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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

The children and staff have been working hard with various Christmas events this week. We have enjoyed the Christmas assemblies with singing from staff and children, one which featured a tap dancing interlude by Mrs Wardlow and Miss Swift. The choir have entertained residents at Willow Glade and the Woodhatch Centre, the pantomime came to school for Year 7s, we've had the annual chocolate log competition and a Reindeer Raffle. The children looked amazing today in their Christmas themed mufti. Our final count up has revealed over £1,400 has been raised for Centrepoint and Tearfund.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part or contributed and a very Merry Christmas to all our children and their families and a Happy New Year. See you back on 2nd January.

Mr Alexander



SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7 Sophia Bryant, Callie Blanchard, Bodi Butler, Zoe Byrne, Maya Chan, Violet Duncan, Amy Dunlop, Nandini Joshi, Elsa Lenihan, Isabelle Long, Elizabeth Martin, Sophie Milne, Maya Moberg, Chanise Snape and Mathilde Sturman - our musicians, singers and dancers that have taken part in the various Christmas performances over the past week.

Year 8 Zain Leach for being such a good friend and helping so much on the form trip.

Year 9 Tristan Cossey and Emma McDowell for a remarkable improvement in their positive attitude towards learning.

Year 10 Ellis Cork for an outstanding GCSE PE assessment.

Year 11 Curtis Young for his talented guitar performance.

COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7TMA
Year 8	8AME
Year 9	9LSW
Year 10	10JWH
Year 11	11NTR

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7SJO	99.3%
Year 8	8SHO	95.8%
Year 9	9PWR	98.6%
Year 10	10MKI	93.2%
Year 11	11MA	98.5%

Whole School Attendance 87.6%

CHARITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Would you love a Christmas Hamper for your family? The children and staff have collected and made up 20 hampers which will include all the contents for a Christmas dinner. If you would like one or know of a family that would really benefit, please e-mail Mrs Hill in confidence bursar@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk by Tuesday 18th December.



MINCE PIES AND CAROLS AT THE WOODHATCH CENTRE

On Tuesday 4th December 9SCA and the choir visited the Woodhatch Centre to entertain their clients. 9SCA served refreshments and chatted to the audience whilst the choir sang Christmas songs. The afternoon was enjoyed by all. 9SCA even managed to get some of the audience on their feet on a makeshift dance floor!



The choir sung beautifully and entertained the audience with their glorious Christmas voices. Thank you to all involved – The Woodhatch Centre were so pleased with everyone and have invited us back next year for another Christmas treat and more!

Reported by Mrs Carr

WILLOW GLADE

For the third year running some of our choir members visited Willow Glade retirement apartments to entertain the residents. The choir sang a range of Christmas songs both traditional and modern and ended with a rendition of Happy Birthday for a resident's 92nd birthday.

Since the choir's first visit it has very quickly become a highlight of the Willow Glade residents' calendar and they all commented on how the performances get better each year. As well as the quality of performance, the Chairman of their residents' association also commented on how polite and friendly the children are saying Reigate School must be very proud. Well done to all of the children involved, we are definitely very proud of them.

Reported by Mr Lapsley



7SJO ICE SKATING AT HAMPTON COURT

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than a Panto just before the form trip of the year. We all jumped on to the minibus wrapped up in warm clothes, hats and scarves fully prepared for the cold evening ahead. The journey was filled with festive cheer as we listened to the top 50 Christmas songs playlist. We arrived in plenty of time to get boots on and load Mrs Barker-Field up with mobile phones and bags. The boots were tricky for some but we all managed.



A seven minute wait for our slot to open felt like a lifetime and finally we hit the ice, literally for some! A sterling effort of maximum number of falls in the first minute (guess who?) as well as the natural first timer (who could that be?) flying around like a pro. It didn't take long for us all to leave the side and become confident enough to have fun. Our most improved top three go to Khadeeja, Henry and James. Well done! And to the rest of you super people for being so much fun. Mrs Jones was emotionally blackmailed into going on the ice – the first time in many years but she didn't let herself down. Mrs Barker-Field shouted encouragement from the side-lines as our number one cheerleader. Miss Melia also loved every minute! We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful back drop than Hampton Court Palace.

Not one person gave up throughout the entire 45 minutes. Everyone encouraged one another the whole time and it was a relief when we finished without any major injuries! However, the night was still young. We unveiled Mrs Barker-Field from the coats and bags and headed in the direction of the food and drink. Some delicious choices of ultimate hot chocolate, pastries, hot dogs and pizzas. The boys had to wait a long time for theirs but will agree that the unexpected surprise was definitely worth the wait! In the meantime we also dished out our secret Santa gifts. Some were very funny, unusual, thoughtful and annoying. And some are still a mystery! We then had one final photo in front of the colourful Palace itself before a stroll back to the bus.

Christmas songs filled the bus whilst spotting the best Christmas lights on the journey back. It was a super night filled with fun and good cheer. Every member of our form was impeccably behaved and a real credit to us. Merry Christmas everyone!

Reported by Mrs Jones



VISIT TO THE TATE BRITAIN

On the 6th of December the Year 10s studying GCSE art were given the pleasure of visiting the Tate Britain for a day.

On the trip we made first hand drawings and analysed both traditional and contemporary pieces of art. The exhibitions included everything from modern sculptures to historical portraits. It was truly a refreshing experience as seeing the work for real gave us a chance to view the artworks with a different perspective; many of the pieces were much bigger than we had imagined.

We all had a great day and are now in the process of putting together detailed reports on our findings.

Reported by Eshal Kashif



LEGALLY BLONDE AT LEATHERHEAD THEATRE

I had the pleasure of going to see The British Theatre Academy's production of Legally Blonde at Leatherhead Theatre on Thursday night. The lead, Elle Woods, was played by Catrin Frost in Year 9. She was absolutely amazing and I could not believe the maturity with which she performed. Catrin is definitely a young lady to watch for the future. Bella McPherson, Year 10, also had a significant role and it has been wonderful to watch Bella grow in confidence and performance skills during her time at Reigate School. Ex-students Lucy Walker, Maddie McKee and Holly Landon were also in the cast and it was really pleasing to see that they are still involved with performing arts.

Reported by Mrs Hill



CHRISTMAS SHENANIGANS



Oscar at the Christmas Carol Concert



8CHN Ice skating at Tulleys Farm



CHOCOLATE LOGS AND D OF E

Well done to all my years 7s who have been busily decorating chocolate logs. All of them have been absolutely fantastic! Mrs Wardlow, Mr Alexander and Mr Emerson had the lovely (but difficult!) task of choosing overall winners from each group. Everyone should be proud of their work as it was clear to see that a lot of effort went into all of them.



Another well done to the eleven Year 10s who completed their skills section for their D of E award. The children have made a variety of dishes with a range of different skills. Some of the dishes they made were pizza, lasagne, jam tarts, mini quiches, chocolate mousse and chicken supreme. It was great to see how their confidence built up over the weeks.

Reported by Mrs Whitehead

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



Top 10 Correct Answers 7th December – 14th December

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Jaimie Murray Joshua Saunders Kai Brooker Leian Wye Humaid Bashir Isabelle Walker Evie Lagarde Nicholas Jaschinski Morgan Avery Duncan Bird	Archie Jones Archie Lovell-Lawson Jessica Reed Darcey Robinson Felix Smith Jessica Sturgeon Isabelle Cochrane Rowan Greene Kyla Khan-Wood Lyla Smith	Nikita Izbrodin Jamie Bunn Sadie Jenkins Veronika Ramm Annie Thompson Alice Perrett Jonny Long Tilleigh Brubaker Matilda Skyrme Annabel Worsfold	Frankie Evered Abudi Bala Kirstie Milne Annie Banks Eda Lay Amelia Saunders Jennifer Ross Hannah Corlett Seera Ismaeel Jessica Munro	Isobel Loft Harry Mackenzie Alyssa Gobin Mia Khan Efan Fisher Oscar Picking Bethany Horn Fian Rota Chloe Cooper Emma Matuozzo

NOTICES

EDUCATION AND HEALTH SEMINARS

We are pleased to be able to offer a series of Education and Health Seminars which aim to offer up to date information and advice about some of the issues we often have concerns about as professionals, parents and carers. We are offering these through our alliance with the i2i Teaching Partnership and they will be hosted in the Medici Theatre, Weydon School, Farnham.

There is a non-refundable charge of £5 per seminar and they can be booked via Eventbrite using the links below. Please print and bring your ticket since places are limited due to space. Limited parking is also available on site but please do arrive in plenty of time to guarantee a space. We hope that you will find these seminars useful and we look forward to extending a warm welcome to you at each one.

