

1st July 2016

Chipping Sodbury School

Newsletter



Bronze Brilliance!



Forthcoming Dates

June

30th—8th Ardeche Trip

July

4th—6th Y7 Barton Hall Camp

11th—15th Y10 WEX Week

22nd End of Term 6 (1.10pm)

September

1st INSET

2nd Start of Term 1

8th Open Evening



The weekend of 18th and 19th June saw the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award students complete their final expedition. In glorious Cotswolds' sunshine the intrepid students walked for six hours each day, making their way via pre-planned routes, to a check point. Saturday night saw the students set up tents and cook an evening meal

for themselves, mostly without too much burning! The DofE assessor and all the staff involved were extremely impressed with the maturity and organisation of all the groups involved; in fact the assessor remarked that our Year 9s were the most capable group he had come across in the 20 years of his involvement with the award. Students were able to tell him how much they had gained from being a part of the DofE Bronze team: some became more experienced with map reading, some had learnt how to cook for themselves and some said that completing the expedition had made them feel more confident. Well done to all students involved, it has been so lovely

to see them all do so well. The Duke of Edinburgh Award involves a huge commitment on their part. They volunteer to undertake a physical challenge, a volunteering placement and learn a new skill, before they complete an expedition. This year we have had a group of boys learning basic cookery skills, a student learning dog training and another student writing a cook book to name a few. Some students have enjoyed their voluntary placements so much, they are continuing with them despite the fact their award is completed, which shows a fantastic level of maturity and

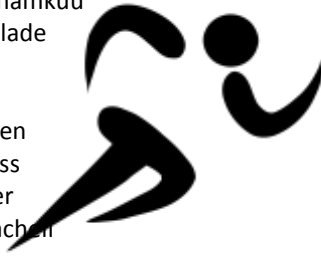


Athletics Success

Congratulations to all who represented the county at the Avon Schools Athletics Championships.

A special mention to Isaac Cory and Max Elliott who won their respective events and go on to represent at the South West of England Championships.

Jamal Bwanamkuu
Lily Greenslade
Isaac Cory
Max Elliott
Eddie Holden
Scarlett Hass
Arno Turner
Caroline Sachan



Well done.
PE Faculty

Mighty Fine Linguist Award – June 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 have shown particular achievement this month:



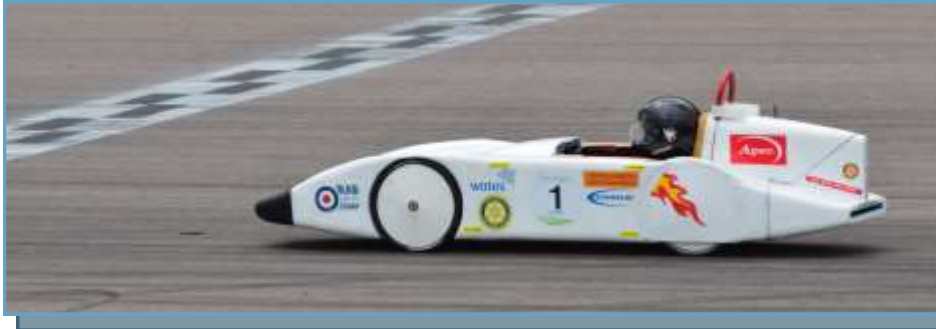
Year 7 – Lewis Adams
Year 8 – Jack Chomette
Year 9 – Emma Barraclough
Year 10 – George Welch

Well done to these students and to all the others who were nominated.
Keep up the good work!

Lost Property: Remember to have a rummage through lost property if you have lost any items during the year. Due to lack of storage space, items are donated to local charity shops if not claimed after six months.



Rockingham Race Day Report (Rotary Racer)



After a 4:30 am start on 28th June, the team reached Rockingham ready for an eventful (and wet) race day. F24's first race began with small gaps between the first few cars, so the tension was high. It was evident from the start that our batteries were not good, so we put the power down in the hope that they would last the full 90 minutes. Pit stops on the day went pretty well (look at Rotary Racer's twitter for a video), although still much slower than the other cars so we were depending on our car having better stamina than the others.

At the end of the first race we came a safe 2nd place and, with no time to celebrate, we rushed our car into the pits for a gear change for the 24+ race. This race is a much faster race with only one driver and we managed to get 4th place, behind Jet II and two *Renishaw* cars. It was an extremely close race with three seconds between us and 3rd place. After another very fast gear change, the rain began to start just in time for the next F24 race. We quickly realised that our batteries were even worse than in the first race and were silently praying for them to last. Even though we had put our lightest driver in for the longest stint our batteries were failing rapidly, but we just managed to hold on until the end of the race (at one point going down to -1% battery) and gain 5th place.

Chain Reaction, another team from Chipping Sodbury, was collided into by another car, but with the help of amazing engineering skills (gaffer tape) not too much damage was caused and they managed to continue racing. Well done to everybody who took part in the race day, it was a fabulous day!

Louise Barnaby, Y12

