



# TGS News

5th May 2023 Summer Term - Issue 16

## Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

### Let the festivities begin!

We are delighted to start the celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla with a red, white and blue dress-down day and a regal themed lunch in the conservatory, including the Coronation Quiche.



Donations from the dress-down will go to the Prince's Trust, a youth charity set up by Prince Charles that helps young people aged 11 to 30 to get into jobs, education and training.



### A Floral Tribute

In honour of King Charles III's devotion to English Parks and Gardens, on the subject of which he has written many books, we are inviting all of our students to grow their own flowers at home.

Each student has been given a packet of seeds bearing the King's official commemorative emblem and we would be delighted to see photos of the flowers growing in your gardens when they come up in the summer - please email your photos to [pas@thegreggschools.org](mailto:pas@thegreggschools.org)



## Townhill Park's Royal Connection

Lord and Lady Swaythling lived at Townhill Park House (our main school building) in the early 1900s and were good friends with the royal family.

Queen Mary was a regular visitor to Townhill Park House (see in the photo on the right, the Queen in the light coloured coat by Lady Swaythling) and even had a bedroom dedicated to her visits (Room 11). She liked to wander through the flower garden to the Italian terrace in the Sunk Garden during her visits.

Lord and Lady Swaythling were invited to the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary and can be seen here (left) dressed for the auspicious occasion on 22nd June 1910.



## Gardens Open Day

Our Gardens Open Day on Monday 1st May was very well supported this year with over 400 visitors who came along to explore the grounds.



They were also treated to some excellent music from our Musicians, a superb Regency dance routine from the Duke of Wellington Dancers and a classic car display.

Our next Gardens Open Day will be on Sunday July

2nd from 2pm until 5pm, where the herbaceous borders should be looking resplendent with their summer blooms.

## Open Day

Everyone is invited to our Open Day on Saturday June 24th from 10am – 1pm. Classrooms will be open and students' work on display. If you would like to attend or know any families that are interested in a Gregg School education for their child please register using the link below.

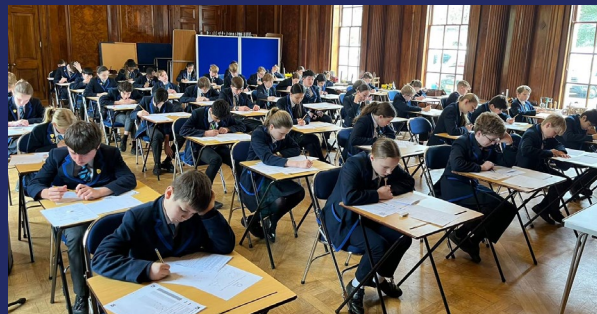
<https://bit.ly/3UIIMlp>

## Maths News

### Junior UKMT Maths Challenge

Well done to the 48 students in Years 7 and 8 who were selected to take part in the Junior UKMT Challenge on Thursday 27th April.

Students each receive a Challenge Learning Habit for taking part.



If students would like to practice more questions from past UKMT papers they can do so through DrFrost.

Try it for yourself! Question 12 from this years paper:

One afternoon, Brian the snail went for a slither at a constant speed. By 1:50pm he has slithered 150 centimetres. By 2:10pm he had slithered 210 centimetres. When did Brian start his slither?

- A Noon
- B 12:20pm
- C 12:30pm
- D 12:45pm
- E 1pm

*Answer at the end of the Newsletter*

In the 20 minutes between 1:50pm and 2:10pm, Brian slithered  $(210 - 150) \text{ cm} = 60 \text{ cm}$ . So Brian slithered at a rate of 3 cm per minute and therefore took 50 minutes to slither 150 cm. Hence Brian started his slither at 1pm.

### MathsWatch and DrFrost March Winners

Well done to the students below who finished in the top three of their year in March and will each receive 10 Learning habits stickers!

#### Mathswatch:

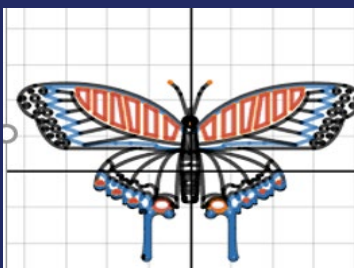
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Lexie P	Marc V	Oliver H	William D	Nicholas S
Samuel H	Sebastian R	Grace P	Sarah-Jane R	James S
Jay J	Alexander T	Harley G	Emily A	Luca H

### DrFrost Maths:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Elise B	Zachary R	Pippa W	Nicole G	James S
Leo C	Hilary-Ann A-A	Helena R	William D	Ben N
Benjamin P	Sebastian R	Grace P	Lucas H	Alice B

### Desmos Art

In recent years, we've seen a growing number of classrooms around the world undertaking Maths art projects using a system entitled 'Desmos'. These projects involve using various equations and



inequalities in the free Graphing Calculator (available through Firefly) to create some truly impressive pictures (example above).

This year our Maths Ambassadors are running The Gregg School's Key Stage 3 'Desmos Art House Competition'. The Top 3 from each age group will be judged by the Maths Ambassadors and Miss Mobasher and will also be awarded House points: 1st=10 points, 2nd=8 points, 3rd=6 points, participation=1 point towards their House.

Students may submit entries of their Desmos Art by May 22nd and the winner in each of the three age categories will win a Pizza Party during Maths Club on Wednesday after school.

A link to the task can be found below:  
<https://gregg.fireflycloud.net/set-tasks/52211>

Miss Mobasher

## Drama News

Congratulations to our Oscar of The Week winners, Ety T (Year 9) and Jemma R (Year 10). The girls shared the award last week due to their amazing teamwork and performances as Robin Hood and Maid Marian. These two were also extremely positive throughout the many long hours of rehearsals and were a pleasure to work with. Well done to you both.



This week, the Oscar was awarded to Lexie P (Year 7). Lexie was incredibly focused and worked outside her comfort zone during a physical theatre workshop.



The workshop was based around "Alice in Wonderland" and used some techniques inspired by Frantic Assembly, the top physical theatre company in the UK. Well done Lexie, great work!

### Scriptwriting Competition

The end of April also saw the culmination of the National Theatre's "New Views" scriptwriting competition.

Six students managed to complete the challenge of writing a 30 minute play and we are now waiting with bated breath to find out if any of them will get through to the next stage.



Congratulations to the following students for their plays:

- Juliet L (Year 10): Kevin's Duffel
- Jasmine A (Year 10): Wilder Beasts
- Sophia D and Alina L (Year 10): Lost in a World That Makes Completely No Sense
- Hannah K (Year 9): Faithful
- Jessica C (Year 10): Exploration and The Discovery of Friendship



Finally, away from The Gregg Drama Department, I wanted to highlight a great local opportunity for our Drama enthusiasts, both on and offstage.

The MAST (Mayflower Studios) have announced auditions for their Christmas show, "A Christmas Carol". The announcement states that the production will need actors, singers, dancers, and backstage crew, all of which would be an amazing experience for any of our students.

You can find out more info here: <https://www.mayflowerstudios.org.uk/what-s-on/christmas-youth-production-2023-auditions/>

Please note that registration closes on the 4th of June.

I would love to hear from anyone who is getting involved!

Wishing you all a wonderful Coronation weekend!

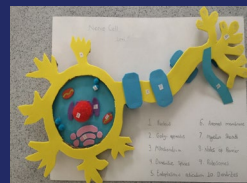
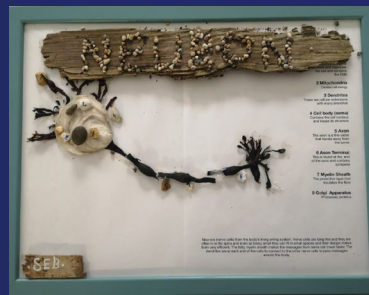
Mrs Azor

## Science News

### Model Winners

Congratulations to the following students who won the House Cell Model Competition.

1st Sebastian R, 2nd Lexi P and 3rd Boudicca W



### Scientists of the Month

Congratulations to the Scientist of the Month for Key Stage 3 Sebastian R (Year 8) who has consistently produced excellent work in Science both in practical and written work, and to Key Stage 4 student Fraser W (Year 10) who has been working very hard with his revision for the upcoming Science exams.



## Wall of Fame

We're looking forward to seeing our Horticultural Apprentice and Class of 2022 student Ben Young on the Wall of Fame at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show this year!

The Wall of Fame is being created by the Chartered Institute of Horticulture using Horticulture students and as Ben is doing exceptionally well both in his studies at Sparsholt College and in his practical work in our school grounds, he has been selected to be included in this prestigious display. Well done Ben.



## FROGS News

### FROGS Meeting

Everyone is invited to the next FROGS Meeting to be held on Tuesday 9th May at 3:45pm at the school.

EVERYONE WELCOME  
TO THE FROGS MEETING  
TUESDAY 9TH MAY, 3.45PM  
THE GREGG SCHOOL



WELCOME TO THE FROGS!

- We are a friendly group of parents and staff who organise events to raise money for the students and school.
- We have lots of fun social events in the calendar so please do come along and support us.
- We are also always delighted to welcome new members, if you would like to find out more, join the FROGS or have any spare time to help at our regular social events, please email  
Jilly or Sam on:  
chair.frogs@thegreggschools.org  
secretary.frogs@thegreggschools.org

### Anyone for Pizza?

The FROGS invite you to a Pizza and Prosecco Night in school on Friday 9th June 7-9pm.

The ticket price is £10 and includes food and three drinks.

This is always a fun, relaxed evening to meet and socialise with other parents in our beautiful grounds.

Sign up using the link below:

<https://thegregg.applicaa.com/events/10>

Any queries please email the FROGS Secretary: [secretary.frogs@thegreggschools.org](mailto:secretary.frogs@thegreggschools.org)

## THE FROGS WELCOME YOU TO JOIN OUR PIZZA & PROSECCO NIGHT

TICKETS ONLY £10 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES  
FOOD AND 3 DRINKS.  
OPTION TO PURCHASE MORE DRINKS ON THE  
NIGHT.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
[SECRETARY.FROGS@THEGREGGSCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:SECRETARY.FROGS@THEGREGGSCHOOLS.ORG)



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## Dancing Queen

On 2 April, Cee-Cee J (Year 10) had her first competition with her new dance partner, Isa, at the South of England Open to the World Championships. They only had six weeks to get ready but with only a few months left in the junior age category, they needed to get out and cut their teeth.

It was a tough introduction with dancers from as far afield as China. They performed really well though and set themselves up for the coming months.

Over the past week or so, they've spent a week in Blackpool, firstly at the European Championships and then the world-renowned Blackpool Junior Dance Festival, which includes the British Open Championships. They've pitted themselves against the very best in the world and have performed better and better each day.

They're well set now for the run up to the United Kingdom Closed Championships in July and for the World Championships and British National Championships in November.

We wish Cee-Cee luck in her forthcoming competitions.

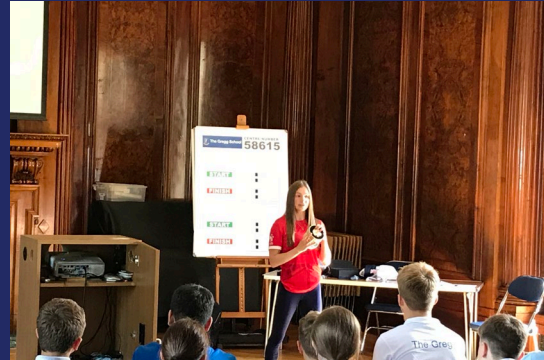


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## Elite Sports Presentation Guest

The students in our Elite Sports Programme enjoyed a visit from England and GB gymnast

Kelly Simm this week. They were treated to a practical session, involving some dynamic stretching and body conditioning, building up to (attempting in some cases!) handstands.



Kelly talked about her journey and career, especially how she juggled training and schoolwork when she was younger, very relevant to our young sporting stars. Hard work and organisation is the key!

Mr Wilford

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## Red Roses

29 Gregg School students and three staff were lucky enough to attend the Women's Six Nations Grand Slam decider at Twickenham, between France and England last Saturday. With both teams having won all their four games in the tournament to date, this last game was the perfect end.

Bad traffic on the M3 caused a serious delay for us and time was very tight. A very brisk walk to the stadium meant that the first bars of 'La Marseillaise' were thundering out as we took our seats.



Sitting almost behind the goalpost of England's end for the first half, we were able to witness at first hand a ferocious and sustained French attack on the England line that lasted at least 12 minutes. Wave upon wave of blue shirts broke upon the Red Roses' white wall of defence. Despite the continued French possession, the French players were frequently sent back by the power of England's tackles. Eventually England were able to turn the ball over, and fast hands to the right wing set free a running back to score the first points via an unconverted England try.



For the rest of the second quarter, English power in the tackle, scrum and driving play held sway. This resulted in several tries and two French yellow cards.



