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Chipping Sodbury School

Newsletter

Marcus Flies to Success!



Marcus performing with his partner Harry

We offer sincere congratulations to Marcus Flint in year 12 who represented Great Britain in the world championships for Acrobatic Gymnastics in China this Easter, and came home with a bronze medal. Marcus said of his experience, "As soon as we left the airport, we were being asked for autographs and photos. This happened everywhere we went; it was so surreal! With



only two days to get over the jet lag, it was soon the first day of competition. My first routine, performed with my partner Harry, was dynamic. This consisted of me throwing and catching Harry whilst he did somersaults. Our routine was a bit shaky, so we were 6th place out of 7. On the second day of competition we did a balance routine which involved me balancing Harry in a number of static holds; such as a one-arm handstand on my head! (see photo) We needed to be 6th place or better after this routine in order to qualify for the final! We qualified for the final in sixth place after another shaky routine. In the final we would do a combined routine, which is a mix of the two previous routines. The scores go back to zero, so if Harry and I performed well, we still had a chance of winning a medal. As we had qualified in last place, we had to perform first in the final; but we went out feeling we had nothing to lose and gave it everything we had! It was the worst thing ever having to watch the others compete and wait for the scores. When I realised we had done enough for a

bronze I couldn't believe it! I hugged my coach who I've known since I was five; we were both ecstatic! I had finally achieved my dream! After the competition there was a big party and we flew home the next day! It was an amazing experience and one I'll never forget!"

Forthcoming Dates

April

16th—17th Ten Tors Training
20th AS Centre Parent Afternoon
29th Y10 Geography Controlled Assessment

May

2nd May Day Bank Holiday
7th—8th May Ten Tors Event
10th Parents' Evening 5
16th GCSE Exams start
23rd—27th Y10 MFL Controlled Speaking Assessments
27th End of Term 5
30th—3rd June Whitsun Week

June

6th June Start of Term 6
6th—24th Y5 Tours
8th International Day
11th—19th Chipping Sodbury Festival
15th South Glos Athletics Championships
17th INSET DAY
17th Sixth Form Gala Dinner
21st Y12 Induction Day
22nd Sports Personality Eve
23rd—24th Y6 Induction Days
28th Y11 Final Assembly
30th Y10 Trip to Science Museum
30th Y11 Prom
30th—8th Ardeche Trip

July

4th—6th Y7 Barton Hall Camp
11th—15th Y10 WEX Week
22nd End of Term 6



First Aid Training for Adventurers

Students in years 9 and 10, who opted to be part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Ten Tors, have been undertaking some first aid training to ensure they are prepared for their expeditions. They were issued with a mini-CPR kit and DVD which they took home to practise resuscitation techniques. In addition to this, students were lucky enough to be visited by first aid trainer PO Ricci. After a very informative presentation about relevant emergency first aid, including what was needed for wounds, burns and poisons, and some pretty gruesome pictures of injuries, the students were given the opportunity to try out some of the techniques Ricci had taught them. Let's hope they don't need them, but if anything happens they will certainly be very well prepared.

Ten Tors and The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme run every year for students in years 9 and 10. If you feel your child may be interested next year, please contact Miss Taylor or Ms Jarvis for more information.



Religious Studies Trip

The year 13 Religious Studies class had the opportunity to go to one of the two synagogues in the Bristol and South West. Georgia James writes of her experience, "While on our visit we learnt about both the progressive and orthodox Jews, we had the chance to meet a member of the congregation from the Bristol and West Progressive Jewish Congregation where she spoke to us about the way that they worship and run services as well as the way they work with community and other religious groups in and around the area. We looked at their Torah and also were able to try some of their ceremonial bread. We learnt how sacred the Torah is and the processes that must happen every time they read from it. It was an extremely eye opening experience which I felt gave me a lot of knowledge and understanding which I didn't have before."

Black Belt for Chloe

Year 11 student Chloe Gowen had a busy Easter holiday. Not only did she officiate as a referee at the British School Judo Championships in Sheffield, she also travelled to High Wycombe for a Dan grading line-up. After five fights, all of which she won in style with ippon scores, Chloe was awarded her black belt. Chloe trains and competes all over Europe and has a bright future ahead of her in judo.
Ms D Bryan



Chloe is front row, second from the right

Mighty Fine Linguist—February 2016

This award recognises students who have shown outstanding effort and/or achievement in language learning. The following winners in each year group were selected as students who had shown particular achievement that month:

- Year 7 – Erin Conlon-Jones
- Year 8 – Nick Whittles
- Year 9 – Lydia Morgan
- Year 10 – Izzy White
- Year 11 – Lucia Sadier

Well done everybody. Keep up the good work!



Year 11 Leavers

School leavers' hoodies are available to order now via ParentPay for £16.80. This is a brilliant keepsake of all of your year group as everyone's names are written within the number 16. Colour will be navy. Order forms available from student reception.

Mrs H Smith



You may have read in the newsletter a while ago, that I am doing 16 sporty challenges for four charities (Survive, TVT-Mum, Miscarriage Assoc, Southmead EPAU). Find info on Facebook #16in2016 or my justgiving donation page is www.crowdfunding.justgiving.com/kimberley-vallis

I have done ten challenges so far (raised approx. £600) and number 11 is up next...ZUMBA! Students, if you are interested, come along to a group Zumba session for 15 minutes or so on Thursday 21st April at 12.45-13.00 in the Sports Hall.

Mrs K Vallis