

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Learning Together – Empowered for Life

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you enjoyed the half term holiday and that if you were able to take a break, it gave some valuable time for rest and recuperation. I also hope that you didn't fare too badly with the storms. I visited the site first thing on the Saturday morning, somewhat dreading what I might find, but fortunately - barring a few items blown around - there was virtually no damage. I know others weren't so fortunate.

On 1st March, I was delighted to learn (along with nearly 250 families) that our rising year 7 students for September have received their place here at Yateley School. That means that we are full for September with a waiting list, which is a very healthy place to be and a big vote of confidence. We have written to welcome and extend the hand of friendship to the new families joining our community and as before, I will write individually to each of the new students. Exciting times!

Since our last communication, the dreadful situation in Ukraine has unfolded before us and I am well aware of the palpable sense of shock, horror and disbelief in our school community, along with the wider public. I include here words that have gone out already by SchoolComms in a separate communication.



On returning to school this week it has been very clear that many of our students have been strongly affected by events in Ukraine. As a school, we would like to mobilise the strength of feeling they have to both support the

Ukrainians but also give the students and opportunity to express how they feel. We are therefore proposing to raise money and create a Peace Wall in school.

We would ask anyone who would like to donate to do so via ScoPay and the money will be sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Any student who donates will then be invited to write on a cardboard brick a personal message of hope and peace for the Ukrainian people. This will be done over the course of next week during registration. The bricks will be made into a Peace Wall which will be displayed in school as a sign of community solidarity.

Year 8 Parents' Evening. Thank you very much to the great show of parents who attended the Virtual Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening yesterday (Thursday 3rd March), which followed the Year 7 evening which took place just before the half term holiday. With both evenings, we have followed the appointments with an invitation to complete a questionnaire on the work that we are doing with you and with your child. Your time and thoughts in completing these are much appreciated and we take great care to reflect and act carefully on the feedback given. Do please let us know.

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World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

With a strong focus on reading and literacy within the school, we were very pleased to be able to provide every student in years 7 and 8 with one of the £1 World Book Day books. Reading remains the bedrock which underpins all learning and we hope that the students will engage with their new book and enjoy a good story. The books will be distributed during English lessons over the next two weeks.

The library was a hive of activity yesterday with over 200 students from the lower school participating in book related activities during the day. The attached photos show students as well as staff enjoying the variety of puzzles, quizzes, crafts and colouring on offer.



First Steps also had a visit from Mrs Roaf who led two story time sessions.



Student star of the week is Zakary Harris in 8PS. I was delighted to receive a letter from the National Coaching Director for England Roller Hockey no less, informing me that Zakary has been selected to travel to Portugal for development sessions prior to representing England in the European U17 championships. They will train hard throughout the event, as well as taking part in an international tournament. Zakary has reached an exceptionally high level in this fast paced and high-octane sport and we wish him all the very best in this elite event. Another Yateley student engaged in an activity at national level. Well done Zakary.

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher

CURRENT COVID GUIDANCE

As you will be aware during half term the government lifted many of the Covid restrictions, such as wearing face coverings in public places and the requirement for asymptomatic LFD testing for school staff.

However, the DfE guidance for pupils with symptoms and those who test positive for Covid remains in place as follows:

The main symptoms of Covid-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child has any of these symptoms you should order a PCR test, stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

Other symptoms linked with Covid-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting.

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Most children and young people with Covid-19 experience a mild illness or do not have any symptoms at all. Children who have symptoms of Covid-19 are more likely to pass the virus onto others than those who do not. The most effective way to avoid passing on Covid-19 infection is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Children and young people with Covid-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious and likely to transmit the virus.

Advanced information – GCSE Mathematics

Year 11 students this week have been provided with the revision lists for the upcoming core exams. These mirror the revision lists that they'll be given for the Summer exams and allow students to build their revision techniques. Students have also been given advice on how best to revise in the run up to the exams. After the core exams, students will be provided with the revision list for the Summer exams.

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YEAR 11, 12 & 13 STUDENTS

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

Would you like help with Maths?

You can work through revision topics, exam questions and anything else at our drop in.

