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## A message from the Head Teacher



Mr I Smith

## Uniform Expectations

The Easter holiday is almost here once again and, as always, staff and pupils are working hard as they prepare for even busier times ahead. Year 11 and 13 are now only days away from their final examinations.

Extra revision classes, breakfast clubs and even holiday revision sessions are available for all. All are designed to help pupils secure their knowledge, understanding and core skills, achieve their target baseline grades and improve their exam technique. I cannot thank staff enough for all of the extra time that they give willingly to ensure that pupils have every opportunity to reach their full potential. I am delighted to report that for yet another year, we have had a record number of applications from pupils wishing to continue on into our Sixth Form. I am confident that our Year 11 will step up and gain the qualifications needed for their chosen pathway to take them on into the next chapter of their life.

Support at home is always vital and there is a wealth of extra information on our school website for parents and carers to 'Help Your Child Revise'. I would encourage you to look at this information – as always though, if there are any questions, please ask! Pupils have been issued with a wealth of revision resources, past questions and model answers and whilst the Easter holidays offer a much needed time for relaxation and family time, they also offer an invaluable opportunity for some serious exam preparation. Please help to organise your child with their revision and encourage them to work hard to ensure that they are ready to return at the top of their game! Our Key Stage 4 pathways process is now complete and Year 8 will soon move through into the most important phase of their academic career to date. Key Stage 4 is hugely important and it is vital that you have chosen wisely to ensure future sustainability and success. Thank you for your support with this process and in helping your child to make appropriate choices.

We have lots planned for our upcoming Summer Term. Our activities weeks' programme is once again being led through departments with increased opportunities for our young people and even stronger curriculum and work related learning links. I am sure the pupils and staff alike will really enjoy a slightly more flexible approach to learning during this window.

Finally, all that is left to say is a huge thank you once again for your continued support! Everything that is achieved is truly a team effort. I remain extremely proud to be at the head of Etone College which is fortunate to have young people with huge potential, an extremely supportive parent/carer base and a willing and talented team of staff. Happy Easter!

Mr I Smith  
Head Teacher

## SUMMER IS COMING...



Our uniform consists of:

- Black blazer with college badge
- White shirt
- College tie
- Black college trousers (not skinny fit or 'drainpipe' style)
- Black college skirt which is knee length
- Black tights (not patterned)
- Black college shoes (no canvas pumps or trainers permitted)
- College bag big enough to fit an A4 file
- Black or Navy blue coat

Our PE kit consists of:

- Polo shirt
- Shorts
- Leggings
- Fleece
- Rugby top
- Socks

All pupils are expected to wear full college uniform at all times and their appearance should be appropriate to a working environment. Shirts must be tucked in, top buttons fastened and ties tied so that 6 stripes are visible underneath the knot.

Hoodies or tracksuit tops are not permitted and will be confiscated. Coats are not to be worn around the building.

Our uniform is stocked by Schoolwear Solutions at their Schoolwear Centre store (1-3 Abbeygate Street, Nuneaton, CV11 4EJ) and by Matchfit Kit on the Weddington Road in Nuneaton. Our PE kit is stocked by Sporting Touch in Nuneaton (Unit 12 Alliance Close, Nuneaton, CV11 6SD).

### Jewellery

Pupils are permitted to wear a wristwatch and one pair of plain gold or silver studs in the lower earlobe. Piercings must be taken out prior to all PE lessons and sporting activities.

Any other jewellery worn will be confiscated and placed into the college safe for collection at the end of the day. Should there be a third occasion of confiscation, parents and carers are invited into college to collect their child's jewellery.

### Makeup

Make-up in Years 7 and 8 is not allowed.

Make-up in Years 9, 10 and 11 is to be discreet and natural looking if it is to be worn at all. False eyelashes are not permitted, nor are fake tans.

Nail varnish is not to be worn and false nails are also not allowed. In the event of a make-up / nail varnish infringement, pupils will be asked to remove their make-up and or nail varnish in house office. The Headteacher decision with uniform (including hairstyles, make-up, nail varnish and jewellery) is final.





# Progress Praise Awards



During the week beginning 25th March, the Progress Report 3 Praise Assemblies took place. Pupils were nominated for attainment and progress within their subjects based on Report 3 data. These pupils were awarded certificates and were entered into their respective draws for a cinema voucher. Additional awards were also given out for the lowest Behaviour for Learning average taken from all their subjects. Each of these outstanding pupils received a certificate and a cinema voucher. Pupils with 100% attendance from January were automatically entered into the draw for an Echo Dot.

Congratulations to all pupils who received an award!

## Year 7

100% Attendance



Highest Attainment



Most Progress



Outstanding Behaviour for Learning



## Year 8

100% Attendance



Outstanding Behaviour for Learning



Highest Attainment



Most Progress



## Year 9

100% Attendance



Highest Attainment



Most Progress



Outstanding Behaviour for Learning



## Year 10

100% Attendance



Outstanding Behaviour for Learning



Highest Attainment



Most Progress



## Year 11

Highest Attainment



100% Attendance



Outstanding Behaviour for Learning



Most Progress





# Technology & Create News

In technology with Mrs Beasley this half term has been very creative and we have made a lot of different products using different materials. We have just finished our metal and acrylic jewellery for a jewellery.

I really enjoyed making the products, as it was very fun and enjoyable. However, there were stressful times when you wanted to give up, but I overcame this with help from my classmates. Overall, it was a very fun term and I am proud that I made my product to a very high standard and achieved above my baseline. - **Millie**

“It isn’t just technology it is a door to a new creative world” – **Georgia-Rose**

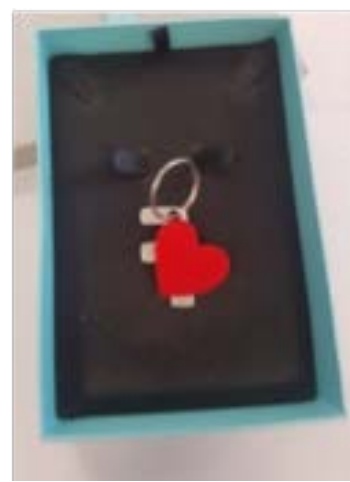
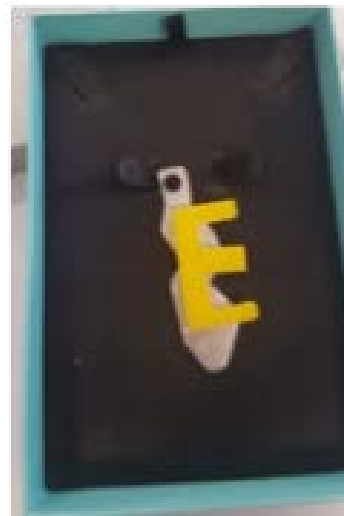
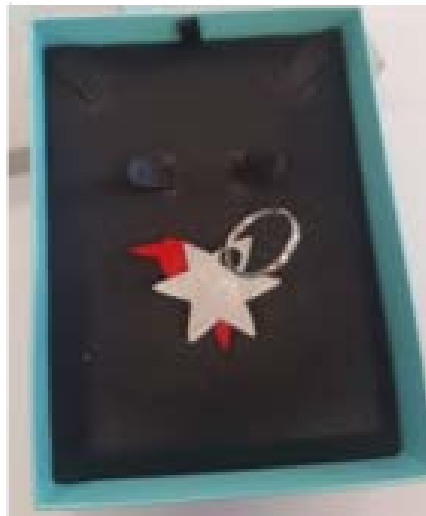
“Technology is a great lesson if you want to learn how to be independent” – **Neil**

“My jewellery piece now hangs proudly in my bedroom at home” - **Kaelyn**

“Making our jewellery was a fun and new experience that I enjoyed a lot” - **Maddison**

“After this year I am considering doing technology as one of my GCSE options” - **Sophie**

“Technology for me has been a great experience, as I have been able to make many things that I wouldn’t be able to make without this subject” – **Neil**



## Chinese New Year

Over Chinese New Year Food students celebrated by preparing oriental dishes such as stir fry and chicken chow mein. Students in Years 7 and 8 have developed their skills in chopping, peeling, stir frying, using a range of different vegetables, handling raw meat and using the hob safely. There have been some delicious looking dishes produced as a result!



## Shrove Tuesday

To celebrate the tradition of Shrove Tuesday and to equip Year 7 students with knowledge and skills, we experimented with making pancakes. Many of the students had not made pancakes themselves before so they weighed out ingredients and measured liquids, cracked eggs and whisked to create a batter. Students were also tasked with presenting their pancakes and developing their knife skills to prepare a range of fruits too to serve alongside their pancakes.



## Handmade burgers!

In Year 7 we have looked at adapting recipes and making them healthier by selecting different ingredients. Here we looked at how to modify some traditional takeaway food by changing the cooking methods too. The results were fantastic. Well done Year 7!





## Accelerated Readers News



This term has seen more students become reading millionaires and multi-millionaires. Millionaires are rewarded with a virtual five-pound voucher to use at our Scholastic book fairs. There are also more target students and multi-target students! Well done Paige 7P1 for becoming a millionaire and also reaching her third points target. Kristina 7P2 has achieved both triple and quadruple millionaire status in this term and will have a virtual £10 voucher to spend at the June book fair! She has also hit both her fifth and sixth points target with six names in the summer prize draw! Congratulations to Grace in 7C1 for reaching her fourth target with four names in the prize draw! Congratulations Amelia 7C2 for becoming a quadruple millionaire and Jack 7G1 for achieving triple millionaire status and reaching his fourth target. Cobain in 7P2 is also now a millionaire!

We are currently completing all STAR reading tests for Years 7 and 8 in library lessons to test their progression in reading. Well over a hundred students have improved their reading ages by over a year and over forty students have gone up by two years! There have been some outstanding results and ten students have improved their reading ages by over 3 years since September's test. The following students will receive special certificates and will also be rewarded with a free book of their choice from the June book fair for exceptional achievements:

Jack 7G1, Scarlet and Josh in 7P1, Grace 7P2, Hassan 8C1, Thor and Zakiah in 8G1 and Jack and Jake in 8G2.

Jackson in 8D1 improved by nearly five years and will be rewarded with two free books for this amazing accomplishment. Well done everyone!

### Scholastic Book Fair News

Both our fairs in December and February had successful sales of over £1600 which has generated over £622 in commission for the college. This helps to stock the library with current titles from popular authors and to update our non-fiction and teenage/young adult section. Students are currently reading and borrowing a whole range of new books on display in the library.

Our next book fair will be running in the first week of June. It will be a half price fair with some fantastic offers on popular titles and all books, posters and stationery are included in the half-price sale!



## Matrix Performing Arts Showcase

The 3rd Annual Matrix Performing Arts Showcase was hosted by Etone College on Tuesday 19th March. The showcase involved all schools within the Trust with students performing both drama and dance pieces. The dance pieces crossed all genres of dance from ballet to body locking. There were solos, duets and group pieces bringing different dimensions to the showcase. The drama touched on sensitive issues, but also brought humour to the proceedings. The audience gave such support to all performers which added to the brilliant atmosphere.

The following Etone students performed in the showcase: Year 11 - Sophie, Millie, Libby, Chloe, Holly, Rebekah, Year 8 – Faith, Year 7 – Celestina, Ellie, Caitlin, Lily, Aleisha, Grace, Savannah, Paige.





# Modern Foreign Languages News

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## Aston University Language Ambassador visits Etone College

On 7th February Year 8 were fortunate enough to have a Language Ambassador from Aston University come to talk to them about the importance and the many benefits of learning a language! Zoe spoke to them about the opportunities that learning a language can bring for higher education and career progression, but also focussed a lot on her own experiences of travelling and experiencing other cultures through language learning. Here are Ellie and Jamie (two of our future GCSE stars!) giving their opinion of the talk:

“Languages are so important in our curriculum because you get to explore different countries, and also use the language you are learning. Furthermore, trying things like new foods in other countries is very exciting! Taking a language as a GCSE is a great opportunity because you can explore what other countries are like compared to England!” – **Ellie**

“Welcome to the study of languages! You should take a language as a GCSE option because it’s a great opportunity to see how other countries live. Also, it’s a great opportunity because speaking to people who live in other countries is awesome! It’s great to know a language for your job because if you worked with someone who is from another country you can speak to them. If you wanted to live in Spain, Germany or France you might need to know the language so you can make yourself understood, or even just if you go on holiday as you might want to try some of their foods.

“By knowing a language you will have a bigger variety of jobs that you can do. Some people think you can only be a teacher with a language, but there’s so much more. You can be a translator, an interpreter, work in foreign language intelligence, customer services, the military or even a language blogger! Foreign languages provide a competitive edge in career choices as one is able to communicate in a second language. Foreign language study also enhances listening skills and even memory.” – **Jamie**

## Spanish Students Attend Cultural Event at Aston University

On 27th February a select group of budding Spanish linguists enjoyed a Spanish cultural event at Aston University. The event was themed around the ‘Day of the Dead’, and the Hispanic traditions around honouring the dead were explained in great detail to our students. The students were teamed up with pupils from other schools in the area, and tasked with creating a homage to a famous Hispanic icon, such as Frieda Kahlo and Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Our students worked admirably on their entries, and here’s what they had to say about their day out!

“The trip was enjoyable because we got to make a memorial to someone famous in Hispanic culture. The day would only have been better if the trip was longer!” – **Callum**

“I enjoyed the experience of being in a university. I also enjoyed the different type of lessons and how it was mostly taught in Spanish” – **Jahbari**

“I really enjoyed learning some new Spanish words and phrases, as well as creating a presentation and learning about Spanish culture and history” – **Grace**



On Thursday 7th March, Year 7 students took part in a number of events to celebrate World Book Day and to promote their love of reading. In the morning they took part in a dressing up competition with categories ranging from best prop and best home-made costume to the best tutor group theme. Students had the chance to parade across the stage and their peers used their planner cards to vote for their favourite costumes. Members of Etone Elect acted as judges and counted votes. Phoenix won a landslide victory coming in with 198 points followed by Griffin with 141 points.

Staff dressed up too with some interesting characters ranging from Batman and The Joker to Mary Poppins and Belatrix Lestrange. In the afternoon teams from each of the Y7 tutor groups competed in Etone’s BIG book quiz. It was a close run competition with 7C2 just beating 7P2 to the first place position by 3 points. All of the teams showed an excellent knowledge of authors and their texts. All KS3 students are still involved in an ongoing competition to select Etone’s Top Reads for 2019.



## World Book Day in the Library

### Read My Mind!

During World Book Day, library lessons were focused on a cross curricular research task and the chance to ‘read my mind’ for spot prizes! Students were shown a Power Point slide of some of my favourite books in their modern cover issues. Having established the year that



the book was first published, teams had to select three other books published in the same year, then three films released in that year and finally three pieces of news; either national or global, from this year.

Once research teams came together with their lists, we established who could ‘read my mind’. If there were any matches, a bell was rung and spot prizes of cookies, sweets and stationery were won! Many teams cleverly selected answers from the horror genre to match me! Bonus prizes were given to those who could also correctly identify the very first front cover of the books. Both Year 7 and 8 classes were competitively engaged in some of the random facts that were shared. Did you know that the very first McDonald’s in the UK was opened in 1974? In the very same year, Abba won the Eurovision Song Contest with Waterloo? Did you know that Cartoon Network was first aired in 1992? Way back in 1963, Dr Who first premièred on the TV? Many students matched the fact that in 1963, the Soviet Union launched the first woman into space! Well done to those classes involved!

Pass the Passage

After college, students were given the opportunity to participate in a twist on the traditional game of Pass the Parcel. Engaging audio clips of authors reading their books, such as David Walliams, were used to pass parcels. There was also a well-received selection of modern pop songs with a lyrical twist based on books. Check out All About Those Books and Uptown Funk Parody Unread Books on YouTube! Some serious dance moves also accompanied the passing of the parcels! Within each layer was a stationery or sweet treat which could be won by correctly identifying the book title and author of a selected passage. Points would also be awarded for this information. Bonus points were available for those who volunteered to give a verbal review of the book, if they had read it.

Many students correctly identified passages from books of authors such as JK Rowling, Malorie Blackman, the Brothers Grimm, JRR Tolkien, Aesop, Roald Dahl, David Walliams, Rick Riordan, Anne Frank, Suzanne Collins, AA Milne, Michael Morpurgo, Lewis Carrol and CS Lewis amongst others. The winner, with the highest points total was Jack 7G1 who won by 1 point which was issued with a detailed verbal review of Lord of the Rings. He wins a £10 virtual voucher to spend at the half price June book fair!

Congratulations to all those who took part and for your wonderful contributions. Well done Caitlin 8C1, Sophie and Abbie 8P1. Also Grace 7C1 and Theo 7C2, Natasha 7G1, Louise and Iren 7D2, Molly and Zackary 7P1 and Benjamin, Grace and Aiyana in 7P2. Many thanks also to Aleona who helped with the music and Jamie 9D1 who was the points master.

Winston Churchill  
Public Speaking  
Competition 2019

On Wednesday 13th March a group of 6 Year 8 students took part in a public speaking competition held at Blenheim Palace. The group were challenged to create their own speech about a topic they felt strongly about – but they had to link it to the values and ideas of Sir Winston Churchill. Our team chose to discuss global warming and worked collaboratively to research the topic. Global warming was not a world issue during the lifetime of Churchill and our students showed a high level of skill to be able to interpret and incorporate Churchill’s views into their own ideas.

After an early start on the day of the trip (7am) out team competed against many other schools. Whilst not being placed in the top three they all spoke clearly and were able to argue their case with confidence. The team came away with a collection of books on public speaking for the school library.

We already have a number of Year 7 students who took part in the preliminaries in school during February who will form next year’s team. Our experts from this year will be able to work with them in order to share the tips received from the judges. In the meantime, any students who are keen to develop their public speaking skills should practise giving reasons to support their views, using expression and tone to engage their listeners and projecting their voice clearly.

World Pi Day!



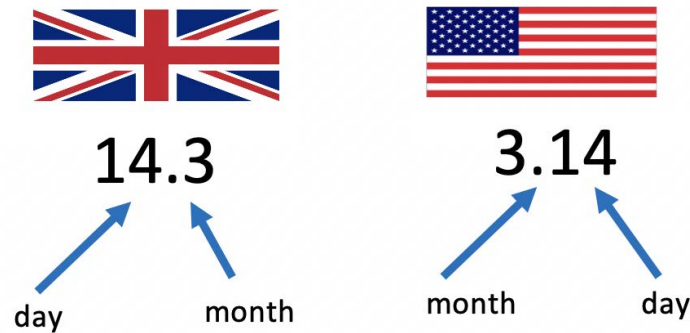
Pi Day this year came with the bursting taste of pies. Pies were delivered to every maths classroom for each lesson on the 14th March. Our pupils have enjoyed the surprise element associated with Pi Day this year.

Pi has always been a traditional day celebrated at Etone. This is a national day that is observed every year on the 14th March. The reason is because the first three digits of the irrational number  $\pi$  is 3.14.

Pi has a very long history. Archimedes of Syracuse (287–212 BC) calculated the first few digits of  $\pi$ . The Egyptians calculated the area of a circle by a formula that gave the approximate value of 3.1605 for  $\pi$ . As an irrational number, this means that the digits of  $\pi$  are infinitely long.

This year, we had a competition - who can recite the most digits in  $\pi$ ? Well done to our four ChampIons winners; Tia up to 10 digits, Savannah up to 11 digits, Osirus up to 11 digits. Our overall winner was Natasha, who smashed Etone’s record at 20 digits.

Well done to everyone that participated. It was truly a fantastic day.





## Ex-Pupil Visits Etone College on her 85th Birthday

On Friday 1st March Sylvia Deakin (nee Sidwell) paid a visit to Etone College. Sylvia is an ex-pupil of what was formerly Nuneaton High School for Girls, and came back to visit her old school on her 85th birthday, 67 years after she left to begin University life in Sheffield.

Sylvia had attended the preparatory school on the same site, after she and her family were evacuated to Nuneaton from Coventry, following a lucky escape during the Blitz, when an unexploded bomb landed in the street outside their home in Beresford Avenue.

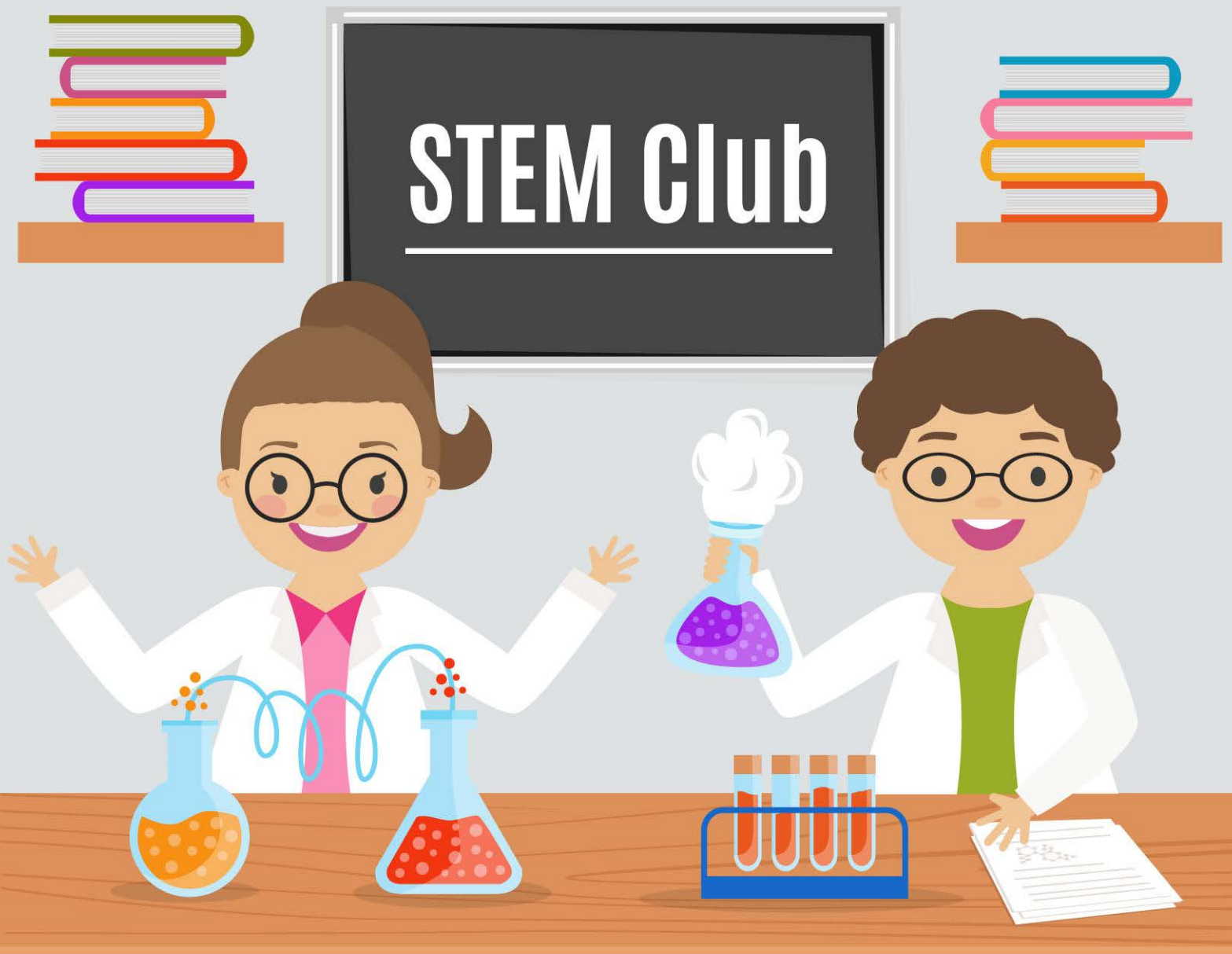
When the 11 Plus was introduced in 1944 she passed the exam in 1945 and became a pupil of the High School. She remained a pupil until the Sixth Form when she left to go to University in Sheffield in 1952. Following her graduation in 1955 she returned to the school as a teacher.

Sylvia was delighted with her visit and surprised to see and recognise so much of her old school still being used from the dining room, which used to be the school hall where she played piano for assembly, to the Headteacher's house at the top of the drive and the current Headteacher's office which used to be a study room where they would sit by a large open fire. She loved school and felt it was her duty to work hard because she wanted to say thank you to her parents Thomas and Hilda.

She married Marcus Deakin in 1955, at Salem Baptist Chapel in Longford, Coventry. They had four children and ran a small-holding in Inkberrow, Worcestershire for many years, where she still lives. She continued to teach until she retired in 1992.

Sylvia thoroughly enjoyed her visit to Etone College, along with her daughter Jane and son-in-law Philip, and was well looked after by Mrs Emery. It was a trip down memory lane and a real birthday treat.

Mrs Emery said: "It was a pleasure to tour the school with Sylvia and her family and to hear the many stories of the goings on at Nuneaton High School for Girls all those years ago as well as hearing first hand, how the school had changed over the years".



Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:00 in I1-2  
If you have any questions, ask Miss Venables!

## Etone Careers Fair 2019

Thursday 14th March 2019 saw the second annual Careers Fair at Etone College. Due to the amazing work of Miss Waite and the success of the pilot event in 2018, we had to move the 2019 Careers fair to the sports hall to accommodate all of the presenters.

The pupils filtered around the event in 30 minute slots, allowing them valuable time to speak directly to employers, apprenticeship providers and university staff.

Etone College ensures that through each academic year, every pupil will meet aspects of the governments Gatsby benchmarks for a robust careers education. By the time pupils leave Etone College at the age of 18, they will have experienced all of the benchmarks.





You can read more about the Gatsby benchmarks for careers education by following the link below.

<http://www.gatsby.org.uk/uploads/education/reports/pdf/gatsby-sir-john-holman-good-career-guidance-2014.pdf>

The careers fair provided pupils and parents the opportunity to discuss potential next steps and the correct routes through to a certain career. It helps to bring the classroom learning to reality and indicates to the pupils what subjects they need and that every grade counts!

Presenters included Rolls Royce, Department for Education, HOET, Domino's Pizza, University of Leicester, Nuffield Health, McLean Restaurants T/A McDonald's, UCFB, Wilson's Solicitors, Forrest of Arden Marriott Hotels, Coventry University, George Eliot and UHCW Hospitals, Pure Gym, National Citizens Service, Willmott Dixon, CROWN Bevan Europe & Middle East, Warwickshire College Group and Evolve Teaching School Alliance to name but a few! We also had our own Sixth Form stand which had lots of interest from pupils.

Feedback from presenters was very encouraging and all enjoyed the experience. Etone College was particularly highlighted as being "the best fair attended so far and the most positive". Pupils were inquisitive, proactive in their approach and behaved remarkably throughout the day.

We are very much looking forward to hosting the Etone College Careers Fair 2020 and not only welcoming back past presenters but hopefully introducing a host of new ones too.

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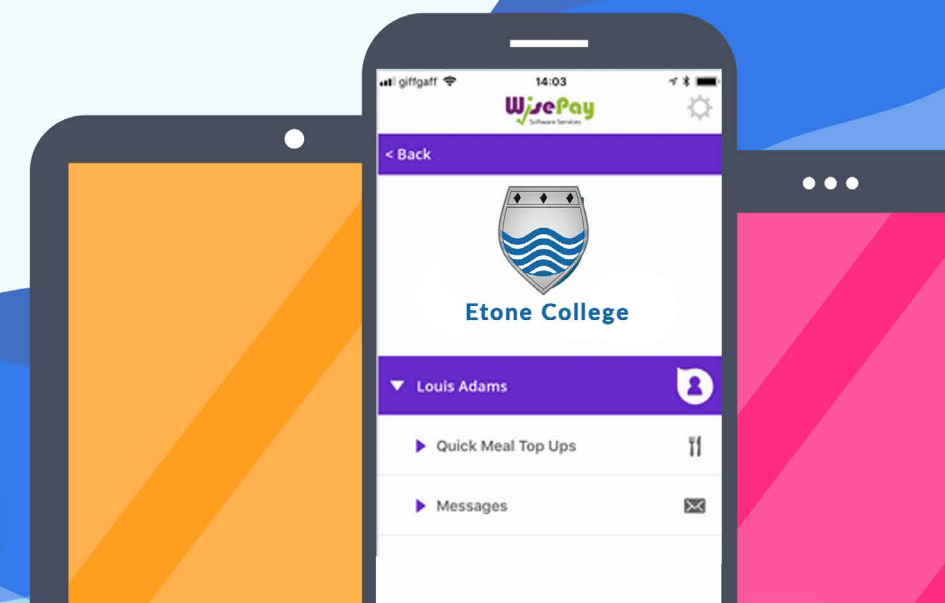
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## Centaur News



May I start this entry by wishing all our Year 11 and 13 students the very best of luck with their upcoming public examinations. It is rare to enjoy the examination process but very soon it will all be over! It really is worth keeping your noses in the revision over the next few weeks as in next to no time you'll experience that wonderful feeling of the end of the final exam, and a long, relaxing and well-earned summer will open out in front of you. The summer will be more easily enjoyed with the clear conscience that comes from knowing you've put the graft in with revision and performed as well as you possibly could have!

Now that summer is peeping around the corner and the days are warming up it is good to see our students have a little more colour in their cheeks and a spring in their step. Hopefully they'll put that extra bit of energy into their school work as they work towards achieving end-of-year baseline levels. It is worth noting that after the break we have just 19 school days to make an impression until the next half-term holiday, therefore the finish line is in sight! It is important that we all make every lesson count.

Very well done to our Centaur House Sports teams, finishing a very creditable 2nd and 3rd overall in the recent Rugby and Hockey competitions. We are very proud of your efforts.

At time of writing Centaur students continue to make great waves within and outside our school community. 27 students from Centaur still have 100% attendance for the school year - a magnificent achievement. Leading the way are 8C1 with 8 students, closely followed by 7C1 and 10C1 with 5 students who have attended every single day of school since September. Well done to all these students; who are still in the running for a fantastic attendance prize at the end of the year.

Have a lovely Easter!

**Mr Astall**

## Phoenix News



This has been a very busy half term and Phoenix House has lots of exciting news to share as we build up to the Easter break. Since February half-term, Etone College has been busy thinking about Careers and aspirations. Year 10 Phoenix pupils have been considering what their future might look like in terms of work experience, post -16 study and apprenticeships while we know that Year 8 pupils are busy choosing options for KS4. Remember: if you are not quite sure what you want to do as a job, you should aim towards the subjects and areas you enjoy!

As we embark upon the Easter break, we yet again celebrate more success in our Progress Praise celebrations for Progress Report 3. Once again, we are extremely proud to see such a significant contingency from Phoenix House collecting certificates for attainment, progress and attendance.

We are especially proud of the pupils that are nominated for 'outstanding contribution towards House' as this is a measure of those qualities that matter as much as academic achievement: teamwork, independence and resilience. These are skills that will help you achieve in the world outside school and beyond. These pupils are: Kristina (7P2) and Roman (7P1); Siorsa and Muhammed (8P1); Hibah (9P2) and Finley (9P1); Tia and Paruhang (10P1); Kusum and Christopher (11P1).

We are also supporting our Year 11 pupils as they now reach the home stretch of their build up towards the summer examinations. Remember that you must pace yourselves! Revise and focus but also take time to switch off now and then. Revision does not need to be a chore if you organise your time! Accept all opportunities that are offered through after school and Easter revision sessions. The more effort...the greater the reward. Have a fantastic Easter Break!

We are 'Team Phoenix', we support each other and work together to achieve 'nothing less than our very best,' we ensure we are organised, punctual and committed to our future.

**Miss Taylor**

*Phoenix House is proud to support Young Carers as our chosen charity.*



## Dragon News

**Dragon House wishes you a Happy Easter!**

I would first like to wish you all a happy Easter. I hope that all my Dragon students enjoy their Easter holidays. During the Spring term the lower school students have been revising hard for their KS3 exams. I hope they get the grades they deserve, as our Dragon motto says "High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectations." With GCSEs fast approaching there are lots of online revision resources to help support our KS4 students in their GCSE exams and Y10 mocks.

During the week commencing 13th March the whole school participated in Comic Relief challenges which ended on the Friday with a successful fund-raising non-uniform. Thank you to all the Dragon students who participated in the events and contributed towards raising money for a good cause.

Students continue to be involved in competitions outside of school and there have been a lot of successes especially within the dance world, with students in a number of year groups getting silver and gold medals. Some of our football and rugby players are going away with their clubs to play in competitions throughout England; I hope they win and have a great time being part of a team. Other students are lucky enough to be flying off to the sun to relax by the pool, I am sure they will have an amazing time. I hope all students find the time to relax and refuel ready for the summer term!

As always I will leave you with a joke but first of all I hope you all have a lovely Easter, eat plenty of Easter eggs and enjoy the break.

Q: Why did the Easter egg hide?

A: He was a little chicken!

**Mrs Price**



## Griffin News

This has been a really busy term for Griffin pupils, there has been so much hard work, fantastic achievements to celebrate and lots of fun had.

The 7th of March was World Book Day and 7G1 what a fantastic effort you went to! You all put so much thought into your costumes and I really enjoyed hearing about your favourite characters. Monday 11th March saw the start of Comic Relief week, it was fantastic to see so many Griffin pupils taking part and supporting with the activities that we had going on, we may not have beat the Centaur Tug of War team but we certainly had good fun trying (including me)! We came in third place for the total amount raised, but helped to achieve an impressive total of over £750 for a great cause.

Congratulations to the Year 8 netball team for winning first place in the House Cup, you all showed great team spirit and had a great time taking part.

Well done once again to all the Griffin students who received their certificates in the Progress Praise Assemblies, it was a very difficult decision to decide who from each year group should get the award for Outstanding Contribution to House. So many Griffin students give their best all day every day and you have the progress reports to prove it.

Friday 5th April year 10 had their prefect talks, I hope it has inspired many of you to apply for the role and I am looking forward to receive applications and start interviews when we return from the Easter break. I know you will do yourselves proud.

11G1 and 11G2, the end is nearly in sight for you now! You have shown such maturity and dedication this term, keep up the revision over Easter, your time to relax and have a break will soon come round after the exams and I am sure all your hard work will pay off. Just keep in mind how you want to feel when you open those envelopes on results day. You can do it!

Have a great Easter break everyone!

**Miss Bailey**





**Year 9 football team fall short in title decider**

After winning promotion in their first season and being crowned champions last season, all eyes were set on Etone College’s Y9 football team. An established and successful team set out to defend their title. A string of wins in their first couple of games put them in the driver’s seat. A few scares presented themselves along the way in which the team had to dig deep to get results. The season came to a close with Etone qualifying for finals at St. Nicholas Chamberlain School. Etone dominated possession in the first half but failed to convert important chances, the second half saw a slight shift in momentum as both teams battled to find the winning goal. In the dying minutes of the game a long-range shot found its way into the back of the net in favour of the opposition. Whilst Etone were incredibly disappointed to not have defended their title this year they can be incredibly proud of their performances and the fact that they are still very much the team to beat.

**Year 10 football team finish season on a high**

This term saw the football season come to an end for our Year 10 team. With the new format this year, they were able to turn up to a venue and play multiple shorter games against different schools. This provided us with the opportunity to allow numerous students to represent the school, which they all done so with great commitment and sportsmanship. Their effort this year to be even more competitive than last, has been fantastic. The majority have been turning up every week for training sessions and taking up the opportunities to further develop their ability in set positions. This has allowed them to perform together at a much higher standard, as they had a better understanding of each others capabilities. We don’t tend to enter the under 16’s competition due to the pressures and commitments that Year 11 students have in that academic year, therefore we wish this current group of footballers all the best for the future and we hope you continue to grow and mature into top footballers.

**Year 7 and 8 footballers earn places in the Matrix Football Team**

This year, we entered students into the Matrix football trials. This is where students from Year 7 and 8 within Matrix Academy Trust come together for football trials. From these trials, a team is selected per year group and they will be taken across to Holland to play against academy teams at UEFA approved private grounds and have a tour of Ajax stadium.

Etone took a very strong group of students across to the trials and a large portion of them managed to make their year group’s team. They will receive some training sessions and practice fixtures leading up to the tour in May before they leave for Holland. They will need to be continually practicing and fighting for their position in a very competitive team, but we are sure our students will rise to the challenge and cement themselves as starters.

**Etone hosts Primary School Rowing competition**

This term at Etone, we offered our services and facilities to help run the primary school rowing competitions. This is organised through the school sports partnership and our dedicated PE staff provide their services to support the running of the competition. Due to the large number of entries this year, it was run over two separate days, with ten schools from all over Warwickshire attending.

- 1 - Bournebrook
- 2 - Kingsbury
- 3 - Race Leys
- 4 - Coleshill
- 5 - Warton Nethersole
- 6 - Austrey
- 7 - Hurley
- 8 - Keresley Newland
- 9 - St Edwards
- 10 - Camp Hill

A massive congratulations must go to Bournebrook, as they won the girls competition. We must also say a big well done to Hurley who won the boys competition. We look forward to hosting the competition next year, and hope to see even more schools attending and competing.

**Netball continues to be a hit at Etone!**

Netball at Etone has continued to grow this year. We currently have over 30 students attending extra-curricular netball sessions every Tuesday. This has allowed us to be able to put together 2 squads for both Year 7 and 8. The vast majority of these students have been invited to attend sessions with the Griff and Coton Junior Netball team. These girls will also be playing in the Coventry and Warwickshire Netball league every Sunday when the season restarts in October.

