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HeadLines

Soon after the great Katharine Hepburn died, a biography called 'Kate Remembered' was published which told her story the way she wanted it to be told. More recently, another 'warts and all' biography came out of which the star of so many terrific movies would not have approved. Which one told the truth? It's hard for us to say although the latter is infinitely more interesting and has the 'ring of truth' about it.

During my days at school, we were encouraged to accept what we were told and not question it. In English Literature, much as I loved reading and books of all kinds, the reading matter was often turgid and uninspiring. I once dared to ask why we couldn't read 'Jane Eyre' and was told it was 'too racy', a comment I had to ask my mother to explain. Only when a new teacher arrived when I was in the Lower Sixth were my eyes opened to the vast range of World Literature and 'off syllabus' reading which enriched my enjoyment of everything I read. It was a rare treat to be able to afford to buy a book, but the day I had saved sufficiently to purchase 'Sentimental Education' by Flaubert was a day to remember.

If it had not been for the Public Library in my home town, my literary education would have been infinitely poorer. Our school library is becoming better by the day and used by increasing numbers of students. I want it to be even better and that is why it is vital to support the work of our Librarians in making it a place of awe and wonder; a place where people want to be seen! We have made a greater financial investment in the Library this year and will do so again next year. May I also thank the parents who have 'sponsored' a book when they have visited school for Parents' Consultation Evenings.

The reading of books opens our minds and enables us to question our own motives and those of others. It is no coincidence that dictators advocate the burning of books. Our Library is at the heart of our school and it facilitates the proper learning of all our students.

Sandra Samwell, Headteacher

Headteacher's Commendations

For Excellent Work in RE:

Grace Masters, Olivia Church, Lucy Bridger 7A, Christopher Andric 7F.

For Excellent Work in Art:

Amber Lane, Amy Dowse, Jessica Minter, Ellen Rogers, Anna Wales, Callie Waters 7C, Francesca Quinn 7F, Elizabeth Merrill, Joe Garner, Emma D'Amery, Zoe Dennis, Dionne Donaldson 7L, Amy Howard, Rebecca Armorgie 9A, George Kershaw 9C, Zoe Brook, Alex Calver 9F, Harriet Posner 9L.

For Outstanding Contribution to a Year Assembly Celebrating World Book Week:

Jade Gardiner 7A, Callie Waters 7C, Jack Howe 7L, Nicola Kennett 7N, Lucy Wiseman 7P, Olivia Nolan, Chloe Lancashire, Bethany Duffield, Lois Moore 8N.

PTA News

The **Jumble Sale** is tomorrow (Saturday)

If you have any jumble you can bring it along until 7 pm tonight or before 9.30 am tomorrow.

If you can help either tonight or in the morning please come along, we would be delighted to see you.

Summer Fair Saturday June 14th, 2pm

Plans are well underway for this year's event. We have already gathered together some amazing raffle prizes and booked some really good attractions.

We will be having lots of stalls and an added attraction will be stalls run by the different school Houses.

If you would like to run a stall please contact me on either of the numbers below. Please keep reading for further information.

Next meeting is Tuesday 15th April at 7pm in the library. Judith Stallworthy, Chair HHSA (01442 393266 or mobile 07749 727350), email: s.stallworthy@sky.com



The Wicked theatre trip



On Wednesday 27th February, Year 11 Cope students organised a school trip for the Year 10 Cope students to go on a boat on the River Thames and to see 'Wicked' at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London.

We went on a boat ride from Greenwich to Westminster, which was a rather cold and bumpy experience! Then we went to St James Park where we stopped for a bite to eat and were stopped in our tracks by a large pelican!

From St James Park we made our way to the theatre looking at a number of different sights, such as Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament. Once we arrived at the theatre we watched the matinee performance of 'Wicked'.

The 'Wicked' performance was full of dramatic staging and mechanical props. I would highly recommend the experience of 'Wicked'!!

Lucy Goodwin 11A and Larissa Gillings 11F

National Science and Engineering Week

Next week from 10th - 14th March we will be celebrating National Science and Engineering Week at The Hemel Hempstead School. During this week pupils will have numerous opportunities to attend one of the many special talks and big science demonstrations that are being held to mark the occasion. We invite parents to get involved in the fun by having a go at The Big 2008 Science Quiz, for a chance of winning a £15 Marks and Spencer gift token. Entries must be submitted to school by 14th March.

Miss Bromley, Science Department

House Science Challenge Monday 10th March

The first ever House Science Challenge is to be held after school on Monday in SC1 and SC2. The event involves students from each House working in teams to complete a Science Challenge. The winning House will be awarded not only House Points but will be the first name to be engraved on a stunning new glass award displayed in the House awards cabinet. The House Captains are recruiting their teams and if any students are interested in being involved in House Science but are yet to be recruited then please see your House Captains as soon as possible.

Mr J Mitchell and Miss C Simson

Message from the Exams Office:

All students sitting public examinations in the summer will now have received their examination timetables plus important exam information. Please check this information thoroughly and come and see us with any problems or queries. The exams office is open 8.30am to 4.30pm daily.

Mrs McCausland, Examinations Officer

Library Notices

A big thank you to Year 10 parents who bought £200 worth of books for the Library at last week's Parents' Evening. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Book orders from the Scholastic C2C magazine need to be in the Library by 4 pm Wednesday 12 March.

Mrs Krajewski, Librarian

Job Vacancy

Required as soon as possible:

Part Time Cleaner

£6.28 per hour, Monday to Friday, 3.30 – 5.30 pm

Please contact Dawn Morrison at school on 01442 390100

Gold Letters issued recently:

Letter 126 Spring Concert

Letter 127 Sixth Form Study Leave

Letter 129 Yr 12 Higher Education Information Evening

Letter 130 Yr 9 Science SATs Level 7 Masterclass

Letter 131 England v Malawi Netball Match

Letter 132 Yr 9 Revision Evening

Mahashivratri (Great Shiva Night) Hindu Celebration 5th or 6th March

Every night of the new moon is dedicated to Shiva but this one is particularly important. It is the night Shiva is said to perform the cosmic dance from creation to destruction. Many Hindus fast and all-night prayers focus on Shiva and his shrines and statues. Milk is poured on his symbol, the lingam.



**LORD
SHIVA**

Ms J Ramnarine

Reminder from the Canteen: We are back to our full service after the flood difficulties last week.0

Sickness/absence line

Please will all parents contact us **daily** if your child is sick, going to be late in due to a medical appointment, or is absent for any other reason. Please call our sickness/absence line on **01442 390103 by 9am if possible.**

Maths Puzzle of the Month February:

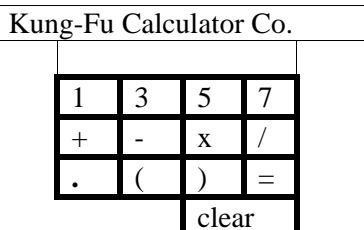
There were many correct answers to the February puzzle of the month, including one from a very keen younger sister of a Hemel Hempstead student. The two winners were Nimisha Chundavrad - 8L and Ben Kayes - 7P. Well done to you both! **The answer was 301.**

The question was 'How many pot plants did a gardener have, if he has one left over when arranging them in rows of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, yet could arrange them exactly in rows of 7. As 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are NOT factors of the number, the problem is solved by multiplying 7 by a prime number. In order to limit the number of prime numbers, we use the fact that the answer must end in a 1 (one left over when divided by 5), therefore the prime number must end in 3. Starting with 13, 23 and 43 (as the total was less than 50), the only number satisfying all other conditions is 43. Giving $43 \times 7 = 301$.

If you weren't lucky this time, solve the March puzzle of the month, involving using a rather dodgy calculator to produce numbers from 0 to 10. Submit your entry via your Maths teacher, and include your name and form on your answer slip.

