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Headteacher Update

We are already a month into 2023 and only a week away from our production of High School Musical! This promises to be one of the highlights of the year and following the huge success of our last big production of Hairspray in 2019 we are excited to be able to put on another big show. This time we have been able to purchase our own set thanks to fundraising at other performing arts events supported by parents throughout the year. This set is easy to erect and move and designed to be re-painted for each show. Our back stage club have been busy painting under the watchful eye of Miss Healy, who's artistic talents are being put to good use! If you don't have your tickets yet don't leave it too late as some performances may sell out. All tickets are £6 and are available from Mrs O'Malley, from our school reception and on the door subject to availability.

You will have also seen that our long awaited all weather pitch is now finished and being used by students in PE lessons this term. Staff were also keen to try it out and were joined by Year 11 students in a fun but competitive game which is featured in this Newsletter. We now have a world class pitch which we are sharing with local clubs and together with the Sports Hall refurbishment provide Market Weighton with a great facility for the local community. We will be holding an official opening later this term once all the works are completed.

Our staff are working hard to support Year 11 students with their revision as their second set of mock exams approach after half term. We have a full timetable of additional sessions at lunchtime and after school (period 6) together with revision sessions on most days through the school holidays between now and June. It was clear from last summer's results that those who engaged the most with these opportunities achieved the best results. We are very much aware that COVID lockdowns will continue to have an impact on what students have learnt for several years to come. We are finding our younger students are arriving at TMWS with lower average reading ages, meaning that reading for pleasure is even more important to allow students to make accelerated progress in reading to close this reading gap. Miss Theakstone is doing a great job as our Librarian in making sure we have all the latest teenage fiction on the shelves, and will order books requested by students. Thank you to all who have donated books that your children have enjoyed in the past. Book reviews and recommendations are now a regular feature in each Newsletter.

I wrote to parents last week about our plans for the days when the National Education Union are taking strike action. Teachers like many other professions have seen real terms pay cuts over recent years and the high levels of inflation we have experienced in the last year have made this even more apparent. Whilst strike action will clearly cause some disruption for parents we will be doing all we can to avoid any disruption to our Year 11 students and those who find a disrupted routine most challenging. I will write to parents a week prior to each strike date with an update on the partial school closure to give you a reasonable amount of time to make your own plans for childcare etc. If the school is open for your child please make every effort to make sure they attend and not see the strike days as a legitimate reason to stay at home, as this will count as unauthorised absence for those expected in school. For those students for whom the school is closed attendance that day is not counted in overall attendance percentages. Additionally, the Poetry Live trip on that day will go ahead as planned.

We are celebrating 70 years of educating the young people of Market Weighton this year and we are keen to collect stories and memories of those who attended Market Weighton High School in the 1950s and 60s. We are especially keen to add to our collection of photographs and in particular any Year Group Pictures pre 1990. If you have any pictures or stories to share please contact us and we will take digital copies to print and display. We are hoping to organise more events to mark our 70th year and welcome any ideas from our ex-students of the last 7 decades! Over the past few weeks we have been following one ex-pupil, Miriam Payne, who is reaching the end of an epic 3000 mile solo row across the Atlantic Ocean. When our students can see such amazing achievements from others who have sat in the same school hall it makes the impossible seem possible. If you have a story to share we would love to hear it and share it with our current students.

Richard Harrison

Headteacher



Student and Staff Football on our amazing all weather pitch

After a long wait our new pitch is finally finished and being used in PE lessons and by our local football clubs, Market Weighton Town, Holme Rovers and Newbald. Other clubs and groups can also book the pitch and the East Riding FA are hoping to set up a local league on a Monday evening. We also hope to see sessions offered by York City and Tigers Trust over the coming months. The pitch is now marked up for full 11 a-side games, half pitch 9 a-side, 7 a-side and quarter pitch 5 a-side. The pitch can be hired as a full, half or quarter pitch. Contact our Sports Centre Manager, Julie May on jmay@tmws.co.uk for prices and availability.



Staff and students joined forces to try out the new pitch with a mixed teams football match after school on Friday 20 January. Cheered on by Mrs Hall with her pom poms and a very large number of student, parent and staff spectators on the sidelines. Some staff were a little sore the next day/week but all enjoyed the game and we hope to have more games with Year 11 and other year groups over the next few months. We are also looking forward to hosting other schools for matches and tournaments next month.





