



The Market Weighton School

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Parent Newsletter

March 2018

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

The Spring Term has been short this year, but, as you will read in this second newsletter of the term, our students have been very busy. Year 11 students have completed a second set of trial exams and are on track for some great results this summer. They are working hard and will be coming into school throughout the Easter break to work with staff on revision. I would like to thank parents for supporting students to attend and the staff for giving up time in the holiday to deliver the sessions.

Over recent weeks, Year 9 business students have been taking part in enterprise activities selling cakes, cards and sweets in school and organising events to raise money for charities of their choice. Students paid to enter the 'TMWS Bake Off' making cakes that were then sold to raise more money and the 'TMWS Talent Show' discovered some new talent. We have ended the term this week with another cake sale raising funds to support two of our students attend the world scout jamboree in America next summer and running a mile and wearing our sport kit in support of Sport Relief. Thank you to all parents who have supported these fundraising efforts.

Year 10 Food and Nutrition students visited Leeds University this week and Year 10 Science students visited York University, both trips giving students an insight into possible future careers. Year 8 students have been competing in a national robotics challenge. After being selected to represent Yorkshire and Humber our team then went on to win the best robot design at the finals at the NEC in Birmingham. This event was part of the 'Big Bang' science show which all of Year 8 attended.

You can keep up to date with all school events as they happen by following TMWS on Twitter or checking the school website. Twitter proved to be an effective way of communicating the school closure this half term and, you will have seen that E-Praise has now also introduced a messaging facility that allows staff to communicate with students and parents. E-Praise now shows all homework, reward points and demerits which result in consequences. All parents can have access to this information, please contact us if you don't have access.

As we end the term we say goodbye to Mr Cranmer Bills who is moving to teach Art in a school much closer to his home, we wish him well after two successful years at TMWS. Mrs Noble, a very experienced art teacher has already started to work with Year 11 and will join us after the holidays. My PA, Nicky Hansen, is also leaving, having completed a hand over to Mrs Sarah Florence. We have also welcomed a new teaching assistant to the school, Mrs Hills, who brings many years of experience to the team.

Hopefully the weather will improve over the holidays and we will see Spring arrive before the start of the Summer Term! Enjoy your holidays and the newsletter.

Richard Harrison

YEAR 10 FOOD SCIENCE & NUTRITION

Students attended an open day at the School of Food Science and Nutrition within the University of Leeds. During the visit students were given the opportunity to explore how science, our understanding of food and dietary requirements effect the food industry. Students were given the opportunity to attend a nutrition lecture, complete in a lab practical and participate in a 'Food Carousel' where they investigated the iron, sugar and acid content in certain food products. They learnt what the term 'concentrate' means and how you remove the concentrate from a product. The finale to the day was an industry standard taste testing. The day was a real success, all students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it helped them gain knowledge to help them in their GCSE option choice and future careers.



ALL ENGLAND THEATRE FESTIVAL – 10/11 March 2018

The Weighon Young Players took part in the regional heats of The All England Theatre Festival at Bridlington Spa and competed against other youth and adult groups in the region. Weighon Young Players won the youth section and the overall regional section and are through to the semi-finals in May.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Allenden who won best actress and to Val Brogden also won best director.

Other students involved were Kacy Webster, Rachael Telfer, Hannah Telfer, Ellis Brown, David Atanasov and Jake Norman. The performance was absolutely brilliant and they all deserved to win!



The Market Weighton School team wins in the final of UK robotics competition

A team from The Market Weighton School was selected to compete in the UK finals of the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge. As winners in the regional heat, they went head to head with teams from across the country at The Big Bang Fair, NEC, Birmingham on Friday 16 March 2018. Over four hundred schools across the country took part in the Robotics Challenge, of these twenty-eight schools were invited to take part in the final competition.

The winning team of six Year 8 students and four Year 9 students built, programmed and controlled a LEGO robot for a series of 'aviation missions'. Students also had to research, design and present their own solution to a contemporary engineering problem faced by STEM professionals in the aviation industry.

The Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge introduces student teams to real-world engineering, technology, robotics and computing challenges. The challenge aims to help students put their school learning into context and discover exciting new careers.

The students in Team Falcon were Bethany Petch-Smith, Abi Mann, Hannah Telfer, Katie Tooke, Florence Grimes and Joe Green. The Robotics Ambassadors that supported Team Falcon are Charlotte Stringer, Shelby Ashworth, Kacy Webster and Rachel Telfer.

I am pleased to announce that Team Falcon were awarded Best Robot Design. This involved the team delivering a presentation to a group of engineers. The engineers commended the students on how well and professionally they had delivered the presentation, it was 'faultless'.

Research from EngineeringUK, who run the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge, shows that communicating engineering careers to young people is vital for the future of the British economy.

Engineering UK's Chief Executive, Mark Titterton, said: "In order to meet the country's demand for engineers we need to inspire more young people to consider a career in the industry.

Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge aims to help young people from all backgrounds understand the variety, excitement and opportunity presented by an engineering career."

For more information on the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge please visit

www.tomorrowsengineers.org.uk/robotics





Congratulations to the following students who have all had a piece of work chosen for the 'wall of excellence' since the last newsletter:

Jennie Turner-Yeamon	7EO	06.03.18
Sireah Hill	7EO	06.03.18
Lily Kendall	7PF	06.03.18
Emily Firth	7EO	06.03.18
Lola Avann	7PS	06.03.18
Grace Atkinson	7PS	15.03.18
Lucas Seers	7PF	15.03.18
Isabel Bostwick	7EO	15.03.18
Lily Kendall	7PF	15.03.18

As a reward, these students have been credited with £2.00 on their School Gateway account.

Well done to all!

Forthcoming Events	
24 April	Y9 Parents' Evening
14 May – 29 June	GCSE Exams
June	Y9 Residential Trip to AzuRivage, France
June	Y8 Residential Trip to Kingswood
22 June	Y6 SEN Visit
9-11 July	Y6 Parent Information Evening and Uniform Sizing
14 May – 29 June	GCSE Exams
12 July	Y7 & Y8 Awards Evening
17 July	Y9 & Y10 Awards Evening
18 July	Summer Concert
19 July	Y7/8/9 Summer Disco

Term Dates 2017-18

Spring Term	9 January to 23 March
Easter Holiday	26 March to 9 April

Summer Term	10 April to 20 July
Staff Training Day	9 April
Half Term	28 May to 1 June
Staff Training (Disagg)	23 July

Term Dates 2018 - 19

Autumn Term	4 September to 21 December
Staff Training Day	3 September
Half Term	29 October to 2 November

Spring Term	8 January to 5 April
Staff Training Day	7 January
Half Term	18 February to 22 February

Summer Term	24 April to 19 July
Staff Training Day	23 April
Half Term	27 May to 31 May
Staff Training (Disagg)	22 and 23 July