Puzzle of the Month March:

Tom is always an easy target for market stall bargains which turn out to be worse than useless. His latest purchase seems worse than all the rest put together - a calculator with most of the keys missing. The only digits available are 1, 3, 5 and 7. Worse still, they only work when pressed in order; hit 3 before 1 and the calculator blows a fuse. The other keys can be pressed before and in between the number keys and the brackets used to keep things in the right order. Can you find at least one way to form every number from 0 to 10?



Mrs A Kirby, Maths Department

Maths stars of the month for January and February are:

Colin Perreira 7F, Lois Messenger 7L, Josh Windsor 7L, Olivia Church 7A, Chloe Lancashire 8N, Sophie Barnett 8N, Emily Barton 8A, Joe Eilbeck 8F, Bridget Philpott 9P, Maisie Shadbolt 9A, Sahrish Mahmood 9F, Alex Hatt 9L, Spencer Edney-Groves 9F, Michael Wadlow 10N, Helena Mansbridge 10C, Charlotte Bateman 10P, Liam Twyford 10A, Stephanie Allen 10F, Michael Deane 11P, Kayleigh Smith 11A, Fiona Moore 11N, Luke Thomas 11N, Arfana Saddique 11L, Jamie McIvor 7A, Tiffany Harrison 7L, Jennifer Imrie 7F, Charlotte Bartlett 7A, Jessica Miller 7P, Ben Johnson 7P, Jessica Archibald 8P, Jack Dickinson 8A, Matthew Prowse 8P, Ryan Brown 8P, Nicholas Thomas 8P, Naomi Messenger 9P, Rebecca Walsham 9L, James Moss 9L, Latir Cole-Etti 9C, Kristy Manito 9A, James Brown 10L, Alex Bourne 10A, Saddaf Tariq 10L, Daniel Erses 10N, Lauren Wood 10N, Nicole Hardwick 11N, Sam Messenger 11P, Rebecca Ellis 11C, Josh Burke 11F.

Sport

Fixtures

Mon 10th Mar Sports Tour Netball Squad v Berkhamsted (A)

Tue 11th Mar Yr 7 Hockey @Tring
Yr 8 Hockey @ Tring

U12 District Cup Football semi final v Tring (H) 2.30 pm

Wed 12th Mar U13 Boys Basketball v Bridgwater (A)

1st XI District Cup semi final v Longdean (A)

Thur 13th Mar Yr 10 Girls Basketball

Yr 9 Boys Rugby Development Competition

Sat 15th Mar Sports Tour Family Day/BBQ

Results

Yr 7 Basketball v Adeyfield won 10-0
v Bridgewater lost 2-4

v JFK drew 4-4

v Tring won 8-2

v Cavendish won 10-0

v Kings Langley won 6-4

v Astley Cooper won 14-0

Yr 8 Basketball v Beaumont won 37-23

SEN Football v Cavendish won 6-3

Sports News

It appears to have been yet another very successful week for the sports teams from a range of year groups. The Year 7 girls Basketball squad were very successful on Tuesday night at the District Tournament, winning five out of seven matches convincingly. Monday afternoon saw the 1st XI progress to the next round of the District Cup, beating Cavendish 6-3. The Junior Swimming District Gala was held on Wednesday with HHS finishing second overall in the boys' team event and third overall in the girls' team event. This is a fantastic achievement for all involved. Individual results will follow soon.

In closing I would like to wish Shona Berloth best wishes for her Hertfordshire County trials. Fingers crossed!

Dates for Your Diary



Gold Week

National Science Week

10th – 14th Mar Yr 12 Geography Fieldtrip to Yorkshire

10th Mar House Science

12th Mar Yr 8 Maths Trip to Watford FC

Yr 9 Revision Evening, 6 – 7 pm

Yr 11 Revision Evening, 7.30 – 8.30 pm

13th Mar Yr 10 Personal Finance/Work

Experience day

13th Mar National Theatre Connections Performance

14th Mar Yr 9 History visit to the Somme

A Level Dance Show, 6 – 9 pm

15th Mar National Theatre Connections Performance

Blue Week

18th Mar SPRING CONCERT

19th – 25th Mar Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Practice Expedition

19th Yr 12 Higher Education Information

Evening 7.30 pm, Sixth Form Study Centre

