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The Newsletter of Repton's Preparatory School

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Yesterday I had the great privilege of joining a gathering of Heads and English Specialists in London to help shape and create a new anthology of poetry for Prep School aged pupils. The insight by which the participants discussed its form was stimulating but the passion reverberating around the Waterloo Room of the Cavalry and Guards Club, for what should be included was intense.

Poetry provides such a personal, emotional engagement. It reaches deep into our souls, enriching, enlightening and challenging us. It can make us both laugh and cry in equal measure.

I am sure you remember poems you learned by heart, some tedious, others inspiring and motivating? You may well remember the time and place you learned the poem. Can you still recite it?

By way of a challenge, I ask you what poems should children learn and appreciate today? What is the place of the Classics? How much modern poetry should be included? What poems would you include in your personal volume? What poems would you like to see in a Prep School anthology?

I am more than happy to hear your thoughts.



Mathematical Success

During the Michaelmas Term, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. This is a national competition which aims to stretch the more able Mathematicians in the country by providing a series of challenges requiring them to apply their Maths skills in unusual ways. Once again this year a number of our pupils have achieved awards in this competition:

Gold: Jacob, Raphael, William, Greg, Amanpreet, Harry, Peter.

Silver: Gil, Ben, Michelle, Sebastian, Zak, Robbie, N'Sira

Bronze: Lea, Zara, Angus, Lulu, Kate, Ren, Harrison, Cameron, Rocco, Oliver, Robert, Martha.



Bonus Competition: Jacob, Raphael and William have also qualified for the bonus round of the competition which will take place in February. We wish them every success for this next stage of the competition.

JWD



Parent-Teacher Meeting - Year 5, Year 6 and Year 8

The following Parent-Teacher meetings are scheduled to take place during this term:

| Boarders | Friday 9th | 4.15pm | Sports |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | February | —5.30pm | Hall |
| Year 5 (day) | Thursday 22nd February | 6.30pm —8.30pm | Sports Hall |
| Year 8 (day) | Monday 26th February | 6.30pm —8.30pm | Sports Hall |
| Year 6 (day) | Tuesday | 6.30pm | Sports |
| | 6th March | —8.30pm | Hall |

Full details of each meeting will be sent out in due course.

We hope that these meetings will provide you with an opportunity to discuss all aspects of your child's progress this term and we are very much looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible. Should you have any concerns at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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TEXTILES NOTICE:

The textiles activity would like to receive donations of fabrics and wool if anybody is sorting out their cupboards. Thank you.



Sports Notices and News

IAPS FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 12th May 2018 Millfield Prep School, Glastonbury

If you are interested in entering this event please contact Mrs Mansfield <u>smansfield@foremarke.org.uk</u> for further details.

Parents will be required to travel and be responsible for their children throughout the event.

There is an entry fee so all entrants must be committed to the event.

Team of the Week

Ist Boys' Hockey



A fantastic start to the term. The boys played some quick entertaining Hockey on Saturday with a solid defensive structure. Putting away 12 goals and conceding none. Excellent work boys, thank you for your efforts. RA.

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Pre-Prep News and Notices

Notices

Wednesday 7th February—No Lexia.

Wednesday 7th February— 8:45am, Year One Musical Assembly. Tea/coffee in the Pre-Prep library from 8:15am.

Wednesday 7th February— Year One and Year Two Gymnastics is on this date due to half term.

New topics in the Nursery

What a great start to the Lent Term. We have enjoyed welcoming our new starters to the Nursery and are enjoying getting to know them. Our topics for this half term are 'Ocean' and 'People Who Help Us'. We began our 'Ocean' topic by reading 'Commotion in the Ocean' and then painting our favourite sea creature. Look at all the magnificent pictures we painted. This week, we have learnt lots of facts about Octopi. Did you know they have three hearts and a beak. They also like to eat crabs and birds!



LOST PROPERTY

Elodie White has lost her named hat. Please check (that your child has the correct hat. Many thanks.



"Listening to people" A Golden Rule

Golden Leaves are awarded to children who follow the 'Golden Rules' particularly well. Congratulations to:-

| Nursery | Reception |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Samuel Mistry | Noah Clemson |
| Mollie Sayers | Talha Mohammed |
| Rory Exley | Joshua Goudge |
| | Grace Hanson |
| | |
| Year 1 | Year 2 |
| Year 1 Monty Embery | Year 2 Matilda Alexander |
| | |
| Monty Embery | Matilda Alexander |



PLAYTIME STARS AWARD Year Two

Learning Objectives

Reception Literacy To write a sentence to describe a sea creature. Mathematics To understand addition as 'counting on'.

Year One

English
To write a description of a polar bear using the story "The Rainbow Bear".
To write a Kenning poem about a polar bear.
To learn the 'ng' digraph.
Mathematics
To read the time to the hour and half past.
To review the calendar; days of the week, months of the year and problem solve.

<u>Year Two</u> English

To write an alternative traditional tale with a sustained beginning, middle and end.

Mathematics

To choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length and height.

Lower School News and Notices

Year 4 India Day - Friday 26th January

Next week, as part of their Geography topic, the Year 4 are looking forward to 'India Day'. They will spend the full day focusing on Indian food, music, dance and culture. Children need to arrive in school wearing their tracksuits, white polo tops, navy socks and trainers. They will still need a coat for breaktime.

New After School Activity: Chess

An exciting new activity has joined the varied options on offer to children after school. Chess has attracted lots of players, from the very experienced to the completely new and everyone is looking forward to developing their skills and pitting their wits against a range of others. Look out!





Year 4: Sutton Hoo

Year 4 entered the realms of limitless possibilities as they discovered the treasures of Sutton Hoo. Careful excavation uncovered a wealth of Anglo Saxon artefacts, which caused great excitement. Evidence of our Learning Power 'Curiosity' was in abundance.





Upper School News & Notices

General Notices

Week 3 Drama Rehearsals

Monday

4:15–5:00 pm Act | Scene 3

5:00–6:00 pm Act | Scenes | & 2 plus Opening Number & Fight Dance

Tuesday

4:15–5:00 pm Act 2 Scene 3

5:00-6 :00 pm Act 2 Scene 5 plus

Wedding Dance



To Year 7 Parents:

C B Fry Awards

It is at this time of the year that we are invited by Repton to nominate candidates from Year 7 for C B Fry Awards. These awards are worth up to 20% of the boarding fees and are offered to boys and girls who are able to demonstrate all-round achievement and potential. This should include a proven track record of academic commitment and leadership potential and who are currently performing with distinction in sport, music, art or drama. It is also expected that they will make a significant contribution to the life of the boarding community during their time at Repton.

If you feel that your son/daughter may meet these criteria, that they will be a boarder at Repton from September 2019 and you would like for them to be considered for nomination, please do let Mr Merriman know by Monday 22nd January 2018.

Smart Watches

Many children have returned to school after the Christmas break with Smart watches. I am afraid that Smart watches are not allowed in school. A smartwatch is a portable device that's designed to be worn on the wrist, just like a traditional watch. Smartwatches, however, like smartphones, have touchscreens, support apps, and often record heart rate and the internet may be accessed without the need for a phone or computer. Activity trackers are allowed to be worn provided they have no connectivity.

Thank you for your cooperation. Mrs Kelly



Road Safety

Please could all drivers on the school site drive with care and attention? There has been a few occasions where drivers have been spotted on mobile phones or driving too fast around the school.

Please help the school maintain the safety of all pupils. It could be your child injured due to careless driving.



Boarding News and Notices

NOTICE

Lent term trips

There are still a few Lent term trips forms outstanding. If you wish your child to attend any of the Lent term trips and have not returned the form please do send it to Mrs Hill urgently so that we ensure your child is booked on to the trip. Thank you.

Welcome Alisa!

Alisa joins us from Russia as a Year 5 boarder in Nightingale.



Boarder of the Week Alice



For kindness to others and shining in her netball match this week. JH

<u>News</u>

Fe Fi Fo Fun!

We had a fabulous weekend at the Panto. Read all about our first boarding trip of the term in the boarding news section of the school website.

Games in Flexi...

The Flexi boarders enjoyed a competitive game of Uno with our new Gappers on Wednesday evening (Mr White appears to be taking it particularly seriously...)





OPEN MORNING Saturday 27th January 2018 REPTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Open Morning Reminder:

Boarding Houses and Flexi will be open at the next Open Morning. A great chance to come and take a look around. Turn to page 5 of last week's Flyer for more information.



ACADEMÍC STAYS Miss Bushby has seen some fantastic work over the last week and is pleased to announce the following Academic Stars!

| 3C | Peggy Ascott | RS |
|-----|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Harneve Sandhu | RS |
| 3M | Freddie Fenton | English |
| | Lydia Morris | English |
| 3F | Alex Marriott | English |
| | Lucy Wheeldon | RS |
| 4B | Pippa Bond | English |
| | Amelie Clarkson | English |
| | Deen Latif | English |
| | Lily Miller | History |
| | Ava Mousley | English |
| | Francesca Nowacki | English |
| | Oliver Way | English |
| 4H | Sophie Maronge | Science |
| | Sophie Pascoe | D&T |
| | Emile Whitfield | Science |
| 40 | Veniamin Ogir | D&T |
| 5SG | Tudor Man | Science, French |
| 5ES | Max German | English, Maths |
| | Izzy Hambleton | Science |
| | Poppy Mercer | Geography |
| | Freddie Naylor | French |
| | Ben Parkin | Geography, D&T |
| | Kathleen Scannell | French, D&T |
| | Martha Wong | Geography, D&T |
| 6RN | Lea Barkey | RS |
| | Robbie Boswell | Geography |
| | Roberta English | English, Maths |
| | Jacob Ingleston-Orme | Maths |
| | William Morrison | Geography, RS x 2. Latin |
| | Sebastian Raper | Geography, RS |
| | Zak Wedgwood | English, Science x 2, French, RS |





| 6NW | Alfie Baines | Geography |
|-----|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Amelia Gibson | English |
| 6AE | Jake Robinson | English |
| | Ren Yokoyama | English |
| 7IC | Jessica Grace | Latin |
| | James Harman | Maths |
| | Harriet Harte | French, Latin |
| | Luca Stanojevic | French |
| 7FL | Freya Bruno | French |
| | Lara German | English, French, Classical Studies |
| 7KC | Gaia Cooper | English |
| | Sam Parkin | English, French, Classical Studies |
| | Angel Shen | Latin |
| 7GW | Marisa Lucas | English, Maths x 2, Science, RS |
| | Josh Roberts | French, Classical Studies |
| 7JD | Claudia Cooper | French |



Staff Announcement : Mrs Shaw-Wall

After 16 outstanding years of service to Foremarke Hall and exemplary leadership of the Learning Enhancement Department, Mrs Shaw-Wall has decided to finish her working life here at Foremarke and to explore other wider opportunities and adventures.

The search for her replacement has already begun. There will be future opportunities to express our gratitude to an outstanding practitioner over the coming months, but suffice for the moment to say we wish Lesley every future happiness and success in her new life and thank her for her dedication and commitment to her charges, colleagues and department.

Music School News

2018 FOREMARKE YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITIONS

THE CHARLES JENNENS MUSIC SCHOOL, FOREMARKE HALL



A series of informal concerts in the Music School this term to give every young musician (Grade I standard or above) opportunity to perform. All children are encouraged to participate in this lovely series of informal concerts. Children can enter up to 2 instruments this year.

Entry forms are now available in the Music

School.

All dates and details are in the school calendar.

Notice for String Players

Pro Corda will be visiting Foremarke on Friday 2^{nd} March.

If any child is interested in auditioning for one of their international chamber music courses [please see the website for further details..... www.procorda.com] please apply online and let Mrs Bloor know.

She will be available to rehearse with children prior to the audition. Thank you.





Friends Meeting

The next meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 24th January at 8:30am

In Hall Cottage Meeting Room (just through the Arch, at the end of the Quad.)

Everyone welcome.

Information from the School Nurses

Prevent the spread of flu



Cover your nose and mouth with a clean tissue when you cough or sneeze

Bin it Dispose of used tissue in your nearest bin

Washing your hands and cleaning surfaces prevents the spread of germs

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