GCSE
Wednesday C2.1

A LEVEL
Thursday C2.6

Sports results from just before half term

Cross country

Our year 7&8s had a great turnout at the Junior District Cross Country Championships held at Farnborough Hill. All students ran incredibly well on a difficult course, with stand out performances by Hannah Bardsley and George Crane, who both came 2nd in their races and have been selected to represent the Aldershot District at the county Championships. Both our boy's teams also placed 4th, with our year 8 boys missing out on a bronze medal by only 6 places.

Basketball

U15 lost 20-14 v Alderwood in the District Cup POM C.Shambrook

U15 won 24-10 v Frogmore POM F.Kendrick

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Netball

Year 9 played in their district tournament last Friday and finished in 3rd place. well done ladies. Player of the tournament: S.Henderson

Next weeks fixtures

Monday 28th Feb Year 9 netball v St Nicks school (Away)

Extra curricular

Please see our updated extra curricular timetable below, we have new and exciting opportunities for all the students to come along and try.

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Netball

Year 9 won 17-12 against St Nicks in their last league match. POM S.Henderson

Next week's fixtures

Monday 7th Year 7 Football v Weydon (Away)

Thursday 10th Year 7&8 Netball v Farnborough Hill (Home)

We do have a number of clubs in the sports hall that will not be able to run next due to the year 11 core exams taking place in the sports hall on

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The Tuesday Cricket and Thursday Athletics will be moved outside if the weather is suitable.

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR

All Clubs start week beginning Monday 28th February 2022

	After School Activities 3.10 - 4.15	Year Group	Venue
Monday	Football training/fixtures	Year 7	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Netball Training Indoor Cricket Recreational Basketball club Swimming club	All Years Years 9&10 Years 7-9	Courts Sports Hall Gym Pool
Wednesday	Indoor Rounders Indoor Cricket Rugby Club GCSE Period 7	All Years Years 7 and 8 All Years Year 11	Gym Sports Hall Sports Hall B11
Thursday	Netball Fixtures Indoor Athletics Yoga/Mediation and Stretching	All Years Years 7 -9 Year 11 & 10	Sports Hall Sports Hall Gym
Friday	Badminton Football Club GCSE PE Clinic	All Years Years 7-9 Year 11	Sports Hall Sports Hall B11



Mrs Kerrie Evans, Head of Physical Education

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HOUSE BASKETBALL

Over the last two weeks we have run the house basketball competition, well done to all students that took part and represented their house

Year 7

1st: Darwin
2nd: Nightingale
3rd: Wilberforce
4th: Pankhurst

Year 8

1st: Nightingale
2nd: Darwin
3rd: Wilberforce
4th: Pankhurst

Year 9

1st: Darwin
2nd: Nightingale
3rd: Pankhurst
4th: Wilberforce



Overall

Winners : Darwin
2nd place: Nightingale
3rd Place : Wilberforce
4th Place Pankhurst



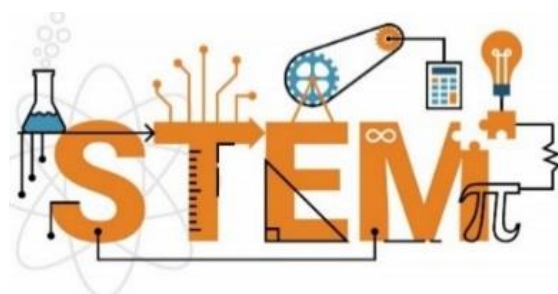
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STEM Ambassadors Master Classes on Woodlice Behaviour

Students learned about how simple organisms respond to various stimuli and had a look at what our own nervous system looks like.

We discussed the difference between a taxis and kinesis before being introduced to some very active woodlice. We then made some predictions about how woodlice would behave when

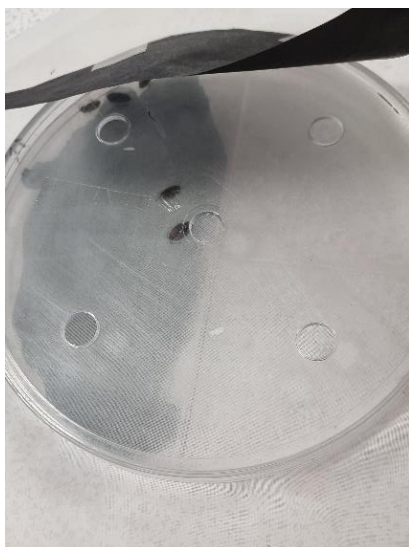
exposed to different stimuli and made choice chambers for our woodlice to demonstrate which environment they preferred. As predicted, the vast majority of the woodlice preferred the dark, wet environments aside from one who clearly enjoyed sunbathing!



