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The Market Weighton School

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Parent Newsletter

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WELCOME TO OUR SPRING EDITION

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Headteacher Update

As we start this half term I am sure you have all been following the news on the spread of the Coronavirus and the possibility of school closures! What may initially seem like good news for many students may not be so popular with parents and our Year 11s who are working hard preparing for their GCSEs. We are monitoring the situation closely and receive a daily update from the government with the latest advice and guidance. We have implemented extra cleaning in school and have been showing our students how to wash their hands effectively. At present the school is probably the cleanest it has ever been and until the virus spreads more widely students are safe in school.

The government are clearly considering school closures as part of a 'delay' phase of dealing with the virus and we will keep you fully informed of any information on this or if we had any staff or student contract the virus. If we did close work will be made available through E-Praise so all students can continue to learn at home.

Decisions on planned school visits will be made on the latest advice in conjunction with travel companies, the Local Authority, other schools and parents. If you have any questions regarding this please see our website for updates or contact the member of staff leading the visit.

As you will read in this newsletter we continue to offer our students a wide range of learning experiences. The highlight of the term was our production of Hairspray Jr. I hope you managed to see it as it was truly amazing! Following his rave reviews as Corny Collins, Joe Green will host an evening of music, dance and drama to showcase the talents of our students at 7:00pm on Wednesday 1 April 2020, tickets are on sale now via the school website / Eventbrite, price £4.

Next week we will be raising money for **Sport Relief** by wearing our sport kit all day and running a mile during period 5 on Friday 13 March. Staff will take on students at netball on Wednesday lunchtime and a cake sale will add to the fundraising. As we look further forward many planned visits and events may be cancelled but you can be assured all decisions made will take into account the latest government advice and wider impact on our students.

Richard Harrison
Headteacher



Hairspray JR

TMWS students performed each show to a packed house. Over 600 people have watched Hairspray JR and feedback on the hard work and effort of all those involved has been phenomenal. This was the first musical performed by The Market Weighton School in over 10 years, students have been rehearsing hard since last September and delivered a well-polished performance. They were rewarded by a standing ovation on the last night which was thoroughly deserved.

Mrs K Kelly, Deputy Head, Mount Pleasant School reported; "A thoroughly entertaining time was spent by our pupils and staff watching The Market Weighton School's production of Hairspray Jr. With amazing acting, singing and talent in abundance, the cast and crew did themselves, the school, their families and the community proud. We certainly couldn't "Stop The Beat" all the way back to school. Thank you and we can't wait for next year's production"

Chair of Governors, Mrs R Davies said, "The production was excellent. It is exciting that the school leaders acknowledge the importance of giving young people an enriching and creative opportunity beyond the classroom. The commitment given by the young people and the staff involved was clearly evident. It was an exceptional experience for all involved and an celebration of all that young people are capable of when given confidence and support from their teachers".

I was pleased to be invited to the performance of Hairspray Jr. at The Market Weighton School on the last of its three performances. As a parent I have attended many school concerts and plays in the past but this was by far and away a whole different experience. The performance of the pupils was top class and as good as any professional acts, the lead characters were confident, assured and projected their characters superbly, even down to the American accents. The dancing was also brilliant and being sat on the front row I felt part of the performance at times! Its clear TMWS has a pool of talent and expertise that is a credit to the school and the town and I hope to see many more shows of the same high class in the future. Well done to everyone involved, it was brilliant! - Cllr Peter Hemmerman, Market Weighton Town Mayor.

We would like to thank all who supported the production, with their time, effort, sponsorship, prize donations and attendance, without all of you involved the production would not have been possible.



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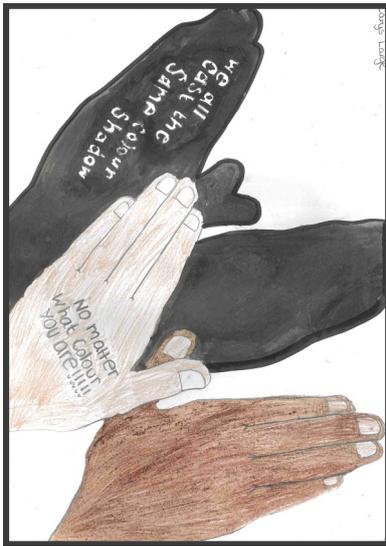
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Personal Development Day 2

Personal Development days give students a chance to learn about a wide range of topics and themselves in a more flexible day where normal lessons are suspended.