To mark the 'first kick' on the new pitch we asked students to nominate each other and invited the boy and girls with the most nominations to kick off a fun game with all those with nominations on the first day back after the Christmas break. Toni and Logan were also given a new football to mark the event and in recognition of their nomination by so many of their peers.

The pitch also looks great under the floodlights and is available for club use from 5:00pm to 10:00pm each evening and from 9:00am to 6:00pm at weekends.



If you would like to book any of our sport facilities please contact our Sport's Centre Manager, Julie May, email: jmay@tmws.co.uk



THE MARKET WEIGHTON



February 7th, 8th and 9th 2023

7pm @ TMWS Hall

Tickets are £6 (available from

Book by **David Simpatico**, Songs by **Matthew Gerrard & Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham, Greg Cham & Andrew Seeley; Randy Petersen & Kevin Quinn Andy Dodd & Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle; David N. Lawrence & Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston**. Music Adapted, Arranged & Produced by

Bryan Louiselle

Former TMWS Student Rows the Atlantic

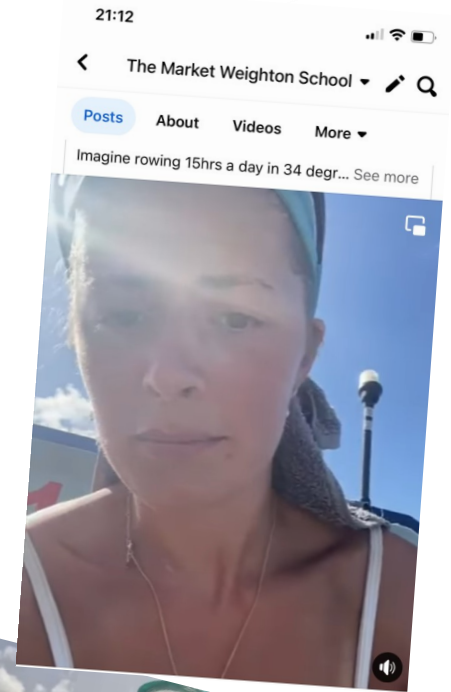
We have been following Miriam's progress over the last 7 weeks as she has been rowing solo across the Atlantic Ocean! This 3000 mile, almost un-imaginable physical effort, is almost over as she enters what will hopefully be her final weeks of the row.

Miriam's mum has been posting blogs on the Seas the Day Website and her friends are posting regular updates with videos uploaded by Miriam on Facebook which we have been sharing.

We are all impressed by Miriam's super human efforts and how she has demonstrated our school values in bucket loads. Once she has crossed the finish line and taken a few weeks to recover we hope that she will be back in Market Weighton and able to come into school to share her adventure with our students. Her achievements, even before she crosses the finish line, are inspirational.

Miriam is doing all this to support to charities, Hull and East Yorkshire MIND and Wellbeing of Women. I am sure she would appreciate your support! Use the link below to her webpage where you will find a link to donate.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Hi, I'm Miriam
Solo Ocean Rower

TMWS Library—Miss Theakstone

Please can I ask you all to check if any school library books are lurking in your children's bedrooms. We are still having books returned to the library that were borrowed last academic year (sometimes even longer ago than that!). On several occasions we had recently bought a new copy of the returned book. We could have bought a different book if we knew we already owned a copy. There are no fines for late books - we would just like to have them back so other students can read them



On the subject of new books we have been fortunate to have a huge number of books added to the shelves this month. As well as books the school has bought we had a lovely donation from Laura, one of our new Teaching Assistants. These included fiction and non-fiction, children's books, biographies and several crime thrillers. Thank you Laura!



Accelerated Reader competition news

We have awarded three more Silver certificates for reading 500,000 to Y7s Charlotte Neumann, Brandon Evers and Harvey Reed. We have also given out 14 Bronze certificates for reading 100,000 words.

Year 7 are still in the top spots for word count and books read. They have been doing so well that they are 4 million words and 100 books ahead of their nearest rivals, Year 8. There is also a competitive spirit between tutor groups. At time of writing the top 5 tutor groups for word count are:

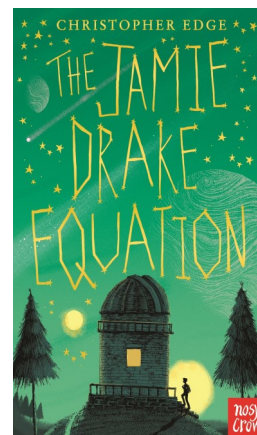
1. 7JLI
2. 9PF
3. 7JBE
4. 7RHI
5. 8RDM

Book review:

The Jamie Drake Equation – Christopher Edge

Jamie's Dad is about to make history—he is an astronaut on the ISS with a mission to send out probes to a distant galaxy. The aim is to make contact with any intelligent lifeforms.

The whole world is excited about what will happen but Jamie just wishes his Dad could be home for his birthday. Then he finds out his parents are getting a divorce and even when Dad arrives back from space things won't go back to how they were.



Frustrated with the situation Jamie goes for a walk and comes across an old observatory. The Professor there has hacked the Hubble Telescope and Jamie accidentally makes contact with an alien species. Suddenly he knows an awful lot about maths, science, and alien worlds. When his Dad's mission goes wrong Jamie might be the only one who can save both his Dad and his extra-terrestrial friend.

This book works well to bring science and maths to life. The reader is introduced to topics such as astronaut training, the Fibonacci sequence, and the Goldilocks Zone. Ideal to encourage the scientifically minded to read a fiction book, as well as an opportunity to encourage an interest in those who haven't previously enjoyed maths and science.



Visit your local library - for anyone struggling to heat their home this winter your local library offers a warm space to spend the day. As well as free Wi-Fi there are comfy seats, games, and jigsaws. Plus all the books!

Find out more on the [East Riding Libraries website](#).



Having a clear out? We would welcome donations of books to the library, both fiction and non-fiction. If your children have now outgrown certain books, we would love to have them on the shelves for our students to borrow. Or maybe you have books you've now read and were going to give away. If so, please consider donating them to the library. They would be great for our more able readers.

First Panathlon of 2023—Miss Holland

The first Panathlon of 2023 was held at Headlands school in Bridlington. Seven schools competed in a series of sporting activities to earn points which were then added up at the end.

We had the smallest team and were only 3 points off coming first.

The fab 5 worked brilliantly as a team, supporting and cheering each other on.

Brilliant day and all the schools thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

To find out more about the Panathlon challenges follow @jopanathlon on twitter



Paralympics

Year 7 students partook in a Paralympics at Haltemprice Leisure Centre.

The students tried their hands at different sporting activities, including new age curling, Boccia and futsal. Some great ideas that we hope to implement in school.



Charities Supported Recently

Students and staff put a lot of time and effort into raising money for charity and showing compassion for those less fortunate than themselves. You can read some of the thank you letters received recently here.

Our next charity fundraising event will be Comic Relief on Friday 17th March 2023. In the meantime students can donate House points to any of our 2022/23 House Charities.

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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for your contribution to the Poppy Appeal

Received from..... T.M.W.S
of..... MARKET WEIGHTON

The sum of (in words):
one hundred and fifty six Pounds 24 Pence

£ 156.24 District Ref

Date..... 14/11/22

Registered Charity 219279 Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

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Email: fundraising@macmillan.org.uk

Market Weighton School
48 Spring Road
Market Weighton
YORK
YO43 3JF
14 December 2022
Reference: 1124859

Dear Friends at Market Weighton School,

We appreciate your support!
Thank you so much for raising a fantastic £80.00 for Macmillan through your annual school sponsored walk and cake sale. We're so grateful to everyone who took part and donated, so please do pass on our thanks. Your generosity will allow us to help everyone with cancer live life as fully as they can.

To give you an idea of what your kind donation could go towards, £78 could pay for 200 copies of our Physical Activity and Cancer booklet – written for people living with or beyond cancer who want to know more about the benefits of being physically active and how to stay safe.

You make our work possible
Your donation means we can continue to work to improve the lives of people living with cancer. No matter who they are, where they live, or what diagnosis they may have, we're here for people at the times they need us the most. We help with answers to questions about cancer treatment and its effects, we offer advice and benefits for things like travel costs. Our goal is to give each person the support they need to take care of their health, protect personal relationships and deal with any work or money worries.

