

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 5 residential to the Brecon Beacons and the Year 8 visit to Snowdonia returned on Monday, bright weather having blessed both events. Pupils faced challenges in the different activities that were provided, with days that were packed with fun and physical tasks. The pupils have enjoyed both experiences, and my thanks to the staff and other volunteers who accompanied the children.

While I was in London with Year 8, one of the shows we saw was 'Matilda'. I used one of the songs from that musical in assembly - it is called "When I grow up". The lyrics suggest that when children grow up they want things:


When I grow up I will eat sweets everyday on the way to work and I will go to bed late every night.

When I grow up I will spend all day just lying in the sun, and I won't burn because I'll be all grown up.

I challenged the pupils to think of two things that they would aspire to when they are growing up, and these should be practical. Staff were invited to consider two things too. We framed a prayer where all in the room could offer these matters to God, who is above and beyond time as we know it. Each person would have hoped for different things, for we are very different creatures of the universe.



There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.
1 Corinthians 15 : 41



The sun has been much in evidence this week, of course. When the weather becomes warm, we give pupils the option to lay aside the wearing of the jumper, indeed, this applies throughout the second half of the summer term. In hot weather, we allow pupils to remove their ties and leave open the top button of their shirts. (Not all pupils want to do this, and we respect that choice.) We also look to ensure pupils have access to water for their bottles with additional water stations. Such arrangements may not be agreeable to all, but our pupils are able to conform and continue in their learning. The forecast for the week ahead has changed in the last 48 hours, for we now expect the temperature to be in the mid-twenties at least throughout next week.

Rev C Leach
Principal

A Prayer for Human Rights

Lord,

Your teach us to treat each other with respect, and treat others as we wish to be treated. We thank you for human rights that help people to be treated in the same way as others. We pray that you can intervene in this world and build this to be part of mankind's core values to look after each other and respect each other. We pray for those who are not treated fairly that you bless them and help them in their situation.

In your name,

Amen

This week's theme was:

Human rights

Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.

Matthew 25:40

Whole School Attendance – 96.33%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

18.06.18 - 22.06.18

Year 5 — 96.32 %

Year 6 — 96.61%

Year 7 — 96.06%

Year 8 — 96.3%



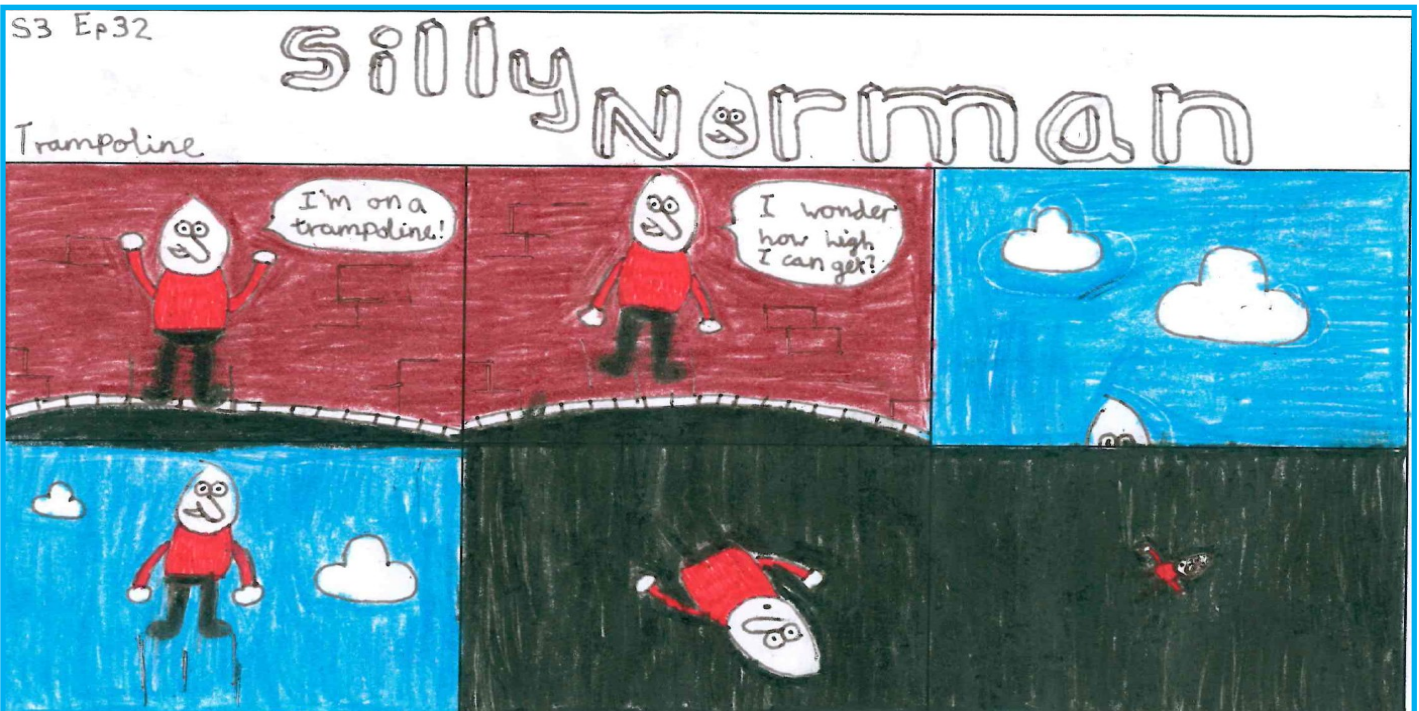
For the week ahead



The Fruit of Faith is:	Honesty	If you try to be honest, you can be, and it will improve your character as handsome clothing improves your appearance. Birds come to roost with those of their own kind, and the habit of honesty comes to those who try to be honest. <i>Sirach 27: 8-9</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Responsibility	We will do what you and the others who honour God's commands advise us to do. We will do what God's Law demands. It is your responsibility to act. We are behind you, so go ahead and get it done. <i>Ezra 10: 3-4</i>
The assembly theme:	Discipleship	Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

We ask your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	Those who suffer with hay-fever and sunstroke	Monday	Public services
Tuesday	The politicians representing Red-ditch	Wednesday	Remembering those at war
Thursday	The Royal Army, Navy and Air Force	Friday	Those students having vaccinations.





Pupils make good progress during their time at school. A well-taught and broad curriculum ensures that most pupils work at or above age-related expectations.

Ofsted
Good
Provider

That is one of the sentences in the Ofsted report for our school. Behind it is something rather brave - here at Walkwood we do train pupils to complete their SATs, but rather we look for them to have a wide range of subjects throughout their time with us.

Of course, that does not mean we ignore SATs. We prepare pupils through their English and Mathematics lessons, and change only a few times in order to ensure pupils do not get stressed. The children have other subjects that use different skills, so they have variety during the day. This is a benefit from a middle school that has its pupils moving around the building.



GL Assessment

In the coming weeks, pupils in all years will take some assessments. These are matched against other pupils of the same year group across the country. The tests allow us to know how much progress that our pupils are making.

It is because of these assessments that we know that around 85% of Walkwood pupils leave our school working at standards that are above their age in English and Mathematics.

Please remember that it is not just about 'the results' for pupils. Even at GCSE and above, it is about how students think, behave and respond. Ofsted said:

“Many teachers balance the development of pupils’ subject knowledge, skills for learning and positive attitudes very skilfully. They blend the lesson objectives with the development of ‘superhero learning traits’ and promote pupils’ understanding of the ‘fruits of faith’.”

They finished by saying:

“During their time at school, pupils develop into confident, hardworking and articulate pupils. They acquire good social skills, develop tolerance of others and are resilient.”



<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/139185>

Arts Days

Last week's Arts Days were a great success so well done to the whole school! Everyone worked well together and thoroughly enjoyed their arts activities and new experiences.

Year 5 – African themed arts, including a dance workshop and African drumming workshop.

Year 6 – created an Art Gallery.

Year 7 – South American themed arts, including a dance workshop and South American music workshop.

Year 8 – Chinese themed activities including cooking Chinese food.

Our visiting practitioners, as usual, led some fabulous and inspiring practical workshop sessions and were highly complementary about the way in which our pupils participated. Well done, Walkwood!



Mrs C Griffiths



Top Readers for 28th May 2018 — 28th June 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (BCLO 7) - who has read an incredible 826,151 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (CMBI 5) - who has read a fantastic 383,176 words



Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU

Here is the link to enable pupils to do a quiz at home

<https://ukhosted23.renlearn.co.uk/2250823>

Year 6 and 8 Academic Reports

School reports for Years 6 and 8 will be available to view on Insight by 4pm on Thursday 5th July.

With this date approaching I would recommend checking your Insight login details here:

<https://insight.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk>

If you have forgotten your details for Insight please enter your **username or email address** in the forgotten password form by clicking the link underneath the login box '**Don't know your password?**' Responses to the password reset are instant. Please check your spam or junk folders if the email is not immediate.

If your email address is not set up or you do not know your email or username - please complete this form: <http://www.LourdesIT.org.uk/insight-password-reset/> . Make sure you change the school to Walkwood Church of England Middle School in the drop down options. Responses to the form take up to 48 working hours.



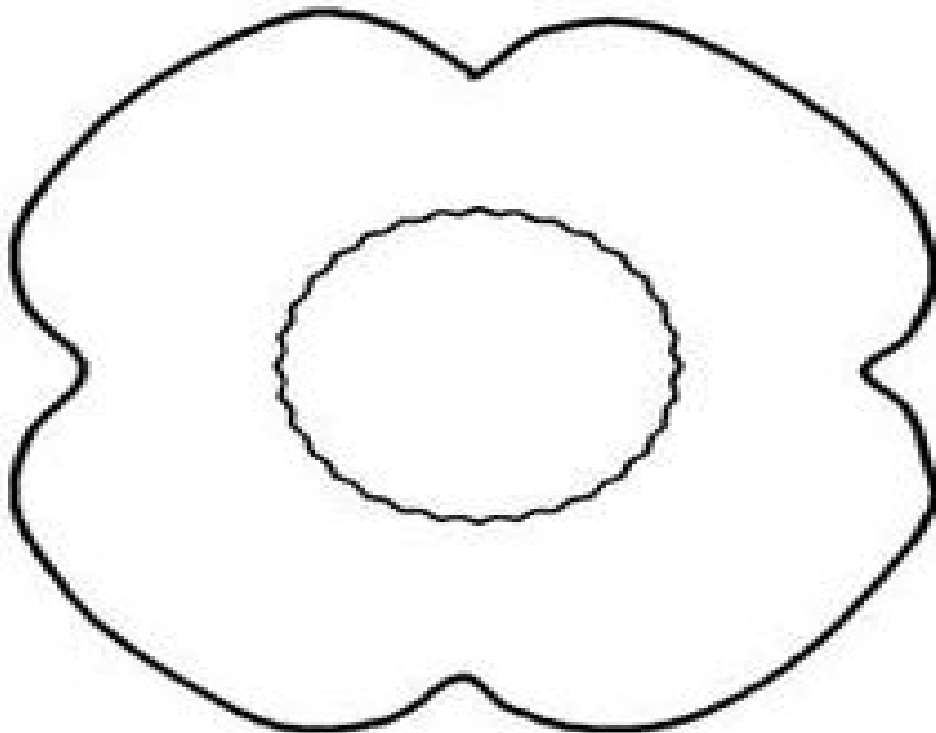
A massive thankyou to Dolce Durber who helped to raise money for the Library last month by holding a bake sale.



LEST WE FORGET

1918

2018



Do you have a family member that fought in WW1 and who you would like to honour and remember?

Walkwood is looking to create a display of WW1 Remembrance in July to mark the 100th year anniversary of the end of the Great War.

Please cut out the poppy template and write onto it your family member and pupil details (a photo if possible) and send into Walkwood FAO Mrs West or email into School on office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk

Charity News



Josh Lindsell has raised £191 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. He completed a sponsored 8K walk to the top of the Malvern Hills.

Well done Josh!



Science Club

The children having been continuing with their stem challenge as you can see we have some very innovative designs.