Overall, a good time was had by all and the woodlice are safely back in their usual compost heap after a fun evening out at school. Thanks to Lisa Bowyer for providing the woodlice.

Mrs McCarthy

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Below is a reminder of the next STEM master classes. Please remember to email us if your child is interested in attending.

Wed 9th March 3.10- 4.15pm in C13

Mrs James

Creating Art using Fractals

Tue 22nd March 3.10- 4.15pm in BW1

Mrs Coffey

Can Paper really do this?

Discover its strength through model making

Wed 30th March 3.10- 4.15pm in BG2

Mrs Coakley

Cannon Ball Run- Engineering Competition

Thank you for all of your support

Miss Williams and the STEM Team

ENGLISH Year 11 drop-in Period 7 from Monday 7th March

English will be running Year 11 drop-in Period 7 from Monday 7th March. Please drop in with any questions (or help you need) for Language or Literature, or with work/skill-ups you need additional help with. Be prepared to come with work or questions as these are not 'lessons'.

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ENGLISH DEPARTMENT DROP IN SESSIONS

Day	Week A	Week B
Monday	Unavailable	Unavailable
Tuesday	Mrs Meadows D1.2	Mrs Robinson D1.8
Wednesday	Miss Ford D1.1	Miss Williams D1.4
Thursday	Mr Fraser D1.7	Mr Fraser D1.7
Friday	Unavailable	Unavailable



LOST PROPERTY LIST

List as at: **Friday, 04 March 2022**

We have a huge amount of school uniform, including jumpers and PE kits	
Water bottles – various colours and sizes	
Trainers	
Coats	
Swimming kits	
Fitbit	
Black watch	
Reading glasses	
House keys	
Ear buds / ear phones	
Coloured pencils in tin	
Cracked screen tablet	
Charm bracelet	
Various rings	
Various earrings	
If you feel any of items we have in lost property may belong to your child please ask them to come to main school reception and give a description of the item.	

We hope to reunite as many items as possible. If these items aren't claimed by Friday 18th March they will be donated within school / destroyed or taken to charity.

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Teen Fitness Membership



To be a Teen Fitness Member, you must:

- be at least 13 years old
- abide by the club rules
- be courteous to other members
- adhere to your allocated membership times
- complete a gym induction with one of the fitness team

13-15 years old you may only use the cardio equipment.

When you turn 16 you will need to book a second induction to be shown how to use the weights safely. You will not be charged for this second induction.

These are the times you can use the gym:

TERM TIME

WEEKDAYS: 15:15 - 17:30

WEEKENDS: 08:00 - 19:30

must be accompanied by a paying adult after 13:00

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WEEKDAYS: 06:30 - 17:30

must be accompanied by a paying adult up to 15:15

WEEKENDS: 08:00 - 19:30

must be accompanied by a paying adult after 13:00

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Upcoming Important dates

Thursday 10th March 2022	Year 10	Year 10 Video Parents Evening booking system opens 5pm
Thursday 10 th March 2022	Year 10	Year 10 reports issued
Thursday 11 th March 2022	Year 11	Drama Exam all day
Monday 14 th March 2022	ALL	House Dance and Annual Dance Show 2022. 1900 – 2100
Wednesday 16 th March 2022	ALL	INSET day
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Year 10	Year 10 Video Parents Evening – 1600 – 1900

Maths Corner 19



Who are we?



We are two numbers less than 100.

When we are divided by 2, 4 or 5 we have a remainder of 1.

If you divide us by 3, there is no remainder.

Who are we?



1 house point to all parents/students who presents the correct answer to their maths teacher before next weeks Maths Corner is published.

Answer to Maths Corner 18 – Prime of your Life!

31 years old