skills. My favourite piece is Miss McGuire's painting. She teaches science so I didn't know she could paint" – Poppy-Lee Currier, 10JKA.

"My nana knits poppies every year that go on display in Redhill. She knits every day. When I told her about our school display she was pleased that she had inspired us and she liked how we had done something special for remembrance day" - Isabella Kibuuka, 9SCA.

"I really liked looking at the display. My favourite piece was a collaged fabric piece in a frame by Holly Nixon in Year 9" - Poppy Duncan, 8WE.

Thank you for all your donations. We will let you know how much was raised once the figure is finalised.

SANTA RUN

The YMCA Santa Run is returning to Priory Park on Sunday 9th December 2018.

Santas of all ages and abilities are invited to join in the festive fun. \pounds 12.50 per person includes a free Santa suit, snack, drink and medal.

The festive race timetable is as follows:

- 10:30am: Adult 3 mile (aged 16+)
- 11:15: Junior 1 mile (aged 8 – 15 running on their own – no adults)
 11:45: Family 1 mile
- 11:45: Family 1 mile
 (aged 4+ adults and children)

Please book early as this event sold out last year. Use the link below for further information and bookings: <u>https://www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk/santa-run/</u>



YMCA EAST SURREY

YMCA

SHOEBOX APPEAL FOR THE ROMANIAN AID FOUNDATION

Thank you so much for all your shoebox donations. These will go to families in the Dorohoi area of north-eastern Romania. Here, unemployment and poverty are a daily experience all year round. This sense of deprivation is made worse at Christmas time by the extreme winter temperatures.

The Joy in a Box Appeal aims to bring some measure of hope and encouragement. For many people these gifts might be the only ones that they receive at Christmas. Each box means so much to those who have so little.



SURREY CAREERS FAIR

On Wednesday afternoon we took 25 Year 9 children to the Surrey Careers Fair at Epsom Racecourse. The event, ran by Surrey University, had over 50 different businesses, universities, colleges and apprenticeship courses attend.

The purpose of the day was to introduce the children to all the different career paths they could follow and incredible opportunities available to each of them once they have left Reigate School. The courses represented were varied and farreaching, from hair and makeup courses to nursing and construction to risk assessment.

The children enjoyed the activities available, asked questions and were outstanding in representing Reigate School. Although it poured with rain, their spirits certainly weren't dampened and all left the event in high spirits about their future.



Reported by Miss Swift and Miss Lane Assistant Heads of Year 9

HEGARTYMATHS

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Congratulations to the following children who have clocked up the most learning hours on HegartyMaths this week

Top 10 Correct Answers 9th – 16th November





Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Niamh Stokes	Jessica Chapman	Zuzanna Skiba	Maya Smith	Oliver Marsden
Mercedes Mullins	Alex Cheung	Sadie Jenkins	Ethan Monk	Alyssa Gobin
Daniel Fegan	Greta Delany	Joanne Lewer	Kirstie Milne	Skye Thornback
Alexa Day	Ellis Moult	Jack Waters	Elijah Kinsley	Hollie-Mae Boittiaux
Emily Campbell	Zachary Lynn	Chloe Lacey	Rachel Western	Oscar Picking
Lucas Walton	Jack Dempsey	Madeline Howland	Scarlett Pearce	Zak Hammond
Violet Duncan	Eliyas Gardiner	Matilda Skyrme	Luke Burgess	Hannah Fitch
Jacob Mills	Mason Wheeler	Ellie Bloomfield	Lucas Dodimead	Holly Simmons
Eloise Robinson	Jennifer Smith	Tunus Henriksson	Matthew Mugford	Connor Simmons
Patrycja Skiba	Albion Hysa	Zohaib Faisal	Amy Brown	Sophie Bell

SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS' DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 6th November The Royal Alexandra and Albert School held the girls' district cross country event. Historically, it is a cold, wet affair. This year, however, was a different experience altogether. It could not have been more glorious – blue skies, soft, dry ground and simply perfect conditions for our girls to compete.

First up was our nervous, fresh-faced Year 7 team. They were up for the challenge of racing with over 100 runners; the course was new to them but this didn't put them off. Some went out too quickly and paid the price in the final half a mile but all of them finished the course and did themselves proud. A special mention goes to our top 3 finishers of Lily (10th), Evie (15th) and Sophia (26th). They recovered with some hot chocolate and Haribo!

The next race saw our Year 8 team running a slightly longer course. This didn't put them off and they rose to the challenge. We cannot fault the effort from this team; all of the girls had exhausted every ounce of energy that they had and this showed their grit and determination to do their best. Francesca delivered a star performance and finished 13th.

Finally, our Year 9 team showed their experience and composure as they lined up to start. They used their waiting time wisely and warmed up thoroughly beforehand. As they passed the crowds at the start, they had already established their own places within the pack, working with a teammate to push each other on. This team topped off the day for us. The whole team finished within the top half of the line-up. Our top three were Ella (8th), Matilda (13th) and Holly (14th).

We could not have asked for anything more than the girls gave us. The attitudes and effort from all of them was exemplary and they did Reigate School proud.

We are hopeful that some of our top runners will have qualified for the next round. Watch this space.



