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Dear Parents, Colleagues, Governors and Students of the school. Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. We have a plethora of sport to unveil in this issue, along with a snapshot view of performance in the house competitions. Year 11 pupils and Sixth Formers have their mock exams this week, so the main hall is out of use.

Knit and Natter

Now here's a club you might not have expected to be on the school activity list! A textile skill which has really piqued the boys' and girls' interest. As you can see from the intense frowns of concentration, the whole process has perhaps consumed some of these students to such a degree, that whilst they are capable of knitting, there isn't too much nattering going on at the same time!



*Boys of Y6 going at it hammer and tongs.
Well, needle and needle.*



Wool War 3: Y6 pupils try to find their colour.

Duke of Edinburgh Gold

Lucy Barrick received her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Badge from Mr Gisbourne in school this week, prior to arranging her presentation with Royalty at St James' Palace in London. Although this is a magnificent achievement in itself, she also was given her brother's (Sam) badge who also achieved the award recently.

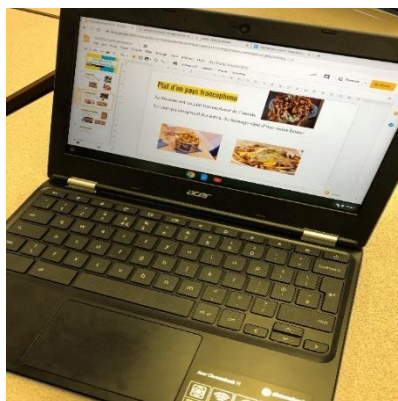
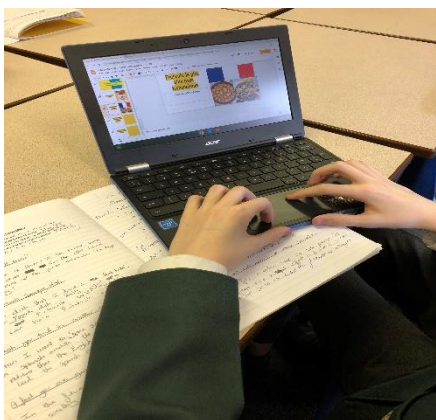
For anyone who has achieved the award, they will know that only one parent is allowed to attend the presentation per candidate, but now both parents will be able to go to the same celebration. We wish them a wonderful day out in London celebrating their achievements.



French Speaking Presentation on Food and Francophone Cuisine

This week the Y10 pupils have been working on a PowerPoint presentation ahead of their speaking test next week. They will have to present: 1) their favourite dish, 2) a Francophone dish, 3) a dish they tasted while on holiday and 4) a dish they would like to try in the future.

They will have to do all this in French with only a few prompts and some pictures for help: très impressionnant!



On these photos you can see Emily King working on her Chromebook and researching 'La Poutine' a dish from Quebec which is very similar to our Yorkshire chips and gravy. Also Connor Shields putting pictures and texts together to present 'la ratatouille', a vegetable dish from the Provence region in southern France.

Mrs Chambonnet is looking forward to hearing the presentations next week and as a treat the pupils will taste some sushi after the presentations since it is the dish most pupils have chosen as the one they would like to try for the first time!

A Round-Up of the State of Play in our House Competitions.

1) Table Tennis Tournament

House table tennis league kicked off this week! Key Stage 3 on a Tuesday lunch & Key Stage 4/5 on a Wednesday lunch till the end of the half term.



Some great table tennis being played by multiple pupils. One looks as though he has to resort to some unorthodox methods to disorientate his opponent!



Phoenix's Joe Scholefield is in top spot in the KS 3 league.



Phoenix's Oriel Cervantes is currently in top spot in the KS4/5 league.

Great to see plenty of pupils playing; with a special thanks to the PFA for the new tables.

2) Ticket and Poster Design Competition



1st Freya Copeland (Dragon) 100 points



2nd Jamie Holdich (Dragon) 60 points



3rd Ethan Kaye (Unicorn) 20 points.