With a half time score of 33 – 0 in the home side's favour, many, including this correspondent, expected one way traffic in the second half and the Red Roses to score a hat full of points. No one, however, had told the French women it was time to hoist the white flag, and whether it was the memory of their men folk's unbelievable comeback at the same stadium two dozen years ago in the Rugby World Cup, or just some garlic eclairs at half-time, no one knows!

What is certain is that the second half belonged to those in blue. With sustained slick handling, pace, nifty footwork and clever running lines they put the home side under immense pressure.

While the Red Roses defended purposefully, half breaks soon became full breaks and the women in blue ran in several tries in the second stanza, to England's return of just one try. With the French scoring on the stroke of time, England won by 38-33. Many of us in white were glad the game ended then.



Truly a game of two halves, with England (only just) a worthy winner, a French victory would have been no travesty and they can head back across La Manche with heads held high.

This was a great day out, a great advertisement for the values of rugby (any student booing French scores was quickly informed that polite applause or silence was the correct response to the opposition scoring in this type of football). They also saw at first hand supporters of both sides milling around, enjoying each other's company and the game, in adjacent seats in a respectfully manner, despite the bars being open and very well frequented (not by Gregg staff or students I must add).



The game was a great showcase for the growing women's game and women's sport in general. Perhaps some of the Gregg girls present today could be doing their own lap of honour holding the trophy or refereeing a men's game at the same venue in five or ten years time...

Thank you to Mrs Crowther for all the organisation for a fantastic day out.

Mr Piggott



## Blitz Diary

Year 9 have been treated to the real diary entries of Mrs Duff's father's Blitz writing during WW2. Mrs Duff's father was evacuated from the city of Southampton and moved to Awbridge a country village (just outside Romsey). He wrote a diary that Year 9 will be reading during their Blitz lessons.



Miss Duff's father writes with maturity far beyond his young years and regales stories of life on a farm compared to life in the busy city. This diary will be available for all students in the school to read in the History resources section on Firefly.

Miss Whittaker

## Buzzing Around...

Many thanks to one of our parents, Mr Whitmore, for his very kind donation of a log hive to the school for our bees. This has been installed on one of our trees to encourage and complement our existing bee colonies.



The log hive is bee-centred beekeeping and is an approach guided by the biology and nature of the honeybee. The bee-centred method is non-intrusive, low intensity and minimal stress for

bees and beekeeper. You can find out more details here:

<https://beekindhives.uk/bee-centred-beekeeping/>

We are happy to report that there is already a colony of bees that have taken up residence and our thanks to Mr Whitmore for the donation of the log hive.



## Happy Campers

Well done to the Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award participants who have experienced their first expedition, camping and cooking at school before embarking on a day's walk in the New Forest using a route they had planned themselves.



Some geographical misplacement aside, it was a successful expedition.

Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to support us.

Mr Wilford



## MFL Linguists of the Month

Congratulations to Pippa H (Year 7), Sebastian R (Year 8), Juliana L (Year 9), Henry P (Year 10) and Paul S (Year 11) who have been awarded MFL Linguists of the Month.



## Spring Term Historians

Congratulations to the Spring term Historian winners. This was awarded to Tilly F (Year 9) for Key Stage 3 and to Amber H (Year 11) for Key Stage 4. They are both proud of their certificates and have been given a very large bar of chocolate to celebrate! Mrs Walker



## Football Reports by Mr Wilford

### Junior House Football

Congratulations to Trojan house for winning the junior house 11-a-side football tournament last Friday thanks to goals from Jaime R, Harry L and Archie L.

Spartan finished 2nd and Roman 3rd with nearly 40 boys taking part!



### Senior Girls

From The Gregg School's first ever girls football team to the cup final in two years, the senior girls have progressed really well.

It wasn't to be on the day as they narrowly lost 2-1 to a strong Wildern team. Well done to the girls involved.



### ISA Girls Football Tournament

An U13 girls football team travelled to Lingfield College in Surrey to take part in a 7-a-side competition. They won every game except one, to come home with a silver medal. Well done to all those in the squad, especially goal scorers Lexie P in Year 8, Izzy E and Lily C. Amelie W was solid in defence as well.



### U13 Boys

An impressive 40 boys attended training for the Junior Boys` team, giving Mr Wilford a real selection headache!



Plenty of rotation saw most of the boys play a part in a school match, with the team gaining some mixed results, with two 0-0 draws and a thrashing from Upper Shirley High. They showed great

character to bounce back to beat Regents Park 5-0! Well done to all who played, especially the stars of the team; Sam H, Declan and Archie in Year 7, and Yasin and Marc in Year 8. At the end of the season they finished in a respectable fourth place.