Besides this, we have put together a solid U16 team, who are also now part of the Griff and Coton Juniors too. These U16’s will also be supporting and playing for the senior teams at the start of the next season.

The teams have done brilliantly this year in the local school league. With a great number of wins under their belt. Etone will be a force to be reckoned with in the new netball season.

After the Easter holidays our top netball players from Year 7 and 8 will be invited to attend our netball academy training sessions that will take place every Monday after school. This will allow us to prepare for the new season.

Most of these students will be attending our annual PGL Netball residential on May 10th and 12th. As part of the trip, we are going to watch Wasps Netball Team play in the National Vitality Super league.

Netball at Etone is growing and will continue to grow at speed! We are really looking forward to the new season.

**Etone Girls football team progress to next round of county competition**

Some of our Year 7, 8 9 and 10 girls have represented Etone in the Level 2 girls football competition. They have been playing against local schools and the fixtures have been played over a few nights. It has since been confirmed that they have successfully progressed to the next stage (Level 3) and will be playing against other schools in the county. Well done to all of the girls and good luck in the next stage.

**Hockey club will continue to run over summer**

Hockey club has also continued to grow this term. There have been a number of inter-college matches in which the players have developed their skills and knowledge of the game. All players that have attended are now offered a free session with Nuneaton Hockey Club. The club sessions continue to run over the summer at Etone astro-turf on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Boys and girls of all ages are welcome. See Mrs Harris for more details.

**Griffin are crowned House Sport Champions!**

Once again house sport was superbly attended by our students in Years 7 and 8. The competition this term being rugby for the boys and hockey for the girls. The standard of play was excellent with students effectively demonstrating what they have learned during PE lessons.

All students have their all in what was a very entertaining rugby competition. There were some outstanding performances, vital tackles and wonderful running with the ball in a series of very entertaining contests. The final between Griffin and Dragon was an unbelievably tense affair, going to sudden-death and overtime. Jackson proved to be the hero, as he finished a superb solo-run with a try. He powered over the line to break Griffin hearts and win the competition for Dragon.

The final standings for the boys rugby were as follows:

- 1. Dragon
- 2. Griffin
- 3. Phoenix
- 4. Centaur

The girl’s hockey competition was similarly contested with not an inch given or taken between the four houses. Tackles and sticks were flying throughout during some very entertaining and at times very fiercely fought hockey. Once again there were notable performances from individuals and a closely fought final, but great credit must go on this occasion to the team able to hold their nerve at the end, Griffin House.

The final standings for the girls hockey were as follows:

- 1. Griffin
- 2. Centaur
- 3. Phoenix
- 4. Dragon

As is tradition the results from the two competitions were combined to give us our overall House Champions of the Winter term for Years 7 and 8. Many, many congratulations on a very well deserved win for.... Griffin House!!!

Final overall placings:

- 1. Griffin
- 2. Dragon
- 3. Centaur & Phoenix



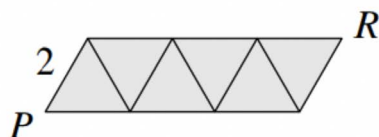
# UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge

On 7th February 2019, fifty-four pupils from Year 9 and 10 participated in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge by United Kingdom Maths Trust. The UKMT Maths challenge composes of 25 multiple choice questions which are challenging, intriguing and designed to stimulate mathematical problem solving.

Our Year 9s and 10s have enjoyed participating in this 60-minute challenge. This has been an interesting and rewarding experience for our pupils. It has encouraged them to not only apply what they are learning so far in maths but also to solve problems, and has encouraged them to think mathematically. This will support them further in reaching the top grade 9 at the end of their maths GCSE. Well done to everyone that participated in the challenge. Congratulations to Georgia, George, Eirinn and Nandika who achieved bronze certificates.

Your Turn! Have a go at one of the challenges below.

The diagram shows six congruent equilateral triangles, of side-length 2, placed together to form a parallelogram. What is the length of PR?



A  $2\sqrt{13}$

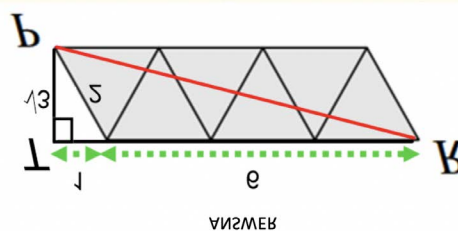
B 7

C  $6\sqrt{3}$

D 9

$$= 4\sqrt{3} + 3 = 25 \text{ so } BR = \sqrt{25} = 5 \text{ as } \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{13} = 5\sqrt{13}$$

$$\text{By Pythagoras, Triangle } BR_5 = BR_5 + 1R_5 = 15 + (4\sqrt{3})_5$$



## We Raised £750 for Comic Relief!

Pupils really got into the spirit of Comic Relief 2019 at Etone this month!

This year's Comic Relief theme was 'Come Together' and we certainly did this with an array of activities in the sports hall over three days during our 'Breaktime Challenge'.

Pupils participated in the Top Bins Challenge, Beat the Goalie, Crossbar Challenge and the famous Tug of War when those brave enough took on the mighty Centaur House!

The week ended with a non-uniform day for which pupils and staff donated.

The proud winner of the 'Breaktime Challenge' was Phoenix House and we are extremely pleased to announce that the school raised £750 in total!

