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Headteacher Update

This month began with the Easter holidays and Year 11 students attending revision sessions in school with many staff giving up a day of holiday to support our students. This will have been replicated in schools across the country and demonstrates that teachers want to be in school helping children get the best possible GCSE results. Last weekend we were in the Peak District with Year 10 students completing a practice expedition for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award; again the area was packed with groups from schools from across the region, dozens of staff giving their time over a weekend to give students this valuable experience. This is why teachers find striking difficult, against what they believe they should be doing, but indicates the depth of feeling that currently exists that a better deal is needed for teachers and one that is fully funded by the government. School funding has been set for 2023/24 and unless the government agree additional funds for schools any pay rise must come from current budgets. Most schools set a balanced budget and can only find significant sums needed for pay rises by making cuts elsewhere. The reality is that this means staff cuts as this is by far the biggest percentage of every school's spending. We have tried to remain open for as many students as possible despite the strikes but I hope the government get back to the negotiations soon and avoid further strikes later this summer. As we start the exam season there will be no further strikes in May and first 3 weeks of June.

By now all parents should have received a copy of our new prospectus. We have produced this document to mark our 70th anniversary and our Good Ofsted report. We hope it reflects the school that you know well and I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the contents and production. We are not aiming to grow significantly as a school and will remain a small rural community school. We are now full in Year 10 and Year 8 and have 132 Year 6s coming to us in September. Numbers have grown in the past few years but we are still by far the smallest secondary school in the region.

Thank you to those who took the time to complete our annual parent survey, we had 121 replies this year and have analysed the data and read all the responses. We are genuinely interested in your views which you can share at any time. We know we can never please everyone all the time BUT we can improve and will act on many of the suggestions made by parents. I have shared some of the results of the survey in this Newsletter and will include more over the coming months. We also collected responses to a similar range of questions from all our students and take these equally seriously when we are planning improvements. One of our concerns is the relatively high number of students who feel negatively about their lives and themselves and we urge all parents to have regular conversations at home about thoughts and feelings about school and life in general. I would certainly advocate encouraging involvement in lunchtime and after school clubs and activities like D of E to raise self esteem and build more positive experiences which you will read about in this Newsletter.

We officially opened our 3G pitch in April, a world class facility that provides opportunities for those who play football. We are partnered with Market Weighton Town, Holme Rovers and Newbald Football Clubs who offer teams for all ages in boys and girls leagues. We are also hoping to start a joint school/club pan-disability session each week soon. Several other sports clubs operate from our Sports Centre including Tornados Trampoline Club, Zumba and Market Weighton Netball Club. Contact jmay@tmws.co.uk for details on 3G bookings or any other activities. We can now offer kids football parties using the 3G pitch and re-furbished upstairs room and kitchen area. In the parent survey a couple of parents asked if we had these activities on offer.

As part of our 70th celebrations we are holding a 'Party on the Pitch' event on Sunday 11th June from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. We are hoping to create an opportunity for past and present students and families to meet and have fun, share memories and support the school. Our weekly Facebook posts of memories from the last 70 years have been a real hit, especially the amazing footage of the building of the swimming pool narrated by Mr Thwaites. If you have any photos to share, e-mail them to office@tmws.co.uk and I will post them over the coming weeks. I hope you enjoy the Newsletter and hope to see you on Sunday 11th June.

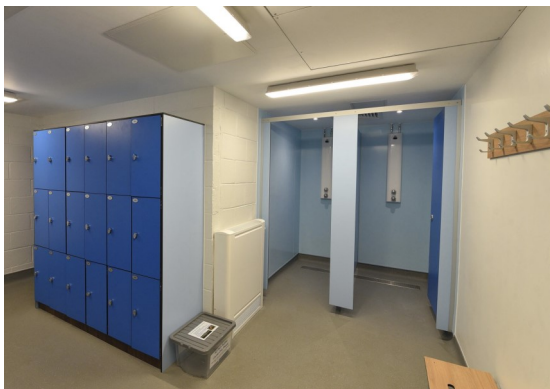
Richard Harrison

Headteacher



3G Pitch—Official Opening

Tuesday 18 April saw the official opening of the long awaited 3G pitch. Mayor, Councillor Lionel Cashin, formally cut the tape and declared the pitch open! It was wonderful to see so many attending with all those involved in campaigning for the pitch, local councillors, football clubs and Holme Rovers very own mascot joining in. The opening also saw our visitors take a tour of the newly refurbished Sports Centre and everyone remarked on the massive transformation and improvements to the facilities, which can be used by both the school and local community. The project has also seen further employment opportunities for the area with the expansion of the Sports Centre facilities and an increase in bookings. Contact jmay@tmws.co.uk





START AT
7PM



THURSDAY
11TH MAY

Seas the Day

Come and enjoy a talk by Miriam Payne and hear her tales of rowing 3000 miles across the Atlantic ocean, as well as lessons learnt from 59 days alone at sea.

Location: The Market Weighton School

£5 donation on the door to go to Miriam's charities 'Mind HEY' and 'Wellbeing of Women'

Young Writers Competition—Mrs Bailey

This year's competition has seen a phenomenal number of our students' work accepted for publication. A small number of the students entered the competition through coming to my creative writing club on a Wednesday lunchtime and my Year 8 classes were set the writing as part of their homework.

