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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Thank you all again for your generosity in donating money for Children in Need in exchange for the children coming in their mufti clothes today. We had some lovely outfits and there was even a Pudsey amongst the staff.

We have had lots of children representing the school in various sporting events this week which you can read about in the Sports News section of the newsletter including some great efforts in the boys' cross country event.

Please may we ask parents not to drive into the school when dropping their children off in the mornings. There are so many children walking into school at this time, quite often with their headphones on and it is just not the safest option for all concerned. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Alexander



SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7 Hakshi Ramkisson for being such a kind and helpful friend.

Year 8 Luke Chapman, Lara-Louise Lambert, Paige McNulty, Haarris Mirza and Harry Trussler for their participation in Come Dine With Me.

Year 9 Tia Elsey for her exemplary attitude and outstanding work in Maths.

Year 10 Oscar Picking for being a supportive friend.

THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7CWO
Year 8	8JMA
Year 9	9MKI
Year 10	10SCH

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7CWH	100%
Year 8	8ALU	100%
Year 9	9MKI	99.4%
Year 10	10NTR	97.7%

Whole School Attendance 95.1%

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 21 st November	Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Capitol Theatre, Horsham Reigate Town Hall Question Time
Wednesday 22 nd November	GCSE Dance trip to see <i>A Linha Curva</i> at London's Sadler's Wells Theatre
Thursday 23 rd November	6pm – Iceland Information Evening for Parents Reigate College Interviews
Saturday 25 th November	Rugby trip to Twickenham Stadium to see England vs Samoa

NOTICES

AQUASPORTS COURSE

There are still a few places left on the Aquasports Course at Mercers Lake (not to be confused with the Watersports trip to Newquay). Most places available are for dinghy sailing and it is open to all years. The course will run for six weeks every Monday after the May half term (a total of 12 hours tuition). The children will leave directly after school by minibus and be brought back for 7pm. The total cost of the course is £90. If this is of any interest, letters are available on the notice board in the new PE block or from the PE office.



NEWS AND EVENTS

SUCCESS FOR CATRIN

Last weekend I sang at the Sutton Music Festival for the first time. It is possible to compete in different categories and I decided to enter for the Own Choice, Folk and Musical Theatre Songs. I was lucky enough to win first prize in all three!

My favourite performance was 'Just You Wait' from My Fair Lady as I got to act throughout the song. I really enjoyed competing at the music festival and hope to be back again next year!



Sutton Music Festival



ANNIE AT THE LEATHERHEAD THEATRE

A number of Reigate School students recently took part in a British Theatre Academy production of Annie. Rehearsals took place in Redhill with a final performance at Leatherhead Theatre.

We would like to congratulate all the students who took part: Bella McPherson, Daisy Timpson and Charlie Huggett who are in the picture together with Hope Twiby-Thomas, Lana Payne-Olufunwa and Holly Lambert.

We have some fantastic young performers at this school!

CHARITY NEWS

CHILDREN IN NEED

Pudsey Bear has been busy. After helping out in student services all week, he started cleaning the school this morning with Mr Hanlan one of the caretakers. He then posed for some lovely photographs with Finn and Evie. Then with Ben, China and Kaitlin from the Year 11 leadership team. Finally he was introduced to his new owner, the winner of the raffle, Toby. There were some great outfits for mufti particularly Ella who wore her Children in Need Onesie. We are still counting but so far we have raised £1408. Thank you to Ben, China, Kaitlin, Sophie and Teagwen who collected and counted all the money and well done Year 11 for organising the event.



BOYS' RUGBY

On Monday 13th November we took a very strong team of Year 7 and 8 rugby boys away to Warlingham School. Unfortunately due to light fading quickly we only managed to complete 40 minutes of a game, but it was a very entertaining 40 minutes. Due to limited numbers on the Warlingham team we were forced to play a 10 vs 10, which meant we had to rotate regularly and swap positions to allow everyone a good game. We started strongly going 15-0 up due to a number of strong runs from Adam Gatland. Debutants Jonny Long and Max Blenkiron (recent transfers from the Royal Alexandra and Albert School) made an excellent first impression with influential running and tackling throughout.

In the second part of the game our tackling let us down, allowing Warlingham back in to level the score at 20-20 with only five minutes to go. Thankfully our fighting spirit shone through with two late scores from Haarris Mirza and Harvey Merry making us victorious at 30-20. Well done to the four Year 7 boys who played up an age group, Blake Butler particularly impressed with some crunching tackles against far bigger opponents. An entertaining game played in the correct spirit throughout. Well done lads!

