

Dear Parents and Carers,

Walkwood's music festival took place on Tuesday when the choirs of three first schools joined our own. Those schools were Vaynor First School, Feckenham C of E First School and Astwood Bank Primary School. Each school came with a piece of music to share with everyone, and there was the opportunity for all choirs to be able to sing together. Once again, the standard of performance was high, as was the enjoyment of those taking part. Furthermore, the richness of the sound that was generated when all participants joined together as one massed choir, was a joy to hear. Our thanks to those pupils who took part, to the staff who brought them, the staff who had worked with each choir and to our own Mrs Griffiths who led and organised the event.

This week also saw the second of our Parents' Evenings for Year 5 and Year 7. It has been very busy over the two dates, and we have appreciated the assistance from our Year 8 pupils in their various roles. Each appointment has a five minute schedule in order to allow teachers the opportunity to meet with many parents and carers from each Year 5 or Year 7 class, and although the time with each individual staff member is limited, there is the chance to spend an extended period of time in school to discuss a pupil's progress.

Our school had two visitors from Tanzania this week. Sister Monica is a nun who is also a Principal of a school, albeit one that trains teachers to work in primary schools and nurseries. Pastore Sylvester Buriani Mlaponi is a Pastor of a village church (although he and his family live in a town 20km away and he rides to the village by bicycle almost daily). They were able to be part of lessons, had a full tour of the school, and talked with a number of the pupil leadership team as well as with me. They spoke of the differences between education here and in Tanzania, noting particularly the resources we have, including the building itself. Classes in primary schools in their country can be about 100 pupils. Pastore Sylvester prayed for our school—in Swahili—before he left, and we ask for God's blessing on his work and that of Sister Monica.



Swahili Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe; *English* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

Rev C Leach
Principal

A Prayer for St. Peter

Lord Jesus,

You called Peter out to be your rock, and we pray that we can also live with a strong foundation of you. Your truth and your love will be our core, and the knowledge of you will guide our lives to become far more worthy than we could ever imagine. We pray that you call us out to join you in the depths of the world and that we may know that it is all from you.

Amen

This week's theme was:

St. Peter

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.

Matthew 16:18

Whole School Attendance – 93.81%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

04.06.18 - 08.06.18

Year 5 — 94.75%

Year 6 — 93.64%

Year 7 — 94.77%

Year 8 — 91.44%



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:	Justice	When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers. <i>Proverbs 21:15</i>
The assembly theme:	Father's Day	Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice. <i>Proverbs 23:25</i>

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

The weekend	Those over the world travelling to Russia	Monday	The players of the first England World Cup match this year
Tuesday	The relationship between the USA and North Korea	Wednesday	Walkwood's Deep Day
Thursday	Year 8's trip to London	Friday	A restful weekend for staff, pupils and parents.



New 'Pupil Leadership Team' for 2018-19.

Last Friday 8th June, we launched the new 'Pupil Leadership Team 2018-19'. This was launched to current Year 7 pupils 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 pupils within our 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 pupils were given job descriptions for each of the available 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.



The closing date for applications is Tuesday 19th June.

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 pupils in our school and so the 'Hustings' is their chance to have their say. Those shortlisted for roles will give a speech before their peers stating why they should be elected.

Friday 6th July will see the first of the Hustings for Head Boy and Girl.

Monday 9th/Tuesday 10th will see the College Hustings taking place.

I am sure you will join me in wishing all the pupils good luck in the 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
PLT Coordinator

The work undertaken by the 'PLT' has been invaluable and a great success. Here are some of the views from the team:

"This year, the pupil leadership team has really affected Walkwood and how we are as a school. The process has given so many opportunities to everyone and I am glad that I was given the opportunity to take part. We have learnt and applied skills that will help us in the future such as writing application letters and writing speeches. It took a lot of hard work but it is an amazing experience in the end."

"The pupil leadership team has been a great experience and has given everyone involved many more opportunities to share their thoughts and ideas for the school."

Being on the pupil leadership team has been fun and we have been able to help out at parents evenings and other school events.

I love being on the pupil leadership team. It has made me a lot more confident as I get to participate more in jobs and activities around the school. I love doing my duty on my set day and get to show parents around. It has been an unforgettable experience.

The pupil leadership team has been an amazing experience. It has built up my confidence and has helped me to progress in my learning.

"I enjoy being in the Pupil Leadership team because it gives me a sense of responsibility so that it is not as big a shock in later life."



Top Readers for 14th May, 2018— 14th June, 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Enya Hussain (BCLO 7) - who has read an incredible 754,347 words

Top Boy

Oliver Morgan (MHBA 5) - who has read a fantastic 396,979 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.

He is the One God; the Creator, the Initiator, the Designer. To Him belong the most beautiful names. Glorifying Him is everything in the heavens and the earth. He is the Almighty, most wise.

*The Holy Quran,
59: 24*



And your Lord says,
"Call upon Me; I will respond to you."

*The Holy Quran,
40:60*

Arts Days

Our Arts Days, next Thursday and Friday 21st and 22nd June, are nearly here. The pupils will experience two exciting days of Arts activities which are linked to their work in Humanities. In addition, pupils in Year 6 will be creating an art gallery, whilst a group of Year 8 pupils will be travelling to London for a theatre visit. Also on Friday, another Year 8 group head off to the mountains of North Wales whilst many of Year 5 set off for their trip to the Brecon Beacons.