The topic for the competition was called Integer—Stories Inspired by Numbers. The brief involved taking a number as inspiration and writing a 100 word story, for example: *It was 2099...or I am number 13...*

Those being recognised for their writing skills are—

Daisy Martin, Eve Chrispin, Florence Sammons, Aiden Phoenix, Sorrell Mills, Neve Midwood, Erin Jackson, Millie Goodwin, Louis Ely, Toni Elsworthy, Tom De Luca, Naomi Chrispin, Max Buckle, Lily Watson, Thomas Wood, Alfie Hanson, Finn Teale, Ava Deeth, Jonah Hell, Bobby Grimes, Bella Caves, Ava Woods, Poppy Whitaker, Meg Sullivan, Ashton Sterling, Ajay Roe, Laura Powalisz, Max Griffin, Theo Shaughnessy, Jake Dickinson, Noah Clayton-Hill, Poppy Simpson, Summer Hatfield, Jesse Watt, Alyssa Paterson, Ava Blanchard, Flynn Marshall, Daisy Millett, Evie Redshaw, Lucia Malster-Hinett, Thomas Emmerson and finally but not least Will Pepper.

Congratulations go out to everyone involved - it is well deserved. The book is printed by Young Writers and is scheduled to be published on 23rd June 2023.



Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Over the last weekend of April our Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups were completing their practice expedition. Students walked 30 miles over 3 days carrying all they needed to camp and cook. The route was challenging, starting near Castleton in the Peak District and traversing the Mam Tor range of hills on day 1 before camping in Edale.



Day 2 took the group up Jacobs Ladder onto Kinder Scout Moor on the anniversary of the mass trespass which led to the formation of National Parks and Public Rights of Way and indeed the opportunity for us all to walk in these wild and remote areas. The final day brought the groups back to Edale before travelling back to school.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award involves completing 4 sections; Physical Activity, Skill or Hobby, Volunteering and the Expedition. Students can start the Award Scheme in Year 9 at Bronze level, completing Silver in Year 10 and 11 before progressing to Gold at College or University. The Award scheme can be completed up to the age of 25. We have a growing staff team which make delivering the Award to large numbers possible and have also benefitted from a grant from The D of E Queens Grant, enabling us to update our stock of tents, stoves and rucksacks.



THIS PLAQUE IS TO COMMEMORATE
THE ARREST OF LEADING MEMBERS OF
**THE KINDER MASS TRESPASS
ON 24TH APRIL 1932**
FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN TO HAYFIELD
AFTER THE PROTEST.
THEY SERVED PRISON SENTENCES OF
UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR THEIR PART
IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR ACCESS
TO OUR COUNTRYSIDE.



CORONATION WEEKEND
at All Saints Church

Friday 5th May
9.30am to 11.30am
Coronation Coffee Morning
Special cakes will be available

6.00pm
Coronation Evensong
Followed by refreshments

7.30pm
Coronation Concert
by
The Weighton Waytes and
The Market Weighton School Choir

Sunday 7th May
12.00pm to 3.00pm Market Weighton
Big Lunch in the High Street

At Sancton Church
6.00pm Coronation Songs of Praise

Parent Survey Results

Thank you to the 121 parents who took the time to complete this year's parental survey. We have analysed the results and read all the comments/ideas on how you believe we can improve what we do. Here are some of the responses to the key questions on feeling safe in school, bullying and meeting your child's additional needs. As you can see the overwhelming responses to these questions is positive but it is also true that of the 59 comments on how we can improve these areas also feature, so we know we can always do more.

We have moved over half the lockers off the science corridor which was an area where some students felt less safe when it was busy and they were trying to access lockers without being pushed. We are looking to move more lockers and have more supervision in this area at busy times.

7. When you raised a concern about bullying it was dealt with properly? (0 point)

[More Details](#)

● strongly agree, the bullying stop...	23
● agree but the bullying continued	14
● disagree, the bullying has contin...	4
● completely disagree, the bullyin...	2



Some have commented that we need to improve consistency with uniform and I would remind parents that hoodies are banned at all times and students should not wear them to school. Also we have banned tight skirts due to students rolling them up but some are still wearing the pleated skirts too short. This is addressed on arrival to school but we need parents to support these expectations for the journey to school. This will continue to be a focus as it is in all schools and has always been! We have recently been collecting photographs from the past 70 years and the variations in uniform are evident in official school form group photos over the past 70 years!

What is most pleasing to read are the positive comments around the support children with additional needs receive. However, we are always looking for additional interventions and ways we can better meet all our students needs, including the most able and those that may otherwise not be recognised as needing support. Some of you have commented on this too. We are hosting our second coffee

9. How far do you agree with this statement? 'My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed'

[More Details](#)

● Strongly agree	14
● Agree	9
● Neutral	4
● Disagree	1
● Strongly disagree	1



3. Is your child happy at TMWS? (0 point)

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

● Very Happy	38
● mostly happy	69
● neither happy nor unhappy	7
● unhappy	5
● very unhappy	2



4. Does your child feel safe at TMWS? (0 point)

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

● yes, always	62
● most of the time	49
● only sometimes	9
● no, never	1



I have discussed the increase in numbers of students vaping several times in this newsletter and how we have increased the number of staff on duty at breaks to prevent students congregating in the toilets. Along with pushing on the corridors this remains an area for improvement and I ask that parents support our no vaping policy in school, strongly discourage vaping and look out for vapes at home.

morning for parents of students with additional needs with Mrs Woodhead, our SENCO, on Wednesday 24th May from 8:30am. This is an opportunity to meet other parents but also share any concerns you have before they become a problem. More results and your comments in the May Newsletter.

TMWS Library—Miss Theakstone

Library news

The Student Librarian Assistants have been helping create two more displays. For the last few weeks of term we were putting a focus on books by Irish authors in time for St Patrick's Day. Then when students returned after Easter we switched to a display of books all selected and recommended by the Librarian Assistants themselves.



We have been fortunate to have several generous donations of books by parents and staff members in recent weeks. Including this wonderful selection—some of which were brand new! If you have books at home that are just taking up space please do consider bringing them in to school. We are always looking for more good quality books for students to read.

Accelerated Reader competