

Yateley School Parents' Bulletin

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Dear Parents



Public Health
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Coronavirus Amid the concern and on occasions, media frenzy, we have sought to stay as well informed as possible and the overall guidance from the school remains broadly the same as was detailed in the previous two bulletins. The Government are clearly engaged in significant contingency and scenario planning and as a public body we will respond immediately as the situation and advice changes. You will all be aware that there is a clear message of trying to keep

schools open and the detrimental effect of closing, particularly for groups about to sit public exams will be plain to see. Were we to be informed of a confirmed case within school, I would immediately contact Public Health England and follow their advice.

In the meantime, we are actively encouraging all students and staff to follow the clear instructions on basic hygiene – particularly hand washing and/or hand sanitisers. All of our toilets have soap dispensers and they are being routinely checked. If a toilet runs out of soap it is everyone's duty (staff or student) to report that to site staff immediately. Tutors are receiving guidance to share with students and all staff have been updated by me. Furthermore, we are promoting an understanding of the posters that can be seen around school and which is also mentioned in the advice from Public Health England, namely - if you need to cough or sneeze - catch it, bin it, kill it. Catch it with a tissue, bin the tissue and then kill it by washing hands afterwards.

Year 11. Parents' GCSE Information evening Thursday evening saw a really encouraging number of year 11 parents joining us for the GCSE information evening. The aim was to demystify the process and offer some practical strategies and advice for making the best use of the remaining time in the run up to the public exams and especially in revising effectively. Following a session with Mr Hill and me in the main hall, we then broke into short seminar sessions, with parents having the opportunity to attend three talks of their choice in quick succession. As people left, they were very complimentary about the value of the evening and one parent commented that it was the most useful such session that she'd attended.



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Food Tech Mouthwatering? The job of headteacher is never dull and it is always extremely varied. Mrs Quick could barely contain her pride in inviting me to witness the formidable skills of her Year 12 class. The picture shows Liv Frank's exquisite preparation, although the work was equally impressive with all of the candidates. With deadlines getting tight and course work coming in for many subjects, it is great and reassuring to see work of such exceptionally high quality.

Yateley School flourishing Thank you once again to parents for your forbearance with us having a curiously timed INSET day on Tuesday of this week. This enabled staff to have the unusual and hugely valuable opportunity of visiting a wide range of other schools, both near and far, with the view of picking up on great practice where it exists elsewhere. That said, we're doing a very good job ourselves... The Hampshire Inspection team (HIAS) were in our school on Thursday and were absolutely glowing in their findings; a school with clear vision and values, accurate self-evaluation, very evident and rapid progress and exemplary practice in a number of areas. I am extremely grateful to my colleagues and of course to the students who were superb ambassadors for the school. I was particularly struck in the feedback by how proud our students and staff are in the school, which came across very clearly to our visitors!

Library Consultation Following the bulletin announcement in January, a reminder that the consultation closes in 12 days' time on 19th March. The greater the registered interest from Yateley and district residents, the greater the chance of safeguarding our library for the future, if further restructuring is considered. Please click on the following link <http://www.hants.gov.uk/library-consultation> to complete the consultation response form online and for further information.



Student Star of the week is Chloe Wheeler 10DN. Chloe is a very active and successful member of Girl Guiding in the Rangers section and a Young Leader which involves her supporting younger girls in Brownies (7-10 years old) and Rainbows (5-7 years old) to participate in a wide range of activities. Her exemplary work has drawn a lot of positive attention, not least from Mrs Balls who runs the Rainbows unit to which Chloe is attached. Her voluntary contribution does not stop there, as she also helps at a local charity shop that raises funds for Many Tears Animal Rescue. Where does she find the time?! Well done Chloe.

Yours sincerely

Paul German
Headteacher



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DIARY DATES

12 th March	Dance Competition – All Day
16 th March	UCAS Parents' Evening – 7pm
18 th March	Yr 7 Trip to Gurdwara
23 rd March	Yr 12/13 Geog Trip to Barcelona
23 rd March	Main School Production – Primary Schools
24 th March	Main School Production – Matinee 1.30pm
25 th March	Main School Production – 7pm
26 th March	Main School Production – 7pm
27 th March	Main School Production – 7pm
2 nd April	Yr 7 Review Sheets Out
3 rd April	Yrs 8/9/10 Subject Review Day
6 th April	Easter Holiday
20 th April	INSET Day
23 rd April	Yr 7 Subject Review Evening

SPORTS RESULTS

NETBALL

Year 8 District Tournament

The year 8's played in their District tournament on Wednesday night. They did really well in the awful weather conditions, to say we were all a little cold and soggy would be an understatement. They played 8 games; lost 3, drew 1 and won 4. Well done girls you all did me proud!

