



TGS News

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Hear them Rooaar!

25 girls (and three excited teachers) enjoyed a dramatic football match at Wembley recently when the Lionesses won 3-2 against the Netherlands!



It was a tense first half where they were losing 2-0 but they brought it back in the second half to secure a 3-2 win so all the girls were happy!

Mr Wilford



Winter Concert

Last week 50 students from all year groups entertained a packed hall of friends and family with our Winter Concert.



There were performances from our orchestra, choir, rock band, jazz band, flute choir and small ensembles, as well as solos from many of our talented students. The quality of the performances was outstanding and was a lovely start to the festive season!

A huge thank you to all who attended the concert and to all the staff and students involved.

Mrs Parrott



Musicians of the Month

Congratulations to our Key Stage 3 musicians of the month for December - Jack H (Year 7), Jay J (Year 8) and Anna M (Year 9).



Drama News

We've had a lovely couple of weeks in Drama with the lead up to Christmas!

On the 29th of November, the whole of Year 8 took a trip up to London, to the famous National Theatre on the Southbank. Students were taken on a backstage tour of this impressive building, which houses three unique theatres, and a huge prop, carpentry, wardrobe and design department.

Students also had the opportunity to look at



design exhibits that were part of the Linbury competition, which awards the new up-and-coming stars in the world of theatre design. I was really impressed at the level of interest the students took in finding out about how a

professional theatre works, apprenticeship and career opportunities and asking lots of questions of our knowledgeable tour guides. After lunch and a visit to the gift shop, students were then treated to an AMAZING new production of Roald Dahl's "The Witches", by the National Theatre Company itself.



This production used stunning lighting, costume, set and music to tell the terrible tale of the witches trying to rid the world of children and students enjoyed looking at how the production was put together and performed. It really was a feast for the senses for all ages (please see it if you can). I am looking forward to reading the student reviews where are due in January.

Last week, our lovely Year 7 students all travelled to the Theatre Royal in Winchester for their annual pantomime trip. This year it was "Cinderella" and once again the staff were on hand to treat us like Royalty as we visited this lovely venue!



The show itself was a wonderful, funny, classic pantomime, complete with audience participation, singing, dancing and most importantly, the wicked step mother and the ugly sisters getting their

comeuppance! This show is very good value for families and is running until January. Students have been raving about the show and can't wait for their next theatre visit!

On that note, our Year 7s who are involved in "Sister Act" were very excited that this was the venue that we will be performing at in March.

Tickets are still available but selling fast, please buy yours soon for the best possible seats <https://bit.ly/3TiScMd>. Please contact me if you are interested in advertising in our "Sister Act" programme or sponsoring the show (naz@thegreggschools.org).

We have more theatre visits coming up in the New Year, so watch this space!

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year! Mrs Azor

Linguists of the Month

Congratulations to the Linguists of the Month for November - December:

Year 7 Harriet F, Year 8 Klara D, Year 9 Anna M, Year 10 Ed H and Year 11 Henry P.



Recreating History - Trench Project

Year 9 created their excellent Trench Projects this term which were judged by the History department teachers.



As always, the quality was incredible with students showing off their historical and creative skills. The trenches included No Man's Land, dugouts, barbed wire fences and tank defences.



The teachers had a very hard job choosing the winners from such an impressive selection. Special commendations went to several students but the finalists were:

1st Ethan R, 2nd Myles O and 3rd Cordelia B

Well done to all of the Year 9s for such hard work creating magnificent historical replicas!

Miss Whittaker

House News

Insects Art House Competition

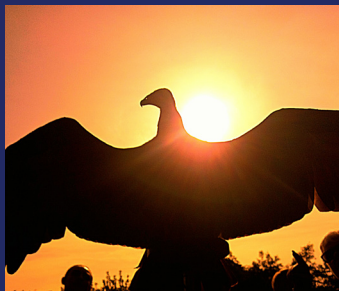
There's an exciting new art competition on the theme of 'Insects' for students. Full details of the competition can be found in Tasks on Firefly and the deadline is 3rd January. If you have any queries please contact Miss Pickett (bgp@thegreggschools.org). Good luck!



House Photography Competition

The House Photography Competition this year was for Year 8 who were tasked with photographing the birds of prey that came in.

There were some very impressive images and 1st place was awarded to Max T (Year 8) of Trojan house, 2nd place Pollyanna I (Year 8) representing Roman and 3rd place Jack G (Year 8) from Spartan.



House Point Totals

After a busy half term of house competitions Trojan are still in the lead with an impressive 475 points. Spartan are catching up with 460 and Roman have 365. The competition is still on with many more points available next term!

Snap Happy

Congratulations to Year 10 student Austin C who entered a photography competition run by Parkers Photographic in Woolston with his excellent image of racing motorbikes, which was one of three shortlisted.



The winner was a photography student at Bournemouth University and other two shortlisted were professional photographers – well done Austin!

We want your tubs!

If you, your family or friends have any large plastic tubs or tins of sweets over Christmas please can you think of us in Food and Nutrition when wanting to recycle them?



When the tubs or tins are empty, please could students bring them to Food and Nutrition and we will happily reuse them for students over the next year.

More than 100 million tubs of chocolates, sweets and biscuits are sold in the UK each year with Christmas accounting for as much as 40 per cent of all sales.

We would love to help recycle these containers at The Gregg School and would really appreciate all donations. Miss Gibbs, Head of Food & Nutrition

FROGS Ice Skating

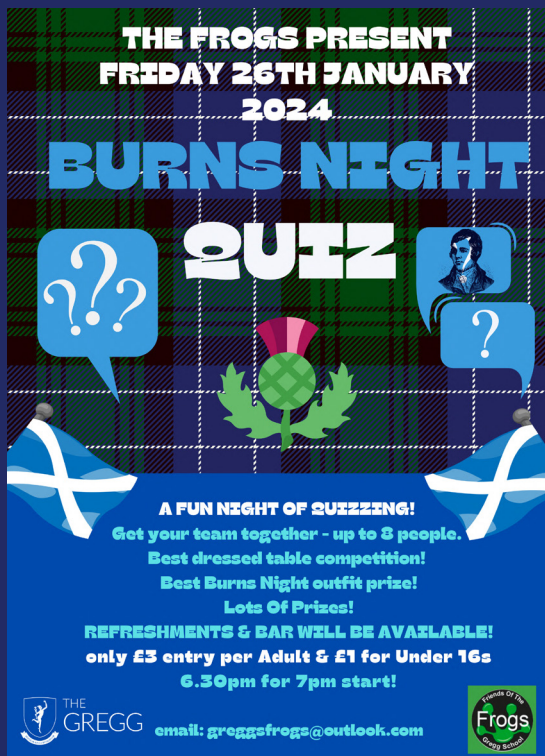
Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the FROGS ice skating evening at West Quay last Friday. It was a fun and festive evening which students and parents thoroughly enjoyed!



Burns Night

Please save the date and get your quiz caps on for the FROGS next event which is the Burns Night Quiz on Friday 26th January. This was a sell-out last year, so be sure to enter your teams early!

Click here to book: <https://bit.ly/3GDxev6>



**THE FROGS PRESENT
FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY
2024**

BURNS NIGHT QUIZ

A FUN NIGHT OF QUIZZING!
Get your team together - up to 8 people.
Best dressed table competition!
Best Burns Night outfit prize!
Lots Of Prizes!

REFRESHMENTS & BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE!
only £3 entry per Adult & £1 for Under 16s
6.30pm for 7pm start!

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Indoor Rowing Trials

Last week, Jasmine A and Hannah G in Year 11 were invited to try out for a place in the GB Under 16 rowing camp in the summer. The girls were put through various strength, fitness and endurance tests, as well as being measured for height and wing span, to see if they met the GB rower criteria.

They are waiting to find out more but enjoyed the experience including being inside the training venue of the GB Rowing team in Caversham.

On Saturday, Hannah G also took part in the British Rowing National Indoor Championships in



Birmingham. She did exceptionally well in the J16 6 minute race where she came 19th out of 160 competitors. Well done Hannah!

Special Delivery!

Yesterday Mrs Crowther delivered kind food donations from students to Eastleigh Basics Bank and to the Second Chance Animal Rescue in Southampton.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mercury Award Winners

Congratulations to the Year 7 students who received their Mercury awards this week. Keep up the good work!



The lesson was well planned, well delivered and enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Khile, Elise, Sophia and their team leader, Charlotte, who have all earned STCs. Mr Piggott

Student Teachers

When a small group of Year 8 girls asked if they could lead a Maths lesson one day, it was agreed that the last lesson before Christmas would be the ideal time.



The four girls delivered an excellent academic lesson on BODMAS (the order of mathematical operations) to the rest of their class. The lesson included a power point with prepared examples and questions for their classmates to work on. They also included maths games and challenges to make it

more interactive and incentivised the class with chocolate prizes!



Dates for your Diary

December 2023

Thursday 14th December - MFL Barcelona trip returns

January 2024

Wednesday 3rd January – Return to school

Thursday 11th January – GCSE Drama trip to Mayflower Theatre Southampton

Friday 12th January – Year 10 Resilience Workshop

Tuesday 16th – Wednesday 17th January – Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 18th January – Year 9 Drama trip to Mayflower Southampton

Saturday 20th January – Art and Music Scholarship Assessments

Friday 26th January – FROGS Burns Night Quiz

Saturday 27th January – Entrance Assessment

Monday 29th – Tuesday 30th January – Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening



Happy Christmas from The Gregg School

What a fantastic and busy half term culminating with some joyous festive events. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and an enjoyable, festive break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed in the New Year.

Please take a look at our festive message in our Christmas @ The Gregg film: <https://youtu.be/eu435YRUvBI>