Please note:

The last Science Club will take place on Tuesday 10th July.

We have enjoyed watching the children develop their knowledge and skills in Science and look forward to seeing our current Year 5's as Year 6's in September.



New 'Pupil Leadership Team' for 2018-19.

We received an incredible number of applications from Year 7 students wishing to take on the roles and responsibilities within the Pupil Leadership Team for the next academic year. All roles, from Head Boy/Girl, College Captain/Vice Captain and Prefects were equally popular. The standard of the applications has been exceptional and whilst we have enjoyed reading them, we have found the shortlisting process difficult due to the high standard of letters received. Following the interviewing and shortlisting process, students received letters informing them of the outcome. Students successful in progressing to the next stage are now busy preparing their speeches for the Hustings.



Friday 6th July sees the first of these Hustings, where candidates for the Head Boy and Girl roles will be giving their speeches in front of the rest of the school. Every member of the Walkwood school community, staff and students alike, will then be asked to vote, anonymously, for whom they feel they would like to elect. These will be followed on Monday 9th/Tuesday 10th July by the College Hustings for the positions of College Captain and Vice Captain.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students who have applied and wish all students the best of luck in the Hustings stages.

Keep an eye out in future Insiders, when the newly elected Pupil Leadership Team for 2018-19 will be unveiled!

Ms Tomes

PLT Co-ordinator

Summer Term PE



As the weather is very hot at the moment, please can you ensure that your son/daughter brings in sun cream and a hat to wear.

Can you also please ensure that your son/daughter does bring in a water bottle/flask which he/she can refill in the water points around school.



Maths News



Mathematician of the half-term awards

Congratulations to all our amazing mathematicians for last half term 😊

Pupil	Year	Nominated by	Reason
Evie Barnish	6	Mrs Cull	Worked exceptionally hard all year and has made super progress as a result. A very positive attitude to learning 😊
Sahil Saqib	6	Mr West	Sahil has been working extremely hard in maths lessons. His attitude to learning has really improved since the start of the year. Well done!
Kian McGrath	5	Mrs Lomas	For perseverance and hard work. <u>Arithmetic results have improved dramatically. Well done Kian.</u>
Kyla Russell	5	Ms Tomes	Continued hard work and effort in every lesson, completing work to a high standard and demonstrating great understanding. 😊
Drew Felton	5	Mr Sanders	Incredible arithmetic scores and he has shown a keen effort to explore areas of Maths further by doing research in his own time.
Luke Shephard	8	Mr Walsh	Great attitude and effort in lessons. Went 'above and beyond' with his revision in the lead up to his maths assessments.
Erin Phillips	8	Mr Jenkin	Worked extremely hard all year and consequently has made excellent progress. A very positive attitude to learning and very impressive performance in the recent exams.
Brooke Taylor	5	Dr Mijovic	Brooke always challenges herself to complete all work correctly and so has made great progress. She completes extra times table work at home and so has become very efficient at solving problems involving multiplication. Well done!
Laiba Rahouf	6	Mrs Thurston	Fantastic effort and works hard in every maths lesson. She has made amazing progress this year.
Emily Tarver Ellie Wakeman	6	Mrs Brotherhood	Both girls have shown an incredible determination in preparing for their SATs, attending regular intervention sessions and completing extra work at home.
Jessica Causer	8	Mrs Venross	I have noticed a recent change in Jess; she has been working harder and focussing more in lessons. She attended revision classes for her Y8 tests and scored the highest in the class!

Can you be one of next half terms amazing mathematicians?