A great competition, with a very high standard of entry. There may well be future pictures available of the winning entries. Thanks for coordinating this Mrs Rothwell-Wood.

Lower Junior Visit to Tropical World Leeds

As part of our topic on Rainforests lower juniors went to visit tropical world in Leeds.

Firstly we explored a forest near tropical world and completed a foraging exercise. We discussed the differences between our forests and the tropical rainforests near the equator.

After our walk in the forest we returned to the classroom where we learnt many interesting facts about the animals which live in the different layers of the rainforest and the many things we use in everyday life which grow there. We were surprised to learn how much of the rainforest is being destroyed and some of the things we can all do to help save our planet like recycling materials ,eating less meat and telling other people about deforestation and endangered animals.

Following our lunch we had a very enjoyable walk around tropical world. We all imagined we were intrepid explorers discovering the amazon rainforests for the first time. We saw a crocodile, beautiful butterflies, parrots, tropical fish, lizards, snakes, tarantulas and meerkats to name a few. We ended our day at a nearby play area which helped us cool down following our tropical excursion! An extremely enjoyable and informative day was had by all!



Monday 20th January: U13 Football

Monday's game lesson was replaced with a trip to York to take on York Minster With a large and enthusiastic squad. The Read boys were quick out of the blocks on both pitches and quickly asserted their dominance in the games.

The Read boys peppered the Minster boys' goal on both pitches and quickly broke the deadlock. Goals were scored by P. Winfield, H. Huddleston, G. Breheney, E. Campbell-Baldwin, P. Suddes, R. Robinson, P. Walls, M. Apedaile, T. Apedaile, T. Tapperall, T. few!

The second half of each game was a much more competitive affair when the halftime transfer market opening where a few of the Read boys join the Minster ranks. A good afternoon of football with plenty of game-time for all whilst being played in the right competitive and fair-minded spirit.

A team Man Of The Match - J. Huddleston
B team Man Of The Match - R. Robinson

Great work chaps.
Mr Matthews



Monday 20th January: Netball, Read V Minster



On Monday we took all the Year 7 and 8 girls to play netball against Minster School. It was great to field two teams and it allowed everyone to have a try. Fortunately, Read U12s dominated throughout and secured a very comfortable 24-0 victory.

The U13 team had a closer battle, with Read consistently leading. In the final minutes we went two goals ahead, after some impressive shooting. This resulted in a pleasing 8-6 win.



The players of the match as voted by the opposition were:

U12 - Emma Fildes
U13 - Freya Clayton

Mrs S Prosser

Saturday 18th January. Football: Read V Leeds Grammar.

Last weekend the U13, U15 & U18 boys football season kicked off on a very fresh morning with a home fixture against Leeds Grammar. All three teams donned a new set of shirts courtesy of the PFA, all different designs but all incorporating the traditional Read green.



As suspected it was a tough morning for Read against a strong travelling outfit, however it was great to have all three teams getting a game with plenty of positives to take away.

Man/Woman of the match performances went to:

U13 - Zoe Suddes, U15 - Roman Collinson & U18 - Oliver Weston.



Will McLaughlan going in for the tackle for the Firsts.

A good morning of football and fantastic turnout of supporters, which is always very much appreciated.

Saturday 18th January: Read V Pocklington



Last Saturday we headed to Pocklington School with five netball teams which included forty girls from senior school. We achieved three impressive victories at U12, U13/U14 and U16.

However, the U15 and 1st team were outplayed by the opposition on this occasion. It was great to see the progress these teams are making in their understanding of the game and such commitment to their teammates and school. Well done to everyone who took part and hopefully we can keep up the momentum for the rest of term.

Mrs S Prosser

No Sport This Saturday

There are no fixtures or training for the boys or girls this weekend. Enjoy a relaxing weekend off.

Mrs Prosser and Mr Matthews.

It merely remains for me to say have a restful and relaxing weekend, whatever you may be doing.

Best regards

Mark Voisey.