

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Monday 5th Dec – Carol Service

Monday 5th Dec – Year 7 – 9 Flu Jab

Wednesday 7th Dec – Year 7 Trip to Pantomime

Wednesday 7th Dec – Senior House Table Tennis

Friday 9th Dec – Student Support Trip to Christmas Market

Friday 9th Dec – Festive Clothing Day

Friday 9th Dec – Christmas Lunch

Monday 12th–15th Dec – MFL German Residential Trip

Wednesday 14th Dec – House Quiz

Wednesday 14th Dec – End of Term 1:20pm



TGS News

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Sailing Away



Joe A-R (Year 10) was selected to represent Great Britain for the second time this year to compete in the 34th Opti Team Cup Berlin 2022 which was hosted at Potsdamer Yacht Club, Germany.

This is a four boat team racing event, competing against other teams from across the world. GBR finished 10th overall beating Denmark, Sweden and both German teams.

The team also performed well against the USA who went on to win the event.

The GBR team went to the competition with a young coach, (no parents allowed) and stayed with local German families. It was a fantastic experience for them all and one which they'll never forget!

National Champion

Congratulations to Year 10 student Alex B who has won the Jujitsu Junior National Atemi Competition. He was the reigning champion for three years due to Covid, and has successfully defended his title in Wolverhampton. Well done Alex.



Soaring High

Year 11 student Georgia H very bravely completed her first tandem parachute jump at Netheravon Airfield recently. The jump, with the Army Parachute Association (which is for anyone not just for military or family of military) was from a height of 13,000ft.

Georgia jumped in tandem with one of the jump instructors, free-falling for around a minute before the main canopy opened. Georgia's freefall was mainly above the clouds before the canopy opened and they then descended for 3-4 minutes before landing back.

Georgia now has the parachute jumping bug and is already saving up to carry out the Accelerated Freefall Course Levels 1 - 8 next year.



NB: Parachute courses can only be taken with parental consent from the age of 16 to 18 and no jumps can be undertaken before the age of 16. There are three main forms of jumps: AFF (Accelerated Freefall), Static Line (3000ft where the parachute opens automatically) or Tandem (strapped to a qualified person up to 15000ft).

Musical Notes!

Thank you to one of our Governors Mr Harvey who has very kindly donated a three quarter size double bass to the school. Mrs Sellers was excited to try it out!



Netball News

Congratulations to our Year 9 and 11 netball team who played away against Redbridge in the cold last week and won 9-2. Excellent result girls!



Charity Update



Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need fundraising day we raised over £1700.

Festive Wear Day Friday 9th December

On Friday 9th December students are invited to wear festive clothing in return for a donation of pet food for the Second Chance Animal Rescue Centre or a food donation for a local food bank. Dig out an old Christmas jumper add some tinsel to your clothes or wear a Christmas hat!

Photography Winner

Congratulations to Austin C (Year 9) who recently won the 'Down the Rabbit Hole' Nature Photography Competition for age 13-17 at Itchen Valley Country Park.



House News

The Great Gregg Bake Off

Congratulations to the following students whose delicious cake creations were chosen to go through to the next round of the House Bake Off.

Spartan

Harry R, Ethan R and Elizabeth F

Roman

Finn A, Lexie P and Sophia D

Trojan

Benjamin F, Darcy O and Noah H



Junior House 5-a-side Football

Year 7 and 8 students combined to make 5-a-side football teams for the junior house competitions last week. The boy's competition was very close, it went right down to the last few minutes of the last game as Roman came from behind to win 3-2 and snatch second place from Spartan which gave Trojan the victory overall.



Well done to Trojan goal scorers Benji P and Declan S and also to goalkeepers Noah D and Archie L, who only conceded one goal between them. Other scorers were Oliver G, Euan H for Spartan and Rory P and Charlie H for Roman.

For the girls, a depleted Spartan team with a couple of absences, fought bravely against some very strong Roman and Trojan teams, finishing in third place but managing to improve to beat Roman in their final game, with Ella N-S scoring two goals.