### Year 9 Boys

In Year 9, the footballers have the opportunity to play in a single year group team. We need the boys to show commitment and hard work to put out a competitive team every week, and they certainly did this throughout the season but without managing to get that elusive win they truly deserved. They had a string of frustrating draws, 2-2, 4-4 and even a 5-5 against Cantell, which placed them third in the league.

### U16 Boys

Another league victory to report for the Year 10/11 boys football team. Four wins out of Four including an 8-0 thrashing of Regents Park handed the boys the title by a comfortable distance.

They scored 16 goals in total, double the amount of the team in second. Congratulations to all the boys especially captains Ben N and Max C, and also Finley C for running things in midfield.

### U13 Girls

The Junior Girls had an amazing season, only losing once when several players were unavailable. They beat every other team comfortably, barely conceding a goal and scoring 30 goals in six games.

The season culminated in a winner-takes-all title decider, where our girls triumphed over Cantell 3-0. It is hard to pick out "stars of the season" as there is quality throughout the team. However, Lexie P and Izzy E have been excellent all season. On the rare occasion the defence faltered the opposition found themselves against the quality of Avani in goal. Medal ceremony (and pizza party) is to follow next week.

Congratulations girls!



## U15 Girls

The Senior Girls` team secured some impressive results this season, beating some much larger state schools in league and cup competitions. The momentum and quality have been building over the last two years and the girls almost surprised themselves by beating Regents Park 7-1 in their opening game. A narrow win over Cantell with defeats to Hamble, Redbridge and Woodlands resulted in a fourth place finish. It was a different story in the cup with revenge gained on Woodlands with a 3-2 victory thanks to a wonder goal from Grace K. This was after a 5-1 win in the quarter final over St George's.

The final against Wildern was a close fought affair. The girls showed great resilience, after our first-choice goalie and centre back went off injured, to equalise in the second half through an amazing solo goal from Annabel P. It wasn't meant to be as Wildern scored a winner in the second half. It was a great performance against a team that won last year's cup final with ease. Well done to all the girls especially the stars, Annabel P, Sarah-Jane R and Lexie P and Izzy E.

On the 3rd May, 39 students across all year groups took part in our Summer term concert. For many students, this was their first formal performance, and they were fantastic! The varied programme included Jazz, Classical, Pop, Musical Theatre and Rock. The students were buzzing afterwards, and the audience had a great time!

Well done to all students involved and thank you to parents, family, friends and staff who came along!

Miss Parrott

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## Music Notes

It has been a busy week for students in the Music Department. The Jazz Band had their first ever performance at the Gardens Open Day on Monday, in the lovely setting of the terrace.



Despite some gusts of wind playing havoc with the sheet music they played a fantastic set, with some lovely solos from Amelia S and Alina L.



## Red Lodge Fundraiser

Red Lodge Swimming Pool (where some of our swimming lessons are held) are holding a fundraiser to pay for solar panels for their roof.

If you would like to get involved please see details below:



**RED LODGE GOES GREEN**

Save the date.....  
Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June

During May half term, Red Lodge Community Pool will be holding a **Sponsored Swim** to raise funds to off-set some of the costs of our new solar panels

£££ Raise funds for your community pool  
Get fit and have fun  
Act on climate change

Get involved...all ages and abilities are welcome to take part (not just children)

Further details to follow on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May

To register your interest (this does not commit you to anything; it will just give us an idea of numbers), please just send an email to [office@redlodge swim.com](mailto:office@redlodge swim.com) by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May** saying:

I'm in

## Prima Ballerina!



Anna M (Year 8) was lucky enough to perform with the English Youth Ballet in Swan Lake at Kings Theatre Portsmouth at the weekend.

Anna auditioned earlier this year along with dancers from across the South of England and was awarded a place and cast as a swan.

Following the casting session, she took part in around 60 hours of training and rehearsals through April culminating in technical and dress rehearsals and three performances at Kings theatre Portsmouth last weekend. What a wonderful experience!

## Dates to Look Out For

**Monday 8th May – Coronation Day Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 9th May – FROGS Meeting 3:45pm**

**Thursday 11th and Friday 12th May – Year 10 House Rounders**

**Friday 19th May – Year 10 D of E Practice Camp**

**Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th May – Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening**

**Thursday 25th May – Gregg's Got Talent Final – Barton Peveril College**

**Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – Half Term**

*Maths Answer: E 1pm*