

Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been some amendments to the timetable this week to allow Year 6 to have additional sessions of English and Maths. This is not designed as a way of cramming before the SATs! It is for the well-being of the pupils before the SATs in the week after next, complimenting the work that goes on in lessons throughout the year. By having a little extra time with their teachers, the Year 6 pupils can have anxieties soothed as much as possible. As I have written before, we do not want pupils or teachers to get stressed by these assessments, and I encourage you to take the same approach at home.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:12

In the week Year 6 have SATs, our Year 8 pupils will have their final assessments with us, the details of which shall be shared with the high schools. The visits from high school staff have begun, and I know that some of our oldest pupils are a bit unsettled as they know that there are a few weeks left. We shall do all we can to reduce any anxieties, but do let us know if there are issues we can address.

We have staff at key points of the school at the start of the day, and there are teachers in particular parts of the surrounding area at the end of our day. We do this as we have a large number of pupils arriving and leaving. In the latter case, however, we cannot be everywhere, so please remind your youngster that she or he needs to be careful crossing roads and using the pavements.



As you receive this, the Cricket Tour is on its way towards Bristol and Bath—I hope they have weather that is decent enough for the scheduled games. The after-school club for the same sport was busy this week, too.

With warmer days, there is the need for pupils to keep hydrated, but also to learn that they should not be guzzling water throughout the day! Named water bottles are best, please, so that they can be filled from the three water sources around the site.

Don't forget—it's Bank Holiday on Monday, so no school .

Rev C Leach



A Prayer of Doubt

Father God,

There are many people that doubt who you are and what difference you can make. But Father we know the truth, that you are in our lives now and forever. We pray for those that doubt and need to know a touch of you, we pray that you pour out your blessing upon them, that all doubts will disappear.

In your Name,

Amen

This week's theme was:

Doubt

Jesus said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.

Luke 24: 38-39

Whole School Attendance –96.26%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

23.04.18—27.04.18

Year 5 — 97.25%

Year 6 — 96.48%

Year 7 — 95.41%

Year 8 — 95.67%



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:	Truthfulness	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>
The assembly theme:	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. <i>Psalm 1:1-2</i>

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

The weekend	A successful Cricket tour for Year 7 and 8	Monday	A restful bank holiday for staff, pupils and parents
Tuesday	The teachers and support staff of St Luke's First School	Wednesday	The NHS doctors, nurses and support staff
Thursday	The new home secretary of our country and the decisions he will make	Friday	The politicians representing Red-ditch



Year 8 - Snowdonia Trip

You have recently received a letter inviting you to an information evening for the Snowdonia trip on Tuesday 8th May from 6.30pm-7.30pm. We will be discussing and issuing the kit list, outlining the structure of a typical day and going over the trip itinerary. For those that are unable to attend we will send home the information booklet with your child.



Thank you to all who have been keeping up with the payment schedule for the trip. Just to remind you that the final instalment needs to be paid by Friday 4th May. Can any outstanding balances please be paid as soon as possible. If you have any queries as to your outstanding balance, then please contact the Finance Office at school and they can look into this for you.

We look forward to seeing you at the information evening on the 8th May. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions.

Polite reminder

Parents - Please can you check the details that we hold on 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.



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.





Top Readers for 3rd April 2018 - 3rd May 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Bailie Carr (CAMI 8) - who has read an incredible 440,951 words

Top Boy

Charlie Senior (CCHU 5) - who has read a fantastic 644,346 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>



Place2Be



In March we collected 10p pieces to support the work of Place2Be which assists with the education of young people to be respectful to others on-line and not to be hurtful to others. We raised a fantastic £128 for this worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Some useful handwriting tips

General hand exercises

Crumple up tissues or tissue paper - progressing on to newspaper - into the smallest tightest ball that you can manage.



Don't forget to wash your hands afterwards

Sponge Squeezing—have 2 bowls one containing water . Place sponge in the bowl of water and squeeze into the empty bowl.



Water spray bottle activities around the home i.e. spray garden plants .

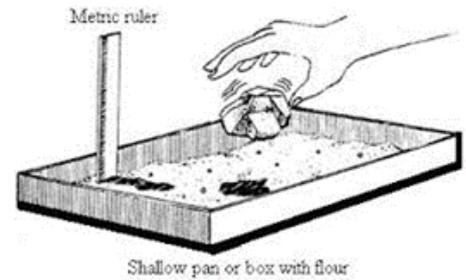


Science Club

This week the children have been investigating craters.

The children realised that a crater is formed when an object, usually a meteorite, collides with the surface of a planet.

The size of the crater depends on the mass of the object, the angle of the collision and the velocity at which the meteorite strikes.



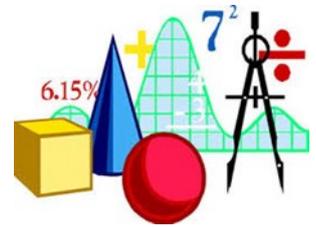
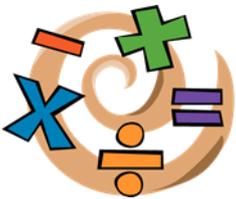
Dates for your diary -
Science Club will not
take place on
17th July 2018
or
24th July 2018



Year 6 English Revision Sessions

From January the English department will be running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support you with your SATs in May. You can decide which sessions you would benefit from. Your English teacher will then award you with a merit on Epraise for each session you have attended. **If you attend 15 sessions, you will be awarded a 'Commitment to English SATs' Achievement Badge on Epraise.** You should bring a packed lunch or meal deal to the relevant room at the start of lunchtime.

Date	Teacher/Rm	Topic
Wednesday 9 th May	RBR R16	Contractions
Friday 11 th May	LST R16	Reading: retrieving relevant information



Year 6 Maths Revision Sessions

From January, the Maths department will be running revision sessions for Year 6 pupils to support them with their SATs in May. Pupils can decide which sessions they would benefit from. All Year 6 pupils have been given the timetable below so that they can select which sessions to attend.

Pupils will be award with an Epraise point for each session they attend. If pupils attend 15 sessions or more they will be awarded with the 'Commitment to Maths SATs' Epraise Achievement Badge.

Pupils should bring a packed lunch or meal deal to the relevant room at the start of lunchtime.

Date	Teacher and room	Topic
Tuesday 8 th May	CLo - Room 6	Word problems involving all operations
Thursday 10 th May	LCu - Room 5	Time problems and timetables



Trips and Visits

2017 - 18



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
May					
Fri 18—Mon 21	Outward Bound	Yorkshire	Y6	£ 270	Mr Sanders
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



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



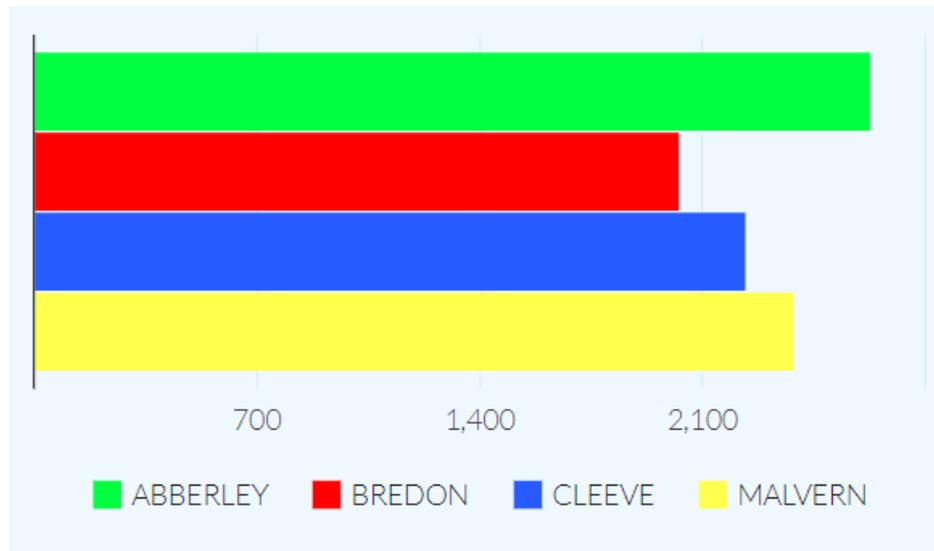
Thursday	Homework Club Library	Choir (all year groups) Music Room 12.50-1.20pm (CGR) Green Ambassadors Club All years Week 2 only 12.35 – if you need a lunch pass collect from MBI	Homework Club Library 3.30–4.30pm 5/6 Girls Rounders 3.30-4.45pm (KRE/HTR/NFO) 5/6 Boys Cricket 3.30-4.45pm (SWA/CHU/DPA)
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. 🟡 Tyler Baker (AAGA) (29)
2. 🟠 Zac Abdullah (AMLA) (28)
3. 🟠 Ruby Savage (AMLA) (27)
3. 🟡 Junaid Akhtar (MHBA) (27)
5. 🟠 Laiba Rahouf (CCMI) (26)
6. 🟠 Freya Harley (AAGA) (25)
6. 🟠 Eleanor Baldwin (AAGA) (25)
8. 🟠 Fizz Stanley (MPJE) (24)
8. 🟠 Adam Beech (AAGA) (24)
8. 🟡 Angel Ebanks (MMMGM) (24)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	Tuesday 8 May	Y8 Snowdonia information evening 6.30 pm
	Wednesday 16 May	Y5 Brecon Beacons information evening 6.30 pm
	Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June	Half-Term
	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	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