The games between Roman and Trojan were incredibly close, with Roman 2-1 up after the first one, but Trojan coming from behind in the second game to win 4-3 on aggregate as Namrita B scored the winner with five seconds left!

Well done to Izzy E and Lexie P (Year 8) who both scored five goals on the day, Jana SA and Lily C, who scored four each, Amelie W with two goals, and Norah A and Natasha S, scoring one each.



On Monday our Year 7 5-a-side football team competed in a tournament held at Oasis Mayfield. They won two games, drew one and lost one and only just missed out on qualifying for the final goal difference.



Football News

A selection of Year 8 boys competed in a football tournament hosted by Cantell School last week.

They played five other teams from three different schools in a 7-a-side format with the onus very much on having fun while representing their school.

Our team performed very well, winning three games and drawing the other two, with Noah S, Tobias C and Evan S scoring the goals.

Despite a twenty-second hailstorm halfway through, the boys enjoyed themselves immensely and were fantastic ambassadors for The Gregg.



English Schools Football Association (ESFA) Small Schools Cup

Also on Monday, our school competed in the third round of ESFA 'Small Schools' Cup where unfortunately we lost 3:0.

The away team, LeAF Academy, had transport issues, arriving 40 minutes late which affected their focus, as 5 minutes into the game and a miscommunication between centre back and goal keeper saw the ball roll into their own box with all players out of position.

Joe F tried to reach the ball before it ran out of play but the speed of the ball was too much for him and the corner was defended well by LeAF. Rhett W-M was a commanding presence in the back four and despite being a school year younger than his opposition and indeed peers, was taking the lead and nullified at least three good attacks by LeAF.

James C also played well within the midfield and was able to create some counter attacks in the first half but The Gregg team could not put a string of passes together to worry the organised back line from LeAF Academy. LeAF scored their first goal as a result of midfield pressure 15 minutes into the match and so the score stood until half time.

In the second half LeAF continued the pressure and their second goal arrived 10 minutes into the second half. Aidan H was energetic in attack when he came on and Joe S made some great saves

but the players were tired towards the end of the match and conceded their third and final goal in the last moments of the match.

LeAF academy won the National tournament last season and we wish them luck moving into the later stages of the competition.



I also learnt when reading the article that NGNT (Non-Game Native Transplant) fish can be moved by an angler (a person who fishes with a rod and line) dumping out a bait bucket after a day of fishing into a different water source.

What shocked me was that you could move fish by dumping bait buckets into a different place from where they came from. As well as that, native transplant fish (if they are what I think they are) are actually almost twice as common as fish that are introduced into the country from outside!!!!

Story Source:

Materials provided by University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences. Original written by Lauren Quinn.

Charles H

What did you learn?

Key Stage 3 students researched “Geography in the News” to find an article which sparked their interest to write a blog piece. A selection of their blogs is given below:

“Native fish overlooked as invaders in U.S. waters” from ScienceDaily®.



So called “Native transplant” fish are almost twice as common as fish introduced from outside of the country. But a new review says that native transplant fish, especially fish that don’t count/qualify as game fish, are rarely studied and their impacts are poorly understood.

In this article summary, the learning point is that fish that are native to the area are not as “native” as their name suggests, and also that a recent review states that native transplant fish (which I think is fish that are from a specific country and are moved from one part of the native country to another part of the native country) aren’t properly and thoroughly researched enough, which could counteract the original statistics.

How Australia is seeing a ‘big shift’ on plastic waste from BBC News



Many people in Australia have been very active over the past few years working on how to reduce the waste in oceans and to officially ban single-use plastics.

They now have over half of Australia’s states banning single use plastics (Source: Australian Marine Conservation Society).

In 1989, a man known as Ian Kiernan launched a community called Clean Up Sydney Harbour (this being one of the world’s famous waterways) to get rid of as much litter as possible. A year later it became a national event and a day to declare cleaning the water ways was made.

A global comparison of plastic waste management had placed Australia 7th out of 25 nations behind some European countries, Japan, the UK and the US for control of plastic pollution. Australia was rated first for “promoting safe and informed plastic usage” but placed 16th for “efficient collection and sorting channels”.