Year 7 students took part in an art competition with the subject being “Give Racism the Red Card” Students had to design a poster with the competition being run in house. Prizes will be awarded by Mrs Noble to Carys Large, Ruby Calam, Thomas Newby and Blake Ellis-Reeves in our next celebration assembly. Well done to all the students who took part in the competition, the level of work was extremely high and judging was a very challenging job for the staff.



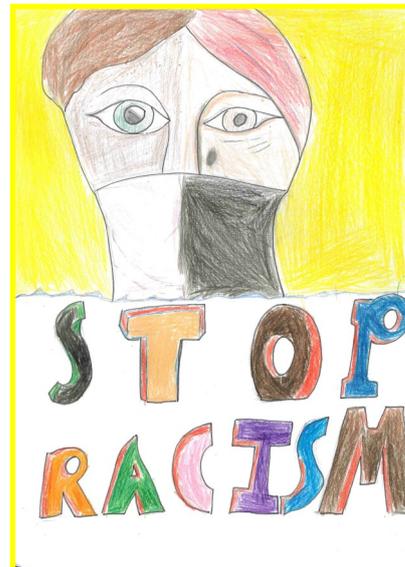
First place
Carys Large



Second place
Ruby Calam



Commended
Thomas Newby



Commended
Blake Ellis-Reeves

Year 8 Students spent the day working on the topic of “Free to be me” focusing on safer internet day creating a campaign using a video, podcast, app or guide to emphasise the message of the Free to be me campaign. Students finished the day presenting their work to the rest of the year group.



Some of our students spent their Personal Development Day learning how to set up a café, budget, make and present food, serve customers and tidy up. Thanks to Mrs Reddall and Mrs Spencer for organising such a great event!



In the afternoon the group had an introduction to wildlife to overcome fears and develop Courage and Resilience. The students were able to handle the animals including a tortoise, Rosie the tarantula, Nigel, a European eagle owl, a bearded dragon, Gripper the boa constrictor and Pebbles the skunk! Students were given an overview on where each animal came from and were tested on their knowledge of different species. Thanks to Liz Kirby from Noah's Ark.



Year 9 students had education sessions with the School Nurse, learnt about debating then discussed their understanding of the role of parliament. In the 'Being a Judge' session, students heard a case, decided on the sentence and then compared their decision to the actual sentence passed!

Year 10 students learnt life skills including resuscitation, resilience, skills for success and how to aim high.

Year 11 enjoyed a Zumba session, getting them motivated for the day ahead, followed by talks on Free to be Me and from the Prevent in Education Team. The afternoon provided time for extra study in advance of the trial exams .



Coronavirus and staying healthy

The most important thing we can all do at present to reduce the risk of catching the Coronavirus is to wash our hands regularly and limit our contact with other people as the virus spreads further.

In school we are currently virus free and implementing extra cleaning, using disinfectant to wipe surfaces, door handles, toilets facilities and other high use areas at least on a daily basis with plans to increase this in the next few weeks. We have given all our students advice this week on limiting the spread of the virus including how to wash their hands thoroughly. You can read all the latest government advice at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government->

How To Wash Your Hands

Step 01
Wet hands with water and apply soap or handwash.

Step 02
Rub hands palm to palm.

Step 03
Rub palm over the back of the other hand with interlaced fingers and vice versa.

Step 04
Palm to palm with fingers interlaced.

Step 05
Back of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked.

Step 06
Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa.

Step 07
Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa.

Step 08
Rinse hands under running warm water.

Step 09
Dry hands thoroughly with a paper towel or air dryer.

Step 10
Use your elbow or paper towel to turn off the tap.

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Steps to Success Drama Presentation

'Steps To Success' was an engaging 1 hour theatre presentation, looking at options for future careers and how these can all lead to a fulfilling future. The show follows three students with very different attitudes to learning and planning ahead in life. It is an informative and fun introduction to post 16 & 18 pathways, focusing on the different options available (including different routes to higher education) and the importance of planning for a successful and fulfilling future.

Raising achievement and developing aspirations is crucial to enable students to make the most of their opportunities in education. Through a lively combination of drama, comedy, music and dance a variety of options available to students after GCSEs was explored. Whether the future lies in vocational learning, higher education or in seeking a job with training students are offered the opportunity to explore solutions and make informed choices.