YEAR 8 NETBALL



On Wednesday 15th November the Year 8 netball team travelled to The Royal Alexandra and Albert School. We were already at a disadvantage playing them on their home soil but undeterred the girls went out fully committed and ready to test some of their newly found skills from training. It wasn't long before RAAS took the lead but Reigate persevered to get on the score sheet in the first quarter. Movement was much improved and driving actually worked to get free! Despite the treacherous conditions (ok, it was a bit slippery) we went from strength to strength and worked incredibly well as a team. Our goal keeper / goal defence combo stepped up the pace to protect our goal and to get the ball down to our shooters at the other end.

Although we finished second we have shown incredible improvement. We are still growing and learning as a team and we all left the game feeling that we had played well. See you at training to continue our progress. Well done girls!

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

On Wednesday 15th November, the Year 8 football team had their first home match of the season against Oakwood School. After missing a penalty early on, Reigate had all of the possession and were looking extremely deadly going forward. The new tactics employed by Mr Hughes were definitely working! After going 2-0 up, the Reigate boys looked comfortable on the ball and were dominating the game. The second half was far more even, with Oakwood settling into the game. They managed to grab two goals back with the game finishing 2-2. A very harsh result considering how well Reigate played! Man of the Match award goes to Harrison Cobby for his commanding performance at Centre Back.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 16th November Mr Hughes and Mr Simmonds-Dance took 21 boys to The Royal Alexandra and Albert School for a District Cross Country meet. A massive well done to the following boys for competing: Louis Jackson, Blake Butler, William Loft, Thomas Foot, Bobby Littlefield, Niels Wijnen, Lewis Daniell, Frederick Fowler, Samuel Froggatt, Jacob Mizon, Thomas Zandi, Jake Hird, Noah Young, Miles Greenfield, Zachary Chant, Mustapha Raache, Ben Clements, Ben Curtis, Thomas Riley, Travis Avery and Oliver Shaw. There was some stand out performances, with Frederick Fowler finishing third in the Year 8 race out of approximately 90 boys, Noah Young finishing second in the Year 9 race and Travis Avery finishing third in the Year 9 race out of approximately 80 boys. Some very good performances for the boys to be proud of!

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Bookings are now being taken for Christmas Dinner. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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.apprenticeships.org.uk



www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



www.icould.com

PARENTAL PORTAL - SLG

What is the Parental Portal (SIMS Learning Gateway)?

SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG) is a system that allows parents/carers to have access to information that we keep about their children.

What information can I access?

Currently SLG allows you to see information about your child's attendance, assessments, conduct log, which includes achievement and behaviour management, as well as their timetable. SLG uses real-time data, so the information is always current. Reigate School takes electronic registers in morning registration and in all five lessons.

Can I see whether my child has arrived in school?

Our tutors finish their morning registers by 9:05am. You will be able to log in to SLG at 9:05am to see whether your child has been marked as present. However, there are several reasons why the register may be late going into the SIMS system (for example, a tutor may not be in school so the register may initially be done on paper by a cover supervisor). If you notice that your child is not registered, please wait and check after 9.30am before contacting the school.

What if I spot inaccuracies in the information?

Data integrity is important to us. While we endeavour to make sure that all of our data is accurate, we realise that mistakes are possible.

Who gets access to this information?

We launched SLG for all children, parents and carers in 2016. We sent out usernames and passwords to all parents and carers who we have registered as the primary point of contact for each child. If you are not the primary contact, or have not received your username, please email slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk.

What to do if you forget your username or password

In the first instance email slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk if further assistance is required contact our SLG Helpdesk on 01737 229568.

Parental Portal (SIMS Learning Gateway) - Quick Start Guide

The SLG is accessed using a web browser and by entering the details that have been provided to you by the school. The account will give you access to information relating to any children that you have at Reigate School.

The address for the Reigate School SLG is <https://portal.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk/sl/>

Finding Information on the SLG

Once logged in you should click on the **Parents/Carers** tab at the top of the page. You will then see the home page of the SLG Parent Site containing current SLG notices. On the left hand side of the screen are several sections that will be of interest:

My Account Page – it is advised that you visit this page the first time you log in and change your password to something more memorable. If you forget your password you will need to contact slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk to request it to be reset.

My Children Dashboard – here you will find the main information about your child or children. In the main part of the page you will see headline information including attendance.

At the bottom of the page under **My Children Links** you will find three sections:

Student Dashboard – here you will find information regarding behaviour, achievements and timetable.

View Reports – this is where progress reports can be found. Click on the arrow next to the current academic year and a list of available reports will be displayed. Please note you will be unable to view reports when using a smartphone or iPhone as the mobile view doesn't support this.

Data Collection Sheet – Use this section of the SLG to check and update the information that we hold, including home address and home/mobile/work telephone numbers and email addresses. Changes are then submitted electronically and there is no need to telephone the school to advise us of those changes.