We couldn't do it without you. Thank you once again for being a part of Team Macmillan.

With best wishes,
N Smith

Nicola Smith
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(This letter constitutes an official receipt)

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Super Curriculum—Mr Fletcher

Our Super Curriculum continues throughout 2023 and there are many opportunities available for students to extend on the topics taught in all subject areas. We have recently had some excellent work submitted to Mrs Carter in Maths by Christopher in Year 7. This showcased some wonderful original thought and a great way to approach a study of Maths.

Its important for all students to feel like they can extend their studies with us at TMWS. This will ensure they get the most out of their time with us here and allow them to grow into rounded individuals. Pupils who complete Super Curriculum tasks are also more likely to make better than expected progress in their studies. If parents would like to know what they can do to help expand upon their child's studies at home then they are strongly encouraged to get in touch with subject teachers to find out more. Every little helps!



Gardening Club—Mr Jackson

Members of the Gardening Club have been challenged with gathering items to build some Bug Hotels around school.

We have had pallets donated by George but still need lots of other things.

Students are gathering together any old tiles, pipes, bamboo canes, or broken plant pots to fill in the gaps and make safe homes for a variety of insects and wildlife. If you have anything you think would be suitable please let us know - office@tmws.co.uk

How to build a bug hotel



You will need:

- Wooden pallets x4
- Bricks
- Plastic bottles*
- Bamboo canes
- Straw
- Leaves
- Tiles
- Cardboard
- Stones/pebbles
- Twigs/loose bark

*Use old plastic bottles for this, and always recycle after use.

- 1 Place a wooden pallet in your chosen location. On top of the pallet, line bricks around the corners and across the middle.
- 2 Place your next pallet on top of this and repeat the process for all of your pallets.
- 3 Cut off the top two-thirds of your bottles. Fill up half of them with bamboo canes/plastic straws and the other half with rolled up cardboard. Place these inside the hotel.
- 4 Fill in the remaining spaces with bricks, leaves, pebbles, stones, tiles, loose bark and straw.
- 5 Add in any extra materials that you want to recycle e.g. old pipes, carpeting, toilet tubes, old plant pots. Be creative - add a welcome sign or give your hotel a name!

www.wildlifewatch.org.uk

With the help of Mr Craven, one of our parents, we are also fundraising to buy a polytunnel similar to the one shown here to create opportunities for students to grow a wider range of vegetables.

Our outdoor classroom area is used to support the curriculum in science, as part of our ASDAN skills units and as a vehicle for mentoring and supporting positive mental health.



Epraise House Points and Charities

Emily on 458 points is in the lead with Phoebe hot on her tail for individual points! Mrs Higgs form group is in the lead with a margin of 321 points

Langdale house have had a storming month being awarded 2714 points last week alone.

Burlington are in the lead still but only just.....

Interested in joining the staff at #TeamTMWS?

If you want to join our team please email sflorence@tmws.co.uk for further information.

If you are interested in invigilating for us please contact us.

If you want to join our dedicated, ambitious and positive staff team we advertise all available positions on our website—. Please follow the link below for details of any current positions.

<https://www.themarketweightonschool.co.uk/more/vacancies/>

Current vacancies are—

Sports Centre Customer Services Assistants

Apprentice Administration Assistant

Teacher of English

Sickness - Student Absence Recording

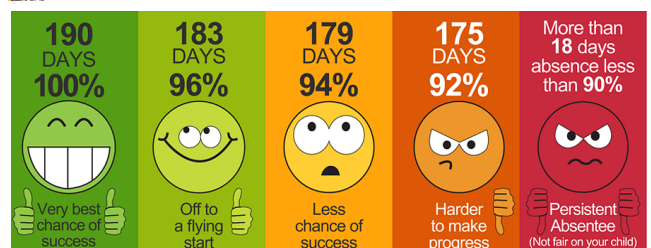
All parents must ring in daily if a student is going to be absent. If we don't get a call we don't know if the student should be back in school or not. This is to safeguard your child.

Full details with updated advice and guidance on student absences in line with East Riding Council and the NHS can be found on our website.