YEAR 7 – 2^{nd} out of 14 teams YEAR 8 - 6^{th} out of 13 teams YEAR 9 – 2^{nd} out of 11 teams



Wray Common Primary School



Learning Mentor Start – As soon as possible 32 hours per week, term time only – Salary £14,433 - £16,346 (hours negotiable)

Are you an experienced LSA/TA looking for career progression? Or perhaps a HSLW looking for an opportunity to engage more directly with vulnerable children?

This vacancy is for anyone with the passion and ability to play a significant part in improving the lives of our children.

We will be looking for someone who will provide care and challenge of such quality that any barriers our children may have to their learning are shattered and their current enjoyment and achievement at Wray Common is enhanced.

We are looking for the right person:

- To inspire, enthuse, motivate, challenge and support targeted children to achieve their best.
- To promote and impact positively on the attendance of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged.
- To work preventatively with children and families to provide early intervention, signposting, support and guidance, particularly in times of change, challenge and stress so that all children leave Wray Common with better life chances than when they first entered.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. An enhanced DBS check will be required.

For further details please either call the school office on 01737 761254 or email info@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk

Closing date: 9am on Tuesday 27th November Interviews: Tuesday 4th December

Wray Common Primary School Kendal close Reigate Surrey RH2 0LR

SAFEGUARDING

THINKUKNOW



Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command. Since 2006, Thinkuknow has been keeping children and young people safe by providing education about sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. Thinkuknow is unique. It is underpinned by the latest intelligence about child sex offending from CEOP Command. Thinkuknow aims to ensure that everyone has access to this practical information – children, young people, their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them. Alongside the Thinkuknow website the programme provides educational resources, including films, cartoons and lesson plans, to help parent/carers and professionals raise young people's awareness.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk

NOTICES



BOOSTFIT is a new kind of fitness class. Suitable for any age, size and fitness level, everything is taken at your own pace, no judgement – just fun.

Classes are at Reigate School on Mondays from 7:30pm - 8:30pm. £5 for an hour's session just turn up - no need to book.

YEAR 11 GCSE EXAM NOTICE

Please be aware that the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) requires <u>all Year 11 children</u> to be available until the 27th June 2019. This is because an awarding body (exam board) may need to invoke its contingency plan which would require children to go into their school up until the 27th June 2019.

In light of this, please do not book holidays that begin before the 27th June 2019 or other events that would mean your child would be unable to come into school.

ATTENDANCE

We would like to remind all parents and children about the importance of regular school attendance. Children are expected to attend 100% of the time, be punctual every day and show good behaviour in lessons. Parents are expected to phone the absence line on every day of absence to notify the school of the reason for your child's absence.

Telephone number: 01737 245241 (Available 24 hours).

Your message should include your child's name, tutor group, reason for absence and your name.

This year, good attendance, punctuality and behaviour are being rewarded with a trip to Thorpe Park in the summer term for Years 7-10. To qualify your child must have 95 points, which is made up from 95% attendance and points awarded because of good behaviour on their reports each term. Children can also lose points for poor behaviour on their reports and for persistent lateness.

What are acceptable reasons for absence?

Some examples are vomiting, diarrhoea, high temperature, hospital appointments, and funerals.

Unacceptable reasons include:

Headache, tiredness, stomach-ache, colds, coughs, birthdays, haircuts, shopping days, duvet days! Children who have broken bones can normally be accommodated in school after discussion with Heads of Year.

Leave of absence during term time

It is highly unlikely that the Head of School will grant permission for a leave of absence during term time. These can only be considered in the most exceptional circumstances and must be applied for in advance using the absence request form available from the office. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the school website for more information.

Will I be made aware if my child's attendance is low?

Yes, if their attendance falls below an acceptable level, a letter of concern will be sent to you and you may be asked to provide medical evidence. If there is no improvement a meeting will be arranged to discuss the situation and you may be referred to the Education Welfare Service. The Government guidelines state that if your child falls below 90% attendance they are classed as persistently absent.

CAREERS

EAST SURREY COLLEGE OPENING DAYS

East Surrey College is opening its doors for an opportunity to look around the facilities and discuss courses with lecturers.

Saturday 17 th November 2018	10:00 - 14:00
Wednesday 27 th February 2019	17:30 - 19:30
Saturday 15 th June 2019	10:00 - 13:00



CAREERS ADVICE IN SURREY – WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE PORTAL

For full time study, work, apprenticeships or training options, Surrey's Participation Team offer advice and guidance around any aspect of post 16 options. Some of the features of this portal include:

- A FAQ section for parents/carers and young people
- A news and events section
- Participation information for those with SEND
- Volunteering information

Whether you need inspiration to help you decide what to do with your future or whether you're just looking for a bit of advice, the "What's your next move?" portal can help.

CAREERS GUIDANCE

We have a careers section on the school website which contains useful information regarding college open events, up and coming careers events at Reigate School, details regarding apprenticeships and how to search and apply for them along with links to useful websites. There is also a link to a quiz which is fun to take and will give children an idea of what kind of careers will suit their personalities. Go to Academic-Careers or Academic-Option at post 16 for details of local college open events. Below are some other very useful websites which have plenty of information regarding further education, apprenticeships and careers choices plus interview techniques and many other tips.



www.barclayslifeskills.com



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk





www.icould.com



www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk

