

Dear Parents and Carers,



It was Sports Day on Wednesday, which was a very full day of track and field athletics. Indeed, the schedule for the day was very packed, and we kept to time for most of the running order. Pupils were in their College areas together, and they took an interest in the events as they day unfolded. There was prompting of each other when the different activities were announced, and there were very few calls for missing athletes! In fact, our pupils were well behaved and conducted themselves so well in terms of their attitude to the sport.

The four colleges were competing against each other, gathering in points from the majority of events across the day. At the start of the afternoon section, Cleeve were in the lead and Abberley were fourth. However, Abberley gained a plethora of podium places in the afternoon, including firsts in three of the four 600m races, and had brought themselves into second place by the end of the day. It was Cleeve College who maintained their lead and came first overall.



Encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

The setting up started about three hours before the pupils came on to the school field, and we were packing up for a couple of hours after. My thanks to the many staff who carried out their tasks throughout the day, including those who were running the events, as well as those who joined us setting up or clearing away. Naturally, and particularly, it is right that the organisational prowess of our Head of PE, Miss Reeves, is commended by her colleagues.

As Year 8 are in their last term with us, they have had an assembly which outlined what their remaining time at Walkwood will involve. Also, Year 7 are beginning the process of deciding who will take over the pupil leadership of the school - more details within!

Rev C Leach  
Principal

A Prayer for Ten Commandments

Lord,

Thank you for your commandments and your rules, they help us to live as you want for us and they bless our relationships with others. We pray for our government and our country that they can see that your commandments are at the core of law, and that they should continue to be looked upon to help rule this country. We thank you for your guidance and pray you can guide our rulers too.

Amen

This week's theme was:

The Ten Commandments

He proclaimed the laws you must obey—the Ten Commandments—and wrote them on two stone tablets.

Deuteronomy 4:13

Whole School Attendance –93.22%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

21.05.18 - 25.05.18

Year 5 — 94.25%

Year 6 — 94.32%

Year 7 — 90.72%

Year 8 — 93.54%



# 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>Justice</b>	When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers. <i>Proverbs 21:15</i>
<b>The assembly theme:</b>	<b>St. Peter</b>	And so I tell you , Peter: you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will ever be able to overcome it. <i>Matthew 16:18</i>

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

<b>The weekend</b>	Those affected by the volcano in Guatemala	<b>Monday</b>	Those participating in bikeability training
<b>Tuesday</b>	Walkwood Music Festival	<b>Wednesday</b>	A successful Parent's Evening
<b>Thursday</b>	The local churches and community centres	<b>Friday</b>	Those that are participating in sports representing the school.





## Top Readers for 7th May 2018—7th June 2018

Congratulations to:

### Top Girl

Baillie Carr (CAMI 8) - who has read an incredible 791,229 words

### Top Boy

Thomas Payne (BJHY 7) - who has read a fantastic 326,952 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 5 and 7 Parents' Evening Bookings

Mr Foster should now be available on Insight to book Year 5 and 7 parents' evening appointments with. Unfortunately we are unable to carry over those appointments already booked with Miss Boyd so parents will need to re-book with Mr Foster. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

## Music News

We have a busy musical half term coming up, with a couple of dates for your diaries.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June is our Walkwood Music Festival where our choir will be joined by other choirs for what is always a lovely morning of singing.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June is the Trinity Pyramid Concert. Our choir will spend the afternoon rehearsing at Trinity with other local schools, preparing for the evening concert which starts at 6.00pm and usually lasts for just over an hour. There will be a limited number of tickets for this – more details as soon as we know them.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July is our Summer Concert, starting at 7.30pm. The Choir and Orchestra will be performing, and some of our musicians are already preparing their solos and duets. Details about this event will be sent nearer the time.

Several pupils are preparing for their music exams this term – those musicians need to be practising for at least ten minutes every day – please support them by reminding them to practise!

Mrs C Griffiths

## Charity News

Before half term there was a Bake Sale which raised £44.80 for Baby Ava's Support Foundation. The girls who were involved were:

Maya Forrest (CMBI), Abbi Kieff (MNSA), Emily Spencer (CCHU), Macy Glen (BCLO)

Well done girls!



### New 'Pupil Leadership Team' for 2018-19.

Today (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June), we launched the new Pupil Leadership Team. This was launched to current Year 7 students who wish to be a part of this team ready for the start of the new academic year in September. The aim of the 'PLT' is to empower students within or school community to become ambassadors for the school, taking on leadership roles and to be involved in the continuing development of the school towards outstanding. This was launched during an assembly and students were given job descriptions for the roles which include Head Boy and Head Girl, College Captains and Vice Captains and a team of Prefects. Students are now encouraged to write their letters of application, stating their skills/qualities and why they feel they would be good in the role.

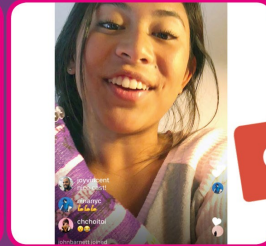
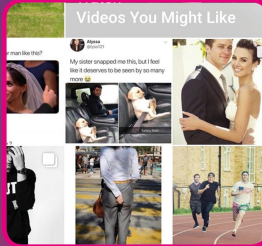
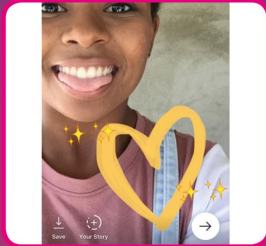
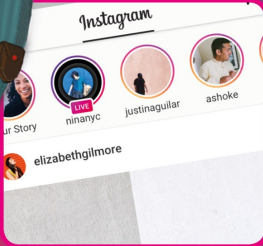
Once we have received applications, shortlisting will take place and pupils will be invited to take part in the 'Hustings' part of the process. It is important that the newly elected 'Pupil Leadership Team' represents the students and so the 'Hustings' is the students' chance to have their say. Those shortlisted for roles will give a speech before their peers stating why they should be elected. Early July will see the first of the Hustings for Head Boy and Girl, with College Hustings following on later.

I am sure you will join me in wishing all the students good luck in their application process. The 'Pupil Leadership Team' will then be announced during the Celebration Assembly on the last day of term. Please keep an eye out in the Insider for future updates.

[Ms Tomes](#)



Instagram is an image and video sharing app that allows users to share moments with the world. The app has a live streaming feature and additional add-ons, such as 'Boomerang', 'Hyperlapse' and 'Layout', which can be used to enhance their feed. Users can choose to add filters and make adjustments to their photos, such as brightness/contrast. To make their content more 'searchable', users can include hashtags in their uploads to make them easier to find.



# What parents need to know about INSTAGRAM



## LIVE STREAMING TO STRANGERS

The live stream feature on Instagram allows users to connect with their friends and followers in real-time. Followers can comment on the video during the broadcast (which can be turned off in the settings). If your child has a private account, only their approved followers can see their story. It is important to note that they still may have followers that they do not know, which means they could be live streaming to strangers. A public account allows anybody to view their story. We suggest that your child goes through their followers list and blocks people they do not know. An additional risk with live streams is that your child may do something that they regret. This could be captured by a viewer taking a screenshot and further shared around the internet.

## DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE, BODY IMAGE & MENTAL HEALTH

When influencers, celebrities or peers use filters on their photos or videos on Instagram, it can set unrealistic expectations of their own appearance and create feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem. Children may try to strive for a comparable number of likes on their own photo to an image or video that has been edited heavily.

## \*\*\*NEW FOR MAY 2018\*\*\*

### IN-APP PAYMENTS

Instagram is rolling out in-app payments for products and services directly through the app. It will operate under the same rules as Facebook Payments, which state if you are under the age of 18, you can only use Facebook Payments with the involvement of a parent or guardian.



## PHOTO / VIDEO SHARING

Posting photos and videos is Instagram's biggest selling point, so with sharing images comes risks. A photo which includes landmarks in the area, their school uniform, street name, house and even tagging in the location of the photo uploaded to Instagram can expose the child's location making it easy to locate them. If their account is not set to private, anyone can access their account and see their images.

### HIJACKED HASHTAGS

Like Twitter, hashtags are also an extremely prominent tool in Instagram and with that, comes potential risks for your child. One person may use a seemingly innocent hashtag with one thing in mind and before you know it, hundreds of people could be using the same hashtag for something inappropriate or dangerous that your child certainly shouldn't be exposed to.

### LOCATION TAGGING

Public locations can be added to a users photos/videos and also to their stories. While this may seem like a good idea at the time, it can expose your child's location; this is particularly more of a risk if it is on their story, as it is in realtime.



National Online Safety

# Top Tips for Parents



## REMOVE PAYMENT METHODS

If you are happy for your child to have a card associated with their Instagram account, we suggest adding a PIN which needs to be entered before making a payment; this will also help prevent unauthorized purchases. This can be added in the payment settings tab.

## RESTRICT MESSAGES

If your child's account is not private, anybody can message them and reply to their stories. If they do wish to keep their account public, we strongly recommend changing the message reply settings to restrict who can message them.

## \*\*\*NEW FOR MAY 2018\*\*\*

### FILTER INAPPROPRIATE COMMENTS

Instagram announced on 1st May that they now have an 'anti-bullying' filter on the app. The new filter hides comments containing attacks on a person's appearance or character, as well as threats to a person's well-being or health. The filter will also alert Instagram to repeated problems so they can take action on the user if necessary. This is an automatic filter, but it can be turned off. Make sure this is turned on in the apps settings.



## TURN OFF SHARING

Even though this feature will not stop people from taking screenshots, it will stop others being able to directly share photos and videos from a story as a message to another user. This feature can be turned off in the settings. We also recommend turning off the feature which automatically shares photos and videos from a story to a Facebook account.

## USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT

By default, any image or video your child uploads to Instagram is visible to anyone. A private account means that you have to approve a request if somebody wants to follow you and only people you approve will see your posts and videos.



### Sources

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# Trips and Visits

## 2017 - 18



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
<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
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
<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)

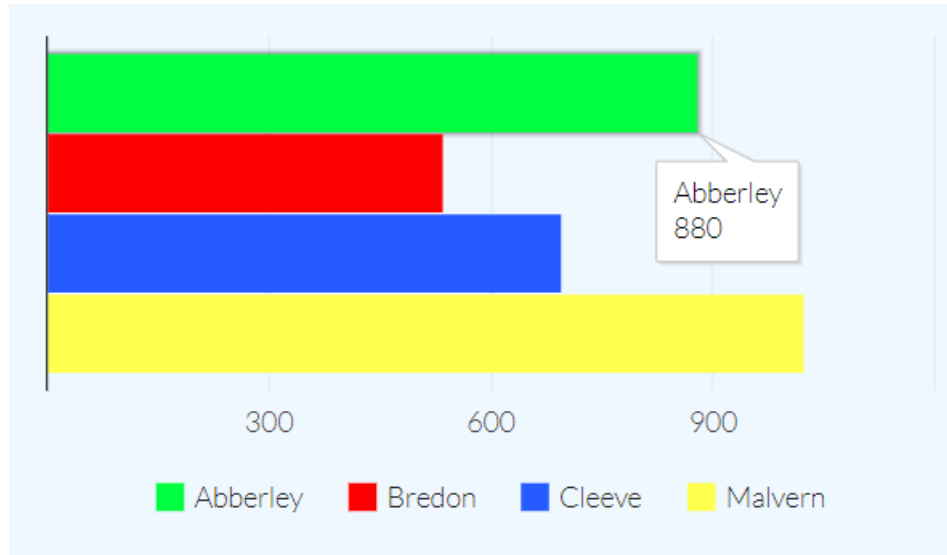




# Epraise Update



## Points This Week: By College



## Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟠 Amy Divit (AAGA) (23)
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1. 🟡 Abigayle Court (AAGA) (23)
1. 🟡 Eleanor Baldwin (AAGA) (23)
5. 🟠 Eva Greenway (AAGA) (22)
5. 🟠 Katrina Forrest (AAGA) (22)
7. 🟠 Adam Beech (AAGA) (21)
7. 🟠 Amelia Pinfold (AAGA) (21)
9. 🟠 Kieron Baker (AAGA) (20)
9. 🟠 Phoebe Tracey (AAGA) (20)



# Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2 0 1 8	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>