

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have two teams through to the final 8 schools in England. Our Year 6 boys played last Saturday and won the regional heats and shall play at the Coventry stadium a week on Saturday. Our Year 7 girls team are due to play within the national quarter finals on Wednesday 23rd May in Leicester. Therefore, we have a couple of key games ahead, for which we wish the teams the best of British as they play. Additionally, my thanks to the staff involved who give of their time to coach and support the teams.



As many of you will appreciate, the coming week is one of assessments for two year groups. Year 6 take the SATs, for which we have looked to keep the situation calm but purposeful. In fact, I visited some Year 6 Maths this week and was energised by the commitment of the pupils to their 'reminder lessons'. Year 8 have their exams next week, the results of which will be shared with the high schools. The appreciation of other year groups for their Year 6 fellow pupils and the amendments to the timetable are very welcome.

We have had some unwelcome visitors this week. They gained entry to the building at a time that it was being used by a charity conducting highly valued work with members of our community. Our site team have worked to clean and repair, for which I appreciate the time and care they have given.

We have Sports Day scheduled for Wednesday 6th June—naturally, it is weather dependent. Last year was unfortunate as all three dates that were possible within our very busy summer term calendar were either too rainy or, for one of them, too hot. Therefore, we are hoping for a warm but overcast day. The events in which pupils will choose to represent their college will be chosen in the week after next. It was the founder of the Olympics, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who said "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part. However, Saint Paul was thinking about life's race as well as competitive vents when he said:  
I do all this for the good news, because I want to share in its blessings. You know that many runners enter a race, and only one of them wins the prize. So run to win! Athletes work hard to win a crown that cannot last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever.  
1 Corinthians 9: 23 - 25

Rev C Leach  
Principal

#### A Prayer of The Psalms

Dear God,

Thank you for the Psalms and what they give to us, a way of communicating, worshipping and praising you.

O God, we are blessed by the knowledge of your greatness and your love. The psalms show how so many others have felt your love and presence in the past, just as we do now. Humble us Lord, to know the truth written behind the Psalms and bless us on this day to share this truth with others.

Amen

This week's theme was:

#### The Psalms

**Happy are those who don't listen to the wicked, who don't go where sinners go, who don't do what evil people do. They love the Lord's teachings, and they think about those teachings day and night.**

**Psalm 1: 1-2**

**Whole School Attendance –95.8%**

**Whole School Target – 95.6%**

**30.04.18 - 04.05.18**

**Year 5 — 96.15%**

**Year 6 — 96.65%**

**Year 7 — 94.74%**

**Year 8 — 95.51%**



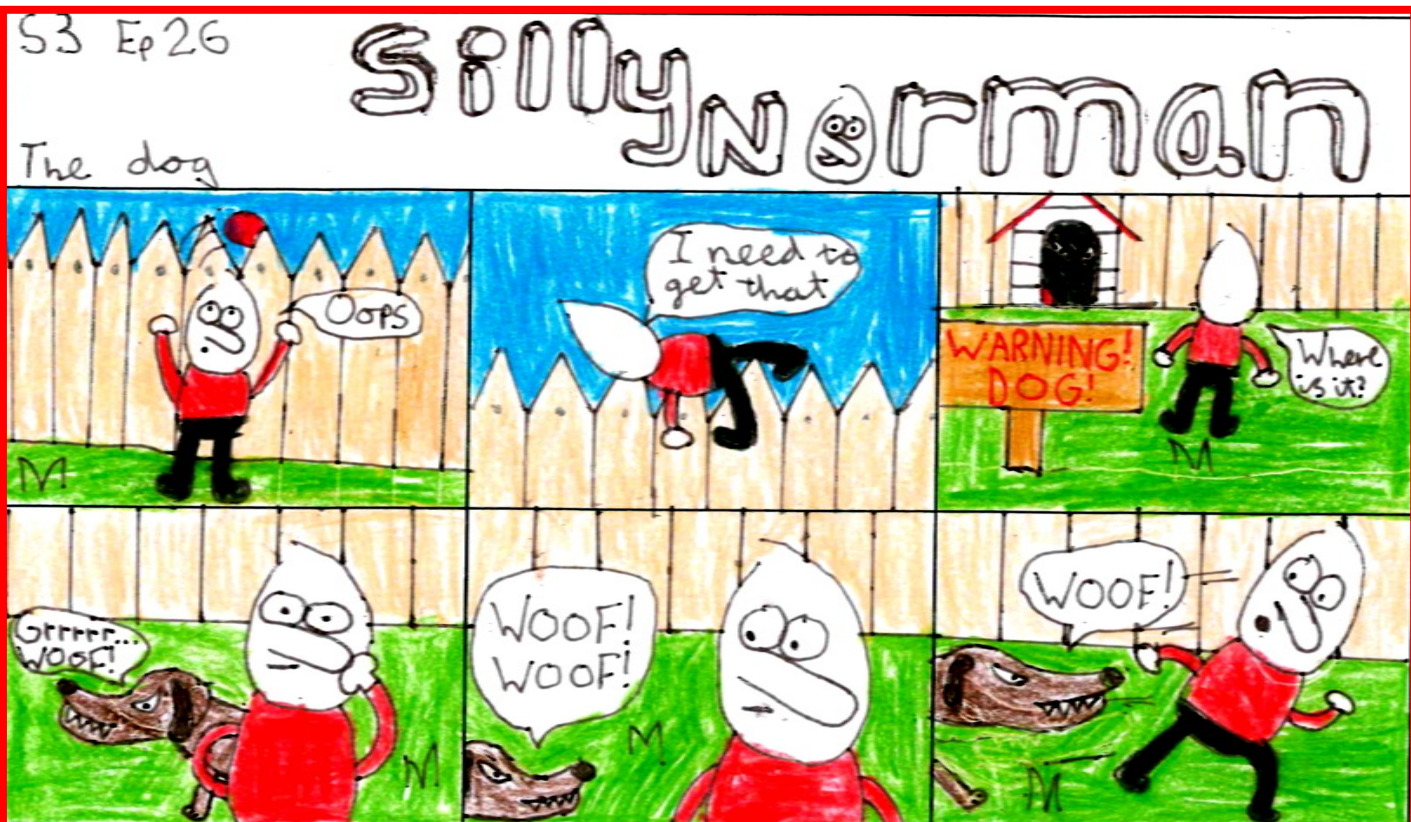
# For the week ahead



<b>The Fruit of Faith is:</b>	<b>Honesty</b>	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>
<b>The tutor group virtue:</b>	<b>Truthfulness</b>	So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. <i>Ephesians 4:25</i>
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>Fair Trade</b>	And if you make a sale to your neighbour or buy from your neighbour, you shall not wrong one another. <i>Leviticus 25:1</i>

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

<b>The weekend</b>	Pupils taking their SATs	<b>Monday</b>	Those we know that are unwell
<b>Tuesday</b>	Remembering those at war	<b>Wednesday</b>	The elderly who are lonely
<b>Thursday</b>	Those forced out of the homes in Hawaii because of the volcano	<b>Friday</b>	The railway industry as they develop more ideas to reduce fares.





# Top Readers for 10th April 2018 - 10th May 2018

Congratulations to:

## Top Girl

Ashleigh Morris (CAMI 6) - who has read an incredible 624,822 words

## Top Boy

Charlie Senior (CCHU 5) - who has read a fantastic 704,989 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>

# Polite reminder

Parents - Please can you check the details that we hold for you through Insight. This includes your email address, telephone numbers including mobiles and your address. It is very important that these are kept up to date. You can change them yourselves through Insight or contact Reception and we can do this for you.

Thank you.



## A reminder:

Pupils have access to water coolers from where they can top up bottles of water at break and lunchtime. Best to have your own bottle!



## Summer Term PE



As the weather is hopefully getting warmer, please note that pupils can bring in sun cream, hats and wear white trainer socks for P.E. They must also bring in a water bottle.



# Charity News



In March 2018

Erin Court (ALWA)

Isla Neale (CHTR)

Rebekah Levy (CTPO)

Amaya Ewing-Boulton (CAMI)

Macy Glen (BCLO)

Freya Harley (AAGA)

carried out a few bake sales and raised a wonderful £92.22 for the charity 'Help for Heroes' which supports wounded service personnel and veterans. Well done girls!



Lexi Coleman (BSTA)

Georgia Avery-Sherwood (ARMA)

Katie Bove (AECO)

Niamh Campbell (CHTR)

Aimee Harris (BCLO)

baked and sold some cakes more recently and raised a fabulous £60.45 also for 'Help for Heroes'. Amazing!

Evie Barnish (AECO)

Lucy-May Powell (CCMI)

Amelia Watkiss (BJHY)

raised £40.77 for Worcestershire Young Carers in the bake sale last week. Well done girls!





# Science Club



This week in Science Club the children explored aerodynamics, gravity and up thrust by engineering paper planes.

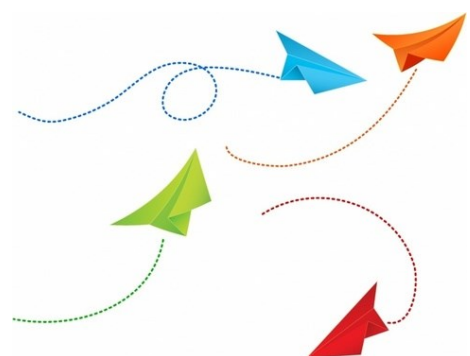


There is some evidence of paper kites and gliders that originated in Ancient China and Japan.

The Wright Brothers were the ones who invented airplanes, and they did this by testing out miniature paper models!



There is a delicate balance between the downward force of gravity and the upward force of the air on a paper aeroplane.





# Green Piece



## 1464

The significance of the title of this article will be made clear later. If you are already guessing I have to tell you that it is not the year that Walkwood first opened so try 'googling' it as a date and see what you can discover. It does produce some interesting historical events such as The Treaty of York being made between England and Scotland on 1 June 1464 and was intended to establish 15 years of peace. So keep reading ...

The last Eco-Schools article to appear had the title 'Walkwood – No different than anywhere else?' and it mentioned that we, at Walkwood, can sometimes be as wasteful in our use of electricity as anyone else. The Eco-Schools Committee discovered this through their monitoring of classrooms, recording what appliances were being left on in which rooms, together with the amount of electricity consumed. They witnessed wasteful use of electricity in the week prior to our 'Switch Off'. However, they informed the school of their findings and this did have the desired effect. The following week wasteful electrical use was reduced. There was a reduction in the number of appliances, especially classroom projectors, being left on and the school electricity meter confirmed this, showing that the school consumed 140.3 Kwh less electricity during our 'Switch Off' week than the previous week. The awareness raised by this campaign had a positive effect and the whole school community should be pleased with their efforts. The Eco Schools Committee have been continuing to monitor electricity use in school and will return to classrooms soon to check that we are all still remembering to switch off.

It is very easy in our busy lives to take the quick and easy route, which can result in us producing unnecessary waste. The recent BBC television series 'Blue Planet 2' highlighted the enormous and growing issue of plastic waste; this has prompted many to examine their use, and in many cases their wasteful use, of plastic. Many staff and pupils at Walkwood have expressed their concerns regarding our own plastic problem of single use plastic bottles. In order to find out how big a problem it is, the Eco-Schools Committee carried out a survey. With the help of Tutor Groups and their tutors, each class counted how many single use and multi-use plastic bottles were used in one week during the last half-term (between February and April 2018). Through this survey they calculated that in one week 1464 single use plastic bottles were disposed of, while 240 multi-use bottles were in use.

The challenge now is how this number can be reduced. There are some very simple solutions such as using these single use bottles more than once, or more drastically, not using them at all. Do we have a duty to act and solve this problem? The short-term financial cost to us is small but the long term environmental cost of doing nothing will prove to be enormous. **We at Walkwood are no different than anyone else** in the developed world in our use of plastic. It has become too cheap and simple to buy plastic bottles. The solution to the problem has to be as simple as not buying cheap plastic bottles in the first place if it is to succeed.

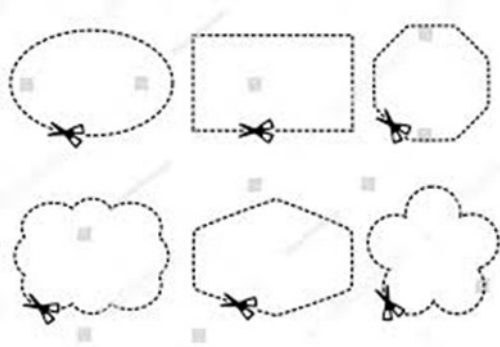
The Eco-Schools Committee.



# Some useful handwriting tips

Scissor cutting—this strengthens the tripod fingers and the whole hand benefits.

Firstly do straight lines then cut out shapes.



Roll small balls of playdough between the thumb and the first two fingers.

Put fingers and thumb together in the centre of playdough.

Slowly stretch the fingers and thumb apart.



Sort tiny objects with thumb and forefinger (pasta shapes & rice) - progress onto using tweezers.





# Trips and Visits

## 2017 - 18



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
<b>May</b>					
Fri 18—Mon 21	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 270	Mr Sanders
<b>June</b>					
Wed 20—Fri 22	Arts and Theatres	London	Y8	£ 280	Rev Leach
Fri 22—Mon 25	Outward Bound	Wales	Y8	£ 270	Mr Jenkin
Fri 22— Mon 25	Outward Bound	Brecon Beacons	Y5	£ 155	Mr Macdonald / Mrs Cull





## Clubs and Activities starting 23rd April 2018



	Before School 7:45am – 8:45am	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.20pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	<p>Homework Club Library</p> <p>Orchestra Music Room 8.45-9.30am (CGR)</p>	<p>KS3 Art Club starting 18<sup>th</sup> 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>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>Homework Club Library</p>	<p>KS2 Art Club Art Room (ECO)</p> <p>Card Making Club <span style="color: red;">(invite only)</span> 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>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<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 Wednes- days, 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) <span style="color: red;">(rota of when you are cooking will be con- firmed)</span></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



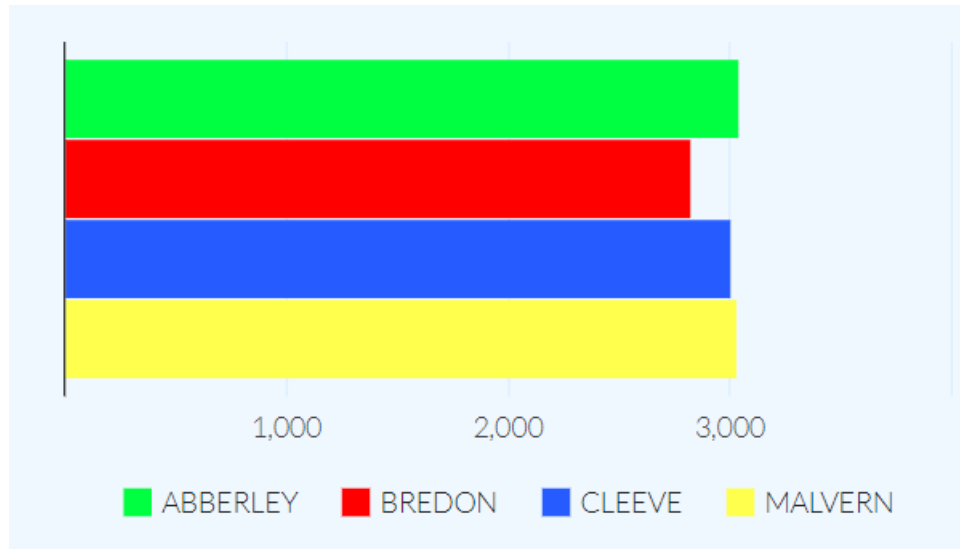
<b>Thursday</b>	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR)  Green Ambassadors Club All years <b>Week 2 only</b> 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm  5/6 Girls Rounders 3.30-4.45pm (KRE/HTR/NFO)  5/6 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWA/CHU/DPA)
<b>Friday</b>	Homework Club Library	EAL club Friday lunch time ( <b>the first Friday of every month</b> ). <b>In the LRC with ZBi</b> For anyone who speaks English as an additional 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. 🏠 Skye Fletcher (BSTA) (36)
2. 🏠 Eleanor Jones (MKRE) (31)
3. 🏠 Eoin Clarke (AECO) (30)
4. 🏠 Tianae Ebanks (AMLA) (29)
5. 🏠 Luke Shephard (MNSA) (28)
5. 🏠 James West (AECO) (28)
7. 🏠 Gracie Bevan (MPJE) (27)
7. 🏠 Lily McAfee (BHLL) (27)
7. 🏠 Megan Ierston (AMLA) (27)
7. 🏠 Laiba Rahouf (CCMI) (27)



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 8	Wednesday 16 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June	<b>Half-Term</b>
	Monday 4 June	Staff Development Day
	Thursday 7 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Wednesday 13 June	Y5 & Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00—7.00 pm
	Monday 9 July	Parent Focus group 6 pm
	Tuesday 10th July	Summer Concert 7.30 pm
	Tuesday 24 July	<b>End of Term</b>
	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	<b>Half term</b>
	Friday 21 December	<b>End of Term</b>

2 0 1 9	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 18—Friday 22 February	<b>Half Term</b>
	Friday 12 April	<b>End of Term</b>
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27—Friday 31 May	<b>Half Term</b>
	Friday 19 July	<b>End of Term</b>