There is no reason to keep your child away from school for minor conditions such as:

- Acne
- Athlete's Foot
- Cold Sores
- Conjunctivitis
- Hand, Foot and Mouth
- Hay Fever
- Head Lice
- Insect Bites/Stings
- Mouth Ulcers
- Musculoskeletal/Period Pain
- Ringworm
- Slapped Cheek
- Sore Throat
- Threadworms
- Tonsillitis
- Warts and Verrucae

Students missing school for any of the reasons below will be recorded as unauthorised absence.





TMWS SEND PARENT FORUM EVENT

WHEN

Wednesday 22nd February 2023,
5pm—7pm

WHERE

The Market Weighton School,
48 Spring Rd, Market Weighton, York YO43 3JF

At The Market Weighton School we really value your involvement with your child's education.

This session is aimed at parents of students with varying additional learning needs.

A diagnosis is not required to attend this informative session.

FEATURING • Bringing the Local Offer to you—

Educational Psychology, KIDS. SENDIASS. East Riding Sleep Service. East Riding Parent and Carer Forum, 0-25 SEND Team, Endorphins, SENDART and many more...



AGENDA

5:00– 5:15

Welcome drinks

5:15-5:30

A School

Welcome from the
SENCO

5:30-7pm

An opportunity to visit multiple agency stalls that could support your child from the East Riding Local Offer.

Throughout the evening...

Network with other parents, staff and provide feedback.



School Gateway (Lunches) — Polite Reminder

Parents are reminded to keep their child's Schoolgateway account in credit.

Our canteen staff do not like to refuse service to our students, but, if the account is in debt TMWS is not obliged to provide food for students.

If you are having difficulty clearing a debt please contact our finance department who can discuss this with you.

If you are unable to keep your account in credit please send your child with a packed lunch.

You may be entitled to Free School Meals, please follow the link below to see if you qualify.

[ERYC FREE SCHOOL MEALS](#)

Schoolgateway



Educational Visits

Planned Educational Visits				
Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number of Pupils	Year Group
25 Jan 2023	Paralympic Haltemprice	LHO	10	Y7
26 Jan 2023	Blue Sky Nursery Visit	JSU	9	Y10
1 Feb 2023	Poetry Live	AWA	TBC	Y11 Y10
2 Feb 2023	Blue Sky Nursery Visit	JSU	7	Y10
10 Feb 2023	An Inspector Calls—York Opera	AWA	TBC	TBC
23 March 2023	Elizabethan England—York	PF	30	Y11
24 March 2023	Hull Uni—Leeds Rhino's Netball	KWT	40	Mixed
20–26 May 2023	Watersports Trip	KWT	40	Y9 Y10
26–28 June 2023	Kingswood Dearne Valley	ABR	130	Y8
10–13 July 2023	Belgium WW1 Battlefields	PF	40	Y9 Y10
4 October 2023	WIME	PO	TBC	TBC
22 Mar–29 Mar 2024	Ski Trip	CBR	52	Y8 Y9 & Y10

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term	5 September to 31 December
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	5 September
Half Term	24 October to 28 October
Christmas Holiday	19 December to 2 January
Spring Term	2 January to 16 April
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	3 January
Half Term	13 February to 17 February
Easter Holiday	3 April to 14 April
Summer Term	17 April to 25 July
Staff Training Day (<i>Students not in</i>)	17 April
Half Term	29 May to 2 June
Staff Training (<i>Staff and Students not in, disagg days</i>)	24 & 25 July

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

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR



AUTUMN TERM 2022		August	September	October	November	December
Monday		1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Tuesday		2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Wednesday		3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Thursday		4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Friday		5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday		6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday		7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25

SPRING TERM 2023		January	February	March	April
Monday		2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Tuesday		3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday		4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Thursday		5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Friday		6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Saturday		7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 39
Sunday		1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30

Autumn	35	70	195
	35		
Spring	29	59	
	30		
Summer	29	66	
	37		
	School Holiday		
	Bank Holiday		

SUMMER TERM 2023		May	June	July
Monday		1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday		2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Wednesday		3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Thursday		4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday		5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday		6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Sunday		7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30

These term dates are for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in East Riding of Yorkshire.

Schools can set five non-contact days when the school will be closed to pupils.

5 - Non Contact Days