Keep up the great work! Mrs Cull and Mrs Thurston



Trips and Visits

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DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
June					
Mon 23 July	Rewards Trip	Drayton Manor	Y8	£ 25	Mr West



Clubs and Activities starting 23rd April 2018



	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	<p>Homework Club Library</p> <p>Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club starting 18th September (ECO)</p> <p>Monday lunchtime DT block Movie Club all years (AMI)</p> <p>Card Making Club Room 3 (STA)</p> <p>Maths Club for KS2 and KS3 Room 6 (HBA and LTH)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p>
Tuesday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p>Card Making Club (invite only) Art Room (STA)</p> <p>Code Club Tech Block All years welcome (RMA/AMI)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Year 5/6 Science Club 3.30-4.30pm Lab 1 (JHD)</p> <p>All years Athletics Club (starts 1st May due to fixtures) 3.30-4.45pm (RMA/CHU/KRE/LMO/ HTR)</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>Signing Club (All year groups) Textiles Room (JHA)</p> <p>Silent Reading Club Room 19 (LBA)</p> <p>‘Colouring for Mindfulness’ Club on Wednesdays, Room 9, from 12.50-1.20pm (MMG, PCO)</p>	<p>Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm</p> <p>Cooking Club 3.30–4.45pm (DSL) (rota of when you are cooking will be con- firmed)</p> <p>7/8 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWE and PJE)</p> <p>7/8 Rounders Club 3.30-4.45 pm (KRE/LMO)</p> <p>5/6 Girls Cricket Club 3.30-4.45pm (CHU)</p>



Clubs and Activities Spring Term starting 23rd April 2018



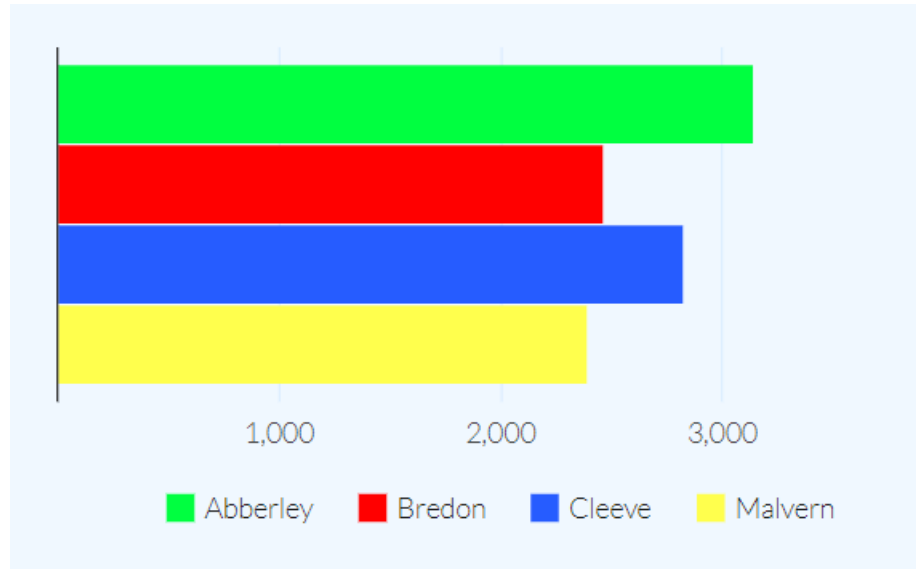
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm 5/6 Girls Rounders 3.30-4.45pm (KRE/HTR/NFO) 5/6 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWA/CHU/DPA)
Friday	Homework Club Library	EAL club Friday lunch time (the first Friday of every month). In the LRC with ZBi For anyone who speaks English as an addi- tional language and your friends. Bring your lunch along.	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm All years Boys and Girls Tennis Club (DPA/NFO)



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Zac Abdullah (AMLA) (33)
2. 🟡 Lucas Forrest (CAMI) (25)
3. 🟠 James West (AECO) (24)
3. 🟡 Eleanor Baldwin (AAGA) (24)
5. 🟠 Elliot Ford (BCJO) (23)
6. 🟠 Kieron Baker (AAGA) (22)
6. 🟠 Lucy Aucott (AECO) (22)
6. 🟡 Grace Savage (ALBA) (22)
6. 🟠 Emily Nattrass (ALBA) (22)
10. 🟠 Olivia Hadley (ALBA) (21)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6.00 pm
	Tuesday 10th July	Summer Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 24 July	End of Term
	Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 September	Staff Development Days
	Wednesday 5 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 29 Oct to Friday 2 November	Half term
	Friday 21 December	End of Term

2019	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 18—Friday 22 February	Half Term
	Friday 12 April	End of Term
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27—Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term