Music Festival

Our Choir has been busy preparing for our annual music festival, which took place on Tuesday morning here at Walkwood - a super morning of singing with children from other local first schools. All the choirs learnt a selection of songs, which we all sang together, and each school entertained the others with a selection of lovely songs of their own choice. As soon as the children started singing, it was obvious that we were in for a treat because they made such an amazing sound all together. A massive well done to all our visitors and an extra special well done and thank you to Walkwood Choir who excelled once again - I am very proud of you all!

Forthcoming Music Events

Trinity Pyramid Concert – Friday 29th June: afternoon rehearsal followed by concert at 6pm. Limited tickets only.

Walkwood Summer Concert – Tuesday 10th July at 7.30pm: for families of Choir and Orchestra.

Please send all reply slips and ticket money to Mrs C Griffiths as soon as possible.



Mrs C Griffiths
Head of Music



Charity News

Last week's bake sale made £40.70 for Hannah's Wilberry Wonder Pony Organisation. The girls involved were:

Niamh Campbell (CHTR)

Niamh Jones (CCMI)

Abbie Harland (BLBO)

Eleanor Dicken (ALBA)

Well done girls!



Year 5 Information

Brecon Beacons Final Reminders

Pupils are to come to school on Friday 22nd June in their own clothes.

On the morning of 22nd June, they should bring their suitcases/bags to the stage as soon as they arrive at school. They must hand in any medicines to Mrs Cull on the stage when they drop off their bags.

Pupils will have lunch at school as normal.

They will attend their Arts Day's sessions in the morning and meet me at the end of lunchtime (1:20pm) in the hall. We will be leaving as soon as the coaches are loaded.

Do not forget they need a sleeping bag and pillow. Please refer to the information booklet for the full kit list. This was sent home with pupils if you were unable to attend the information evening.

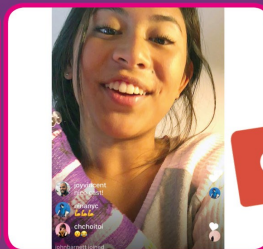
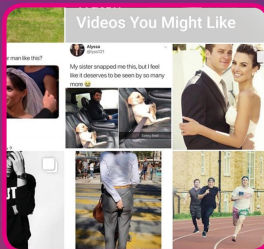
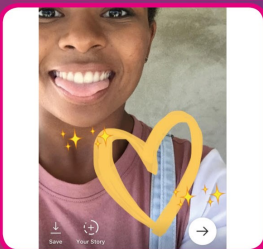
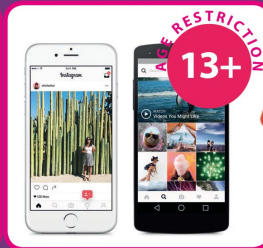
Please follow us on twitter for updates throughout the trip, including safe arrival and return time updates.



@WalkwoodSchool



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.

*****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.

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.

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.



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.

*****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.

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.

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
June					
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
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 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) (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



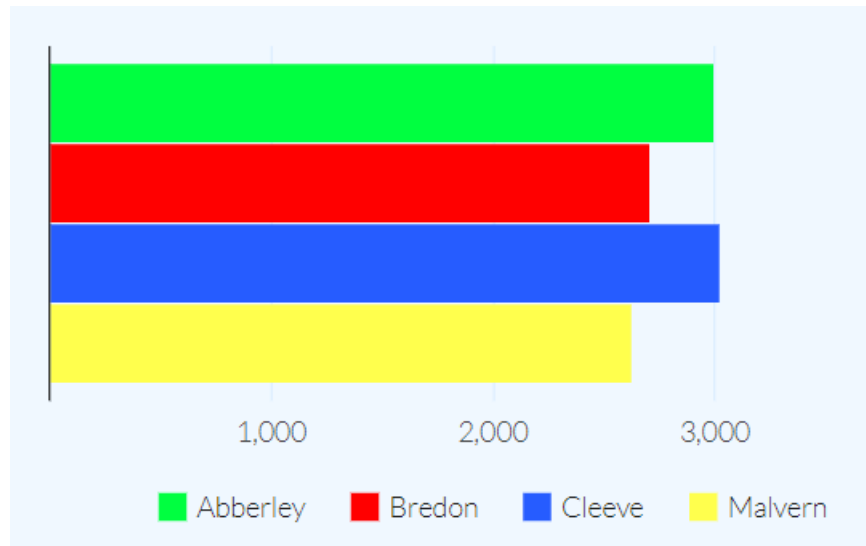
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm 5/6 Girls Rounders 3.30-4.45pm (KRE/HTR/NFO) 5/6 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWA/CHU/DPA)
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 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. 🟡 Ben Taylor (AMLA) (29)
2. 🟠 Mia Rochelle-Crombie (AAGA) (26)
3. 🟠 Finlay Smith (ARMA) (24)
4. 🟠 Sasha Jones (MHBA) (22)
4. 🟠 Caden Simpson (AMLA) (22)
4. 🟠 Jaydan Houghton (AMLA) (22)
7. 🟠 Millie Hanford (MHBA) (21)
7. 🟡 Sophie Reynolds (AMLA) (21)
9. 🟠 Isla Neale (CHTR) (20)
9. 🟠 Rhys Potter (ARMA) (20)



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