

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Thursday 13th October – Open Evening 4-7pm (school closes at 1pm)

Friday 14th October - KS3 trip to Mayflower to see The Lion King

Friday 14th October – Junior and Senior Boys House Football

Friday 14th October – Senior Girls House Netball

Monday 17th - 18th Tuesday October – Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 20th October – Year 9 Information Evening

Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd October Y9/ Y11 trip to Ypres

Half Term: 24th October – 4th November



TGS News

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Bovington Tank Museum



Year 9 History students visited the Bovington Tank Museum last week and, as always, it did not disappoint!

Visiting a mock trench was the highlight for many students who enjoyed having the chance to see what life in the Great War would have really been like for a 'Tommy'. The workshops on medicine in the trenches were interesting and fun, with students dressing up as medical officers, nurses and stretcher-bearers in order to save their injured comrades.

Last Wednesday, the X population of Year 9 were able to spend quality time walking around the Museum learning how tanks have developed over time since the First World War and greatly enjoyed the experience of being inside a real battle tank.



On Thursday, the Y population highlighted the excellent shop in the Museum as a chance to buy some war memorabilia (including tank slippers!) and the games room where students were able to choose a tank to fight in an online battle.

Overall, an excellent trip for Year 9 to see some of the machines that changed the nature of warfare and the History department are excited to continue our studies of the First World War with this new information!

Miss Whittaker



What a Hike



On the 24th and 25th of September we completed our expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. We arrived early at school on the Saturday morning and got ready to leave for the New Forest.



The four walking groups split into two bigger groups, so we could meet up with our Assessors and get ready to walk to the campsite. We had a brief meeting with

our assessors, discussing the things we would be doing and testing some of the things that we had learnt previously.

After that, the different groups set off and followed the routes that we had planned before. Along the way, we met with different teachers and the Assessors, to make sure we were on track.



We enjoyed the views of the New Forest, taking lots of pictures for our D of E project.



It was all hands on deck once we reached the campsite. We started off by setting up our tents and sleeping bags and after that we got into some comfier clothes, set up our camping stoves and then enjoyed a nice hot meal.

We all had a great time at the campsite, laughing, chatting, and playing football. Before we camped down for the night we made sure that we had everything ready for the Sunday.



We woke up really early, had breakfast, packed our tents away, packed our bags and left the campsite around 9:00 am. We followed our second route to the car park where we would meet up with the Assessors so we could have a meeting with them to check our progress, and then go back to school. The walk was 12k, like the one on Saturday, and we continued working on the project throughout the walk, taking pictures whenever we could.

We were all very tired at the end, but we all had a great time and passed our DofE! Thank you to the teachers that came to support us on the weekend.

Camila A, Jaz O and Tilly W (Year 11)

European Day of Languages

We had a wonderful week celebrating European Day of Languages last week. Firstly, the Year 7 students were tasked with creating a Poster to advertise our Euro Cafe and we were very impressed by their efforts. Well done to Elliot in Year 7, winner of the completion.



Each year group then had an assembly to learn some key facts about languages and to help them see the advantages that language learning can bring.

Wednesday was the big day where we celebrated with our ever-popular Euro Cafe at break time.



In fact, it was so popular we continued it at lunchtime! There were churros, apfelstrudle and croissants on offer, not to mention the amazing decorated cakes which were sold to raise money for the MacMillan Cancer Support charity. Well done to Lexi P in Year 7 who won the best decorated cake.



Students were also really enthusiastic to join in our 'Guess the name of the Teddy' competition, which of course had to be a European name and they made a great effort at practising their numbers in guessing how many sweets were in the jar.

The funds raised for this also went to Macmillan Cancer Support.



In total we raised £301 for charity and what a wonderful week of celebrating it was. Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the celebrations in every way, big and small.

Mrs Lay

Fantastic Fundraising!

In addition to raising £301 for Macmillan, we also had a fundraising non-uniform day on Friday which raised over £600 for Jeans for Genes. Many thanks for your support with both these initiatives.



Scientists of the Month

Congratulations to Key Stage 3 student Oliver A (Year 8) and Key Stage 4 student is Eva P-L (Year 11) who are the Scientists of the Month for September.

Oliver has produced excellent pieces of Science homework this year, and Eva has worked very hard in Biology, always trying her best to understand and to complete homework tasks.



Leaver's Presentation Evening



It was lovely to see so many of our 2022 Year 11 leavers at Barton Peveril College last week for their Presentation Evening. The evening was a great opportunity for the cohort to catch up with each other and a fitting celebration of their fantastic GCSE Results this year.

Birds of Prey

Thank you to Sharandys Birds of Prey who came into school on Monday with their beautiful birds.

They gave a talk to Year 8 students about the different birds and how they seek out their prey, after which students had an opportunity to get up close and photograph them as part of their Art project.



News from the LRC

The return to the LRC after the summer break has been welcomed and complemented by our new Year 7 students.



Due to popular demand, the anime and graphic novel collection has been growing and I am always keen to hear from our students what they would like to see. I always encourage them to talk books with me!

The latest acquisitions have been The Legend of Zelda and The Warrior Cats' series which have been very popular so far.

The LRC is open every break and lunch time for all students, to read, undertake school work or research. Students are encouraged to pursue and indulge their bookish interests.

It is expected that students use the space during their leisure time to regain a sense of calm, ready and prepared for the rest of the school day.

Book Buzz

October sees each Year 7 and 8 student being gifted a book of their choice from a selection chosen by the Book Trust. It seems there will be a Book Buzz in the air to accompany the autumnal nip...

Why is reading so Important?

It is never too soon to get reading. Reading widely and for pleasure in Year 7 and Year 8 puts students in excellent stead for future studies and also embeds a lifelong love of reading and books regardless of what they go on to do in life.

Reading helps you learn more about yourself, about others, and how to navigate and try to understand the world around you.

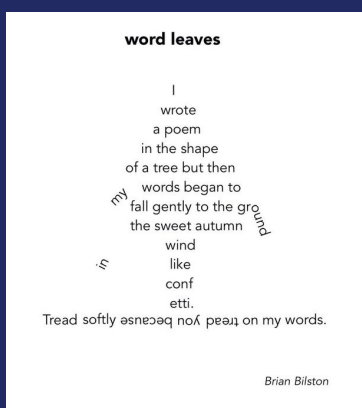
There really is no downside to reading - benefiting academically, personally and socially.



National Poetry Day

Yesterday was National Poetry Day – an excellent opportunity to indulge in some poetry. This year the theme is ‘The Environment’.

We have a great collection of poetry books in the LRC and I would love to receive any submissions that this poem may inspire (see picture).



‘Word Leaves’ evokes thoughts around the fragility of nature and changing seasons demonstrating that there is no hard and fast rule to poetry writing.

Warm autumnal wishes, Ms King

Taking Silver

Well done to Year 7 student Elliott S who recently took part in the British National Taekwondo Championships, reaching the quarter finals.

Elliott also had great success at the BTS Southern Counties Open Championships last weekend, winning a silver medal.



Football Success

Last Thursday the U15s boys football team played Oasis Sholing and won with an impressive score of 4:1. After a quick turnaround from the postponed City Athletics competition held at Southampton Sports Centre, our senior athletes rushed back to play the match (nine of the starting team were involved in the competition).

Our team started off well and had the lion’s share of the possession. However, after several chances, the score was still 0:0 in the first quarter. As the pressure built Sholing were able to set up some good counter attacks which tested Joe S in goal, but he dealt with them well. Ben N took his chance in the box after a corner and scored with 10 minutes of the half to go.

This appeared to spur the students on and with new found confidence Beau B also scored after driving into the box from mid-range to take us into half time 2:0.

Sholing had minimal subs and looked tired in the second half. Finley C and Ben N were starting to find space in the midfield and this led to another goal from Beau B. To their credit Sholing responded to pull it back 3:1 but Kyle P put the final nail in the coffin with moments to go to take the lead out of Sholing's grasp at 4:1. Joe S was a reassuring last line of defence as GK and both Finley C and Ben N worked tirelessly in midfield to ensure we maintained the bulk of possession. Well done all involved.

Mr Barritt

House Netball

House netball got off to a flying start this year with Year 7 taking to the court first. Roman took an early lead against Spartan with the half time score 4-1. In the second half, Norah A displayed a shooting masterclass which meant that Roman won 12-2. In the second game, Roman were up against Trojan and again Norah and Amelie dominated the shooting and the game finished 6-0. Next up it was time for Spartan to play Trojan. Darcy and Elise helped Trojan take a 3-0 lead at half time with some great shooting. In the second half, Spartan made a come back with Zoe scoring 2 goals, unfortunately Spartan couldn't do enough and Trojan took the win 3-2. The final standings were: Roman in first place, Trojan in second place and Spartan in third place.



The Year 8s were up next and the competition was very close throughout the whole tournament. First up were Roman against Spartan and after some impressive goals from Lexie P and Connie, the score was 2-2. In the second half Spartan just took the lead with some good passing and ended up winning 4-3.

Next to take to the court was Trojan and Roman, the defence worked relentlessly to stop any goals from being scored, however Lexie from Roman was able to get through the defence to make the final score 1-0.

Everything was still to play for going into the last game with Spartan taking on Trojan. Trojan took an early lead in the first half but were unable to score in the second half.

Spartan scored a fantastic goal from Juliette but were unable to get any more which meant that Trojan took the win 3-1. This meant that each team had one win and therefore the result was based on goal difference.

The final standings were: Trojan in first place, Roman in second place and Spartan in last place.

Well done everyone! Miss Hadfield



Football Festival

16 girls from across four year groups travelled to LVS Ascot to take part in a 6-a-side tournament.



The increase in popularity of girls' football was there for all to see as 14 junior girls' teams and 12 senior girls' teams were in attendance. Our teams both sailed through the group stages undefeated with the junior team winning three out of four games. They then won their quarter final 2-0 before coming unstuck to a well worked set piece in the semi-final, to narrowly lose 2-1.

Avani played well in goal, and Amelia and Cordelia were strong in defence. Lexie P, Namrita, Lily C, Jana and Izzy E were all amongst the goals on the day.



The senior team conceded first in their quarter final but staged a great comeback, with Annabel P scoring a hat trick to win 3-1. They too were defeated in the semi-final by a single goal. Carrie F was great in defence and Grace K and Jemma R must be tired after running up and down the wings all day!

Both teams lost their 3rd place game to finish in 4th place. A fantastic achievement for the teams and we are already thinking about how to do better next year!

Mr Wilford

Cunliffe City Athletics

Around 70 students from Years 8 to 11 were involved in the Cunliffe City Athletics (named in honour of our former Head of PE) at Southampton Outdoor Sports Centre on Thursday 29th September.

We gained some great results, finishing above local state schools with much larger cohorts. The team results were impressive, with the boys finishing 4th and the girls 3rd overall.

When broken down, the Year 11 boys and Year 9 girls were both placed third. Our Year 11 girls came second to Upper Shirley High, missing out on the top spot by a mere 8 points (82/90).

Individual results were fantastic, with bronze medals for Georgia H, Max C, Seb D, Harriet D,



Eddie H, Helena R, Mishka B and the Year 11 boys' relay team. Silver medals went to Miles H, Jemma R, Amelia B, Eva PL, Emily R, Finlay C, Pippa W, Zoe L, Alex D and the Year 10 girls' relay team. Finally, event winners were Harrison S, Ben N, Beau B, Oceana A, Annabel P, Polly S, Nadine M, Madi TY and Jess K.



Well done to all the students who behaved impeccably throughout the day, supporting each other to perform their best.

Mr Wilford



Marathon Runner

We are hugely proud of Mrs Crowther who ran her own marathon last Sunday in aid of JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund), a charity incredibly special to her. Although times are incredibly tight at the moment, if anyone would like to or feel they can spare any sponsorship Mrs Crowther would be incredibly grateful.



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Well done Mrs Crowther!

Drama News

The Atrium has once again been buzzing this past fortnight!

Our Year 7 and 8 Drama club have been having great fun during their lunchtime sessions. They have been creating characters through looking at a selection of photos, as well as telling their favourite film stories in under two minutes!

Raya, Berlant, Ellie, Bernard, Zac and Daisy



greatly amused us with their hilarious two-minute-take on "Cinderella"!

Thanks also to Thomas and Hilary-Ann for bringing us some lighting this week.

Tuesday 4th October saw the launch of our main school play for this year, which will be "Robin Hood"! It was great to see the Atrium packed with over 50 students wanting to sign up and be involved.

Auditions take place next week, and the show is due to be performed at the end of March. Watch this space for regular updates!

Finally, after witnessing such fantastic attitudes and work in Drama recently, I have introduced the new "Oscar of The Week" award. This award can



be given for an outstanding contribution in any of the three areas of Making, Performing and Responding. The first winner was Charlie H in Year 9, for a hilarious performance as "Auntie" in his Murder Mystery performance.

Well done Charlie! Charlie wins a Learning Habit, a sweet treat, and a mini Oscar statuette! I look forward to seeing how other students rise to this new challenge during the course of the year.

Mrs Azor

share this policy with parents and ask for your comments and feedback to ensure that it is fit for purpose and you are aware of the learning your child will be doing in the subject.

Please could we ask that you read the RSE Policy which can be found [here](#) and offer any feedback or comment via email to Mrs Crowther Head of PSD on HAC@thegreggschools.org.

The Curriculum Map for PSD can be found on Firefly [here](#) should you wish to look at this in more detail.

Mrs Crowther

Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) Policy

Each year we review our PSD curriculum and policies that correspond with the subject. Part of this is our Relationships and Sex Education Policy which was introduced in 2020.

As part of this process we are required to



Music Clubs!

All groups for all abilities. No auditions, just come along!

Senior Choir (years 10 & 11) - 12:20 Wednesday
Junior Choir (years 7, 8, & 9) - 13:10 Wednesday
Concert Band (all year groups) - after school Wednesday

Starting after half term! (times TBC)

<u>KS3</u>	<u>KS4</u>
Ukulele Group	Soul/Jazz Band
School of Rock	