The seminar titles and schedule is below:

Monday 21 st January 2019	Drugs awareness and prevention: what parents need to know about current trends	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drugs-awareness-and-prevention-what-parents-need-to-know-about-current-trends-tickets-53535779959
Monday 28 th January	The Science of Learning: how parents can support their child with their learning and revision	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-science-of-learning-how-parents-can-support-their-child-with-their-learning-and-revision-tickets-53535865214
Tuesday 29 th January	Alcohol awareness and prevention: what parents need to know about current trends	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alcohol-awareness-and-prevention-what-parents-need-to-know-about-current-trends-tickets-53536222282
Monday 25 th February	Online safety and social media seminar	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-and-social-media-seminar-tickets-53536357687

REVISED WHATSAPP INFORMATION

Further to our child exploitation online protection (CEOP) tip in last week’s newsletter a parent pointed out that the advice surrounding WhatsApp was incorrect. Whilst it’s true that WhatsApp bans under 16s from using the app in the EU this has been the case for some time so the current age of 13 is incorrect and there is no option for parents to provide approval as previously stated.

He also informed us of ‘Netware’ which is the collaboration between the NSPCC and O2 (<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>) or the Vodafone Digital parenting site (<https://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting.html>) that are giving really up to date advice. Thank you.

STUDENT SERVICES

Please could we remind Year 9 students to return their final school booster immunisation forms to us. We will need to have the form returned whether you are opting in or out of the vaccinations.

The lost property table with unnamed items has been put out this week for the children to check to see if anything they've lost is there. All uncollected items have now been recycled. Please take the time this holiday to name your child's clothes and property so that we can return any lost items to their owners. Thank you.

VACANCIES



Has the following vacancies

HOLMESDALE COMMUNITY INFANT SCHOOL - HEADTEACHER

Holmesdale Community Infant School is a popular and successful primary and nursery school with 412 pupils located in Reigate, Surrey.

As a founder member of the Greensand Multi Academy Trust, a group of local schools in Reigate, we are committed to challenging, supporting and collaborating with each other to enrich the lives of our children.

We are also part of SESTA (South East Teaching Schools Alliance). This means that we work with 5 other local Outstanding schools and colleges to provide support and professional development for schools in the local area.

Our school is looking to appoint an inspiring new headteacher from September 2019 due to our current headteacher retiring.

We would very much welcome any interested candidates to visit in advance of the advert being published in Spring 2019. Further details can be found on www.eteach.com / job ref. 1020034

PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENT COACHES AT REIGATE SCHOOL

5 hours per day, 5 days per week, term time only

Actual salary £10,056 (job share considered)

Our team of PACs is extremely important in providing support in lessons. Candidates should have a strong desire to help children achieve their personal goals and aspirations.

GCSE English and Maths are essential together with enthusiasm and the ability to work well within a team.

EXAM INVIGILATORS AT REIGATE SCHOOL

£10 per hour (casual basis)

We are looking to increase our bank of Exam Invigilators at Reigate School. We will require staff on a casual basis in May, June and also November.

LEARNING MENTOR AT WRAY COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 a career progression? Or perhaps a HSLW looking for an opportunity to engage more directly with vulnerable children?

For further details and application forms please see www.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk or contact the school via telephone: 01737 243166 or email: s.carr@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk

Closing date for all vacancies: Friday 4th January 2019 at 9am

All schools in Greensand Multi Academy Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. An enhanced DBS check will be required.

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>

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.

YEAR 11 GCSE EXAM NOTICE

Please be aware that the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) requires all Year 11 children 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.

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.

Wednesday 27th February 2019 17:30 - 19:30

Saturday 15th June 2019 10:00 - 13:00

VISIT US AT OUR OPEN EVENT

- ★ Welcome talk from Jayne Dickinson, Principal and Chief Executive and Kevin Standish, Deputy Principal, Curriculum and Standards
- ★ Apprenticeship information talk
- ★ Higher Education information talk
- ★ Discuss the best course for your chosen career
- ★ Access advice and guidance on English & Maths qualifications
- ★ Tour our top quality facilities and discover our range of support services
- ★ Take part in interactive activities around the college
- ★ Chat to existing students and industry specialists
- ★ Find out how work experience and employability skills are embedded into all our courses
- ★ Apply for your place!

"The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good"

Ofsted Report, January 2015

"Teachers focus strongly on supporting students to develop employability skills through work experience or work-related projects"

Ofsted Report, January 2015

OFSTED RATED OUTSTANDING AREAS:

- ★ Early Years & Playwork
- ★ Health & Social Care
- ★ Media & Communication
- ★ Visual Arts

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE

www.esc.ac.uk

East Surrey College, Gatton Point, London Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 2JX

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.

LifeSkills
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Apprenticeships

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