Mrs K Evans, Head of PE

FOOTBALL

Year 9 won v Frogmore 7 - 0 MOM: J. Allen, L. Halpin

BASKETBALL

Year 10 lost v Fernhill 21 - 30 POM: O. Mansell



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MAIN SCHOOL PRODUCTION – DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING SHOW



Main School Production

The annual extravaganza that is the Main School Production is nearly here. This year's delight is My Fair Lady and 'With a Little Bit of Luck' you can avoid 'The Rain in Spain' and come and 'Dance All Night' 'On a Street (near) Where You Live'!

Tickets are priced at £8.50 per person and are available to purchase via the Scopay system – just select the night(s) you wish to come and purchase accordingly. Tickets will be sent out via your child's register and performances are as follows:

Tuesday 24th March matinee performance at 1.30pm

Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th evening performance at 7.00pm

If you've seen any previous productions, you know you are in for a great night out.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs K Ellis, Front of House



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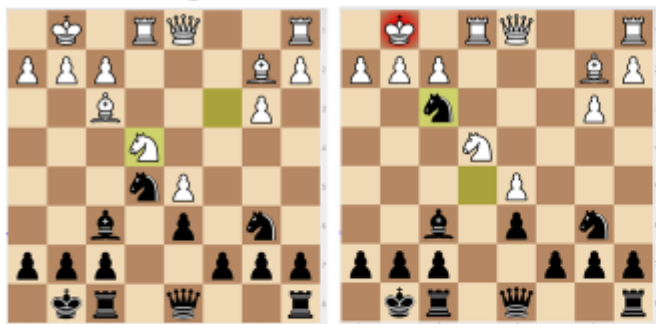
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Chess Puzzle



Last week's solution was take the bishop on e3 with the knight, putting the king in check. This unleashes a threatening bishop on the main dark diagonal.



This week: find the best move for white.



Bring your solution to Chess Club on Thursdays at lunchtime in C21.

Maths Corner 18

Prime of your life!



My age is a prime number. 2 years ago my age was also a prime number. Six years ago my age was an odd square number. I am old enough to vote, but I am not a pensioner.
How old am I?

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 17 – Maths Lunch

£5, £1, £7, £3



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LITERATURE QUIZ WINNERS!

Congratulations to year 8 students Jessica Brooker, Hannah Carpenter, Elliot Casselton and Giramia Thuambe for, not only taking part, but winning the regional round of Hampshire School Library Service's annual literature quiz, which was held recently at Calthorpe Park School. With a winning score of 71 points out of a total of 90, they finished with a 9 point lead over the runners-up. Onwards and upwards to the county final which is being held in Winchester towards the end of March!

Mrs Hood, School Library Manager



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MAYOR'S CHARITY EVENT

Presenting Fred Gardner & the Music of Frank Sinatra

Enjoy a wonderful evening of music, cabaret & cocktails



Tickets £20 each available from Yateley Town Council Offices, GU46 7RP

Tel:- 01252 872198

Evening includes raffle & silent auction. All proceeds will be donated to the
Mayor's Charity - Vision 4 Youth

Menu (dietary options available upon request)
Pizza - selection of toppings
Sides - selection of salads
Desserts - cheesecake, apple pie & clotted cream



Buy a cocktail from the bar
shaken or stirred by Tony

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ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2020



SUNDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 No plans day. Slow down and let spontaneity take over

15 Stop to just watch the sky or clouds for ten minutes today

22 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers

29 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

MONDAY

2 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

9 When someone is speaking, take a full breath before you reply

16 Do something creative that absorbs your attention

23 Take an unusual route and notice what looks different

30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling

TUESDAY

3 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

10 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

31 Go nature spotting today. Even in a city, life is all around

WEDNESDAY

4 Start today by appreciating that you're alive and have a body

11 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words

18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

25 Make a list of amazing things that you take for granted

THURSDAY

5 Every hour simply take three calm breaths in and out

12 Feel the cool of a breeze or warmth of the sun on your face

19 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

26 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change

FRIDAY

6 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food

13 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day

20 Happy International Day of Happiness! dayofhappiness.net

27 Stop work earlier and use the time to be still and relax

SATURDAY

7 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

14 Enjoy doing any chores or tasks more mindfully today

21 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life

28 Bring to mind all the people you love and care about

"Mindfulness means being awake. It means knowing what you are doing" - Jon Kabat-Zinn



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