Learning Objectives

- Re-enforce the importance of lifelong learning within education and training for students' lives now and in the future
- Explore and dispel myths and preconceptions about Further Education and Higher Education
- Create awareness of all the post 16 options available and the routes into higher education
- Promote University as being available to all, regardless of background, gender and financial circumstances
- Motivate all students to fulfil their potential



Cybercrime Feedback

The evening, albeit sadly not well attended was very informative, feedback from one of the attendees:

"Just a note to thank you & your team for putting this together. It was a shame to see such a poor turnout because although I know I'm rather technophobic, there was information, which I'm convinced even the most "techy" parents would have benefitted from hearing. Many thanks for all you continue to do."

TMWS will continue to hold information evenings for parents to attend, these will be published on the Web, Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please like and follow us to keep up to date with what is going on.

Defibrillator update

12 Staff were trained in January on how to use the defibrillator that Ms Joshi and her Year 11 students raised money to purchase. The defibrillator unit has now been installed in school and its location been registered with the NHS and Yorkshire Ambulance Service. This will be mapped on the Save a Life app which can be downloaded from your App Store or Google Play. Once again thank you to Britcom for their sponsorship.



The Market Weighton School Sensory Garden

Staff member Mrs Reddall, has put a proposal forward to the Headteacher and Senior Leadership team to develop one of the school's courtyards into a sensory garden for students to have as an area of calm and tranquillity, developing their senses and expanding confidence whilst spending time outside. The garden will be designed to give areas for activities and areas for relaxation. It will incorporate a wild pond, urban music station, planted wellington boots and tyres, sensory plants and herbs. A one lane bowling alley for skittles. There will be seating to encourage students to eat lunch out in the fresh air (when the weather improves!).



One of the ideas is for an area for students to imprint their hands ...leaving a legacy at the school.

A “Banksy” inspired wall will be there for students to express themselves in art.

Students Ray, Ellie, and Adam went down to Tesco's in Market Weighton with Ms Joshi and Miss Milnes, to see how the blue tokens were doing in the collection for the project and try to raise awareness with the shoppers. Please can all parents and carers ask all their friends to support this fabulous cause.

Local Author Chris Turnbull Visits Students

Wednesday 5 March saw local author Chris Turnbull deliver a creative writing workshop in the library to a group of Year 7-9 students. He was accompanied by his Jack Russell, Olly. The students spent the day producing their own novellas and short stories. Everyone had a great day and produced some fantastic ideas which will soon be on display. Chris and Olly will be returning soon to work on a different project and we very much look forward to seeing them again.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Educational Visits 2019/2020				
Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number of Pupils	Year Group
12 March	Elizabethan Revision Event – Principal Royal Hotel, York	PF	22	10/11
13 March	IAG Post 16 Event – Pocklington School	MJ	15	11
19 March	York Uni – DNA Analysis	EC	33	10/11
27 March	FLB Reward Trip	MJ	TBC	TBC
4-11 April	Ski Trip – Italy	CBR/KWT	35	9/10/11
28 April	Conisbrough Castle	RJ	Full Yr	7
9 June	Geography Field Trip – York	PS	TBC	9/10
15-19 June	Kingswood Residential	SJH	78	8
17 June	Farm Visit	TBC	1 x Form	7
22 June	Leeds Grand Mosque	JMO	21	9
24 June	Farm Visit	TBC	1 x Form	7
25 June	Holderness Coast	PS	Half Yr	7
26 June	Holderness Coast	PS	Half Yr	7
1-4 July	Belgium History Trip	PF	30	10
1 July	Farm Visit	TBC	1 x Form	7
8 July	Farm Visit	TBC	1 x Form	7
7-10 October	Barcelona Spanish Trip - TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term	2 September to 20 December
Staff Training Day	2 September
Staff Training (<i>Disagg</i>)	25 October
Half Term	28 October to 1 November
Spring Term	7 January to 3 April
Staff Training Day	6 January
Half Term	17 February to 21 February
Easter	4 April to 19 April
Summer Term	21 April to 17 July
Staff Training Day	20 April
Half Term	25 May to 29 May

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term	7 September to 18 December
Staff Training Day	7 September
Staff Training Day (<i>Disagg</i>)	23 October
Half Term	26 October to 30 October
Spring Term	4 January to 26 March
Staff Training Day	4 January
Half Term	15 February to 19 February
Easter	29 March to 9 April
Summer Term	12 April to 26 July
Staff Training Day	12 April
Half Term	31 May to 4 June
Staff Training (<i>Disagg</i>)	26 July

To note students are not in school on staff training days.