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Chipping Sodbury School Newsletter



World Book Day 2017

Thank you to all the students and staff who joined in the spirit of World Book Day. There were some lovely costumes but the final winners were:

- 3rd place Kyle Harris
- 2nd place Madison Price and Ruby Nightingale
- 1st place Amy Offer and Kirsten Pierce

Congratulations!



Football News

Well done to the U14 football team who put in an excellent effort against Bradley Stoke last Thursday. We had some excellent play from our year 7 and 8 girls who took on a predominantly year 9 opposition. Special mention to Darcy Conway and Chloe Marshall who worked tirelessly in defence, there was some great attacking play from Reese Kendal and Grace Cameron and the girl of the game went to Lily Greenslade for some very strong midfield play. Huge thanks to Eddie Holden for his fantastic leadership. The final score was 3-1 to Bradley Stoke. We now go through to the next stage of the South Gloucestershire competition and take on Hanham.



Library Book Amnesty

Please could all students check whether they have any overdue library books at home and return these as soon as possible. Overdue books may be posted through the letterbox in the library with no questions asked.

Erratum

In the previous edition of this newsletter, it was mistakenly reported that Alice Brindle and Alice Doody had won best debating team at the Youth Speaks competition. In fact the team was Maddie Brindle and Alice Doody. Apologies for the error.

Forthcoming Dates

March

29th Y10 Personal Tutor Evening
31st—5th April Rome Trip

April

4th Sixth Form UCAS Convention
7th Whole School Photo
7th End of Term 4
24th Start of Term 5
24th Y11 Mock Exams Start

May

5th—7th Ten Tors Event
9th Parents' Evening 5

Ten Tors 2017

The school Ten Tors training team just about managed to survive the latest training session in the Brecon Beacons despite walking through wind, rain, hail, sleet and snow. The only casualties were two compasses that got themselves lost during the day.

Our next training session is back in Wales in the Black Mountains – hopefully the weather will be kinder to us on the other side of Abergavenny. Please let me know if you'd like any further information about Ten Tors 2017.

Ms Jarvis, Ten Tors Team Manager

Follow the CSS Ten Tors team on twitter: @CSSTenTors

Fun Maths Roadshow

The Fun Bus visited Chipping Sodbury School on Wednesday 1st March. This is an educational organisation which provides different challenges for students to complete in an afternoon. Requiring only an activity sheet and pen, pairs of students walked around the hall, viewing each table with a number of maths-related challenges. These challenges included a range of mental problems of different difficulty levels: adding domino numbers, arranging pyramids, magic squares, sudoku, areas, fractions and riddles. Each challenge would take a few minutes to solve, and once a pair had come up with the correct answer, a helper would tick off one of the boxes on the activities sheet. At the very end of the session, each group's sheets were collected. It was revealed how many activities the winners had completed, out of thirty.

After doing the session, one student commented that "it was great fun and we got to learn lots of new skills and challenge ourselves with the difficult puzzles". "The Fun Bus was a great experience as it involved teamwork, accuracy and hard thinking" — Natalie Gliddon.

On 2nd March 8MS1 went to the gym in their Life lesson to do some mathematics activities provided by the University of the West of England. There were maths students that came along to help us and they were very helpful along with Mrs Lynch. The activities included lots of different problems to solve using all areas of mathematics like ratios, multiplying, adding and subtracting fractions and converting units.



The class had an hour and a half to try and complete as many of the activities as possible: the winners were Alice Doody and Amber Thrush who completed all 23 tasks. Some of the tasks were common sense questions which the class loved because it caught them out and some were very challenging questions which the class enjoyed working out together.

I found the Fun Bus very fun and interesting because there was a wide range of different activities spread out in the gym. It was also fun trying to do as many as possible because it made us think on the spot and much quicker than we normally would in class. I liked it because we could move around doing the different activities and the leaders would give us clues to the answers if we were really close but not quite there — Megan Cox

Greenpower Improves Engineering Capabilities

Chipping Sodbury School has recently purchased two 3D printers. When added to the CAM facilities provided by Renishaw, these printers will enable the school to deliver a range of exciting new technology opportunities to all our students. This will be particularly useful to those students aiming for a career in engineering or product design.

We are now in a position to offer many students the opportunity to produce models of their work and modify it if required. This is particularly relevant to the Greenpower teams who are able to take much of the guess work out of their designs. It also enables us to offer a design and model facility to whole D&T classes. We are very grateful to the Chipping Sodbury Rotarians who donated £900 to our Greenpower 3D printer project. We also thank everyone who donated their Waitrose Community Matters tokens to the school as it generated £395 and enabled us to purchase two printers instead of one. Thank you Rotarians, Waitrose, Renishaw and the people of Chipping Sodbury and surrounding area who make such a difference to the students of our school.



Chipping Sodbury School will be staging a production of Annie
May 10th, 11th and 12th

Tickets go on sale Monday 20th March
Cash only from student reception
£5.00 per ticket
Concessions—£4.00 for OAPs and children under 11 years old