From reading and writing this report about Australia and the change they are already making to massively clean up the waters and achieving it, I feel Australia has showed most of the world how easy it could be to clean up any plastic you see, whether it's a day that's been created, a community or even just picking up any single use plastic of any sort when you're walking your dog or out and about.

Ocean animals are eating plastic which is harmful to them. Reducing plastic in our oceans would stop them being in pain and would make everyone feel better and make the world a better place. If we eat fish, we too are eating little micro beads of plastic as well. Reducing plastic and cleaning up the oceans will help prevent this.

Kaitlin F

COP27 'Climate chaos' Source: BBC News

What is COP27?

COP27 is a meeting where representatives of countries attended a meeting to discuss on how to stop climate change and help our planet.



What is the purpose of COP27?

By taking the pledge, participants committed to taking voluntary steps that will help the world's methane emissions decline by at least 30% from 2020 levels by 2050, which would prevent global warming of more than 0.2°C.

Where is COP27?

COP27 is the 27th United Nations Climate Change conference that was held 6th-18th of November in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

What have I learnt?

To start with I only knew a small amount about COP27 so I had to do some research to expand my knowledge on the subject before reading the news article. I have learnt that many countries have a different economic status. I understood that the specific aims of the meeting from the article were: To stop the planet from heating up to

more than 1.5 degrees and to stop deforestation and cut methane by 30%.

Key Developments so far

From an ethical, moral, and economic standpoint, according to the UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, government expenditure to tackle climate change is the proper course of action.

"As a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the world must not lose sight of climate change or compromise emission reduction obligations", according to France's president, Emmanuel Macron. He urged action to "alter the norms" of international financial institutions, such as the IMF and World Bank to give more money to countries that are vulnerable to climate change.

The globe is "on a highway to climate hell," according to UN Secretary General António Guterres, as a result of growing greenhouse gas emissions and global temperatures.

According to Kenyan President William Ruto, millions of people in Africa endure "loss and destruction" as a result of climate change on a daily basis. He called the summit a "great chance" to save the environment.

Mia Mottley, the prime minister of Barbados, warned of "horror and the devastation," which included effects in her own area as well as floods in Pakistan, heatwaves in Europe, and China.

Activists and other nations that are impacted by the climate, including the low-lying Seychelles Islands, asked for actual action rather than empty pledges.

Away from the main stage, former UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson urged world leaders, including Sunak, to avoid making "weak and fragile" commitments to net zero emissions.

Goals for 2030

- To stop the planet heating up by 1.5°C.
- To cut methane emissions by 30%
- To stop deforestation
- To "phase down" the use of coal.

Zara S

World Class Dancing

Year 10 Cee-Cee J has been competing in the solo categories at the World Championships in the Netherlands, following an unfortunate knee injury for her dance partner. With the war in Ukraine and some other international issues causing partnerships to be put on hold or split, these were busier categories than usual.



Cee-Cee danced exceptionally well to make the final of the World Under 16 Solo Latin. It was a very close competition and Cee-Cee eventually place 5th. The next day, she competed in the World Amateur Solo Latin (an adult category) and put in a stunning performance to come second, truly something to be proud of!

It was a tremendously successful trip and Cee-Cee enjoyed competing, cheering on her friends in the couples competitions and to meet a few of her absolute heroes as well!

Cee-Cee is lucky enough to have a training camp shortly with one of the world's top Latin teachers, who is visiting from the USA, which will be a fantastic opportunity.

Respect This

Year 7 and Year 8 participated in a Respect workshop on Tuesday where they worked hard to produce a campaign to promote the respectful student at The Gregg School.



Oscar Winners

Well done to Raya D, (Year 8) and Aedan H (Year 9) for being my “Oscar of The Week” winners this past fortnight!

Aedan showed great leadership and direction during rehearsals for his group's assessment, and Raya has been excellent at contributing to class discussions around homelessness and young runaways. Well done both of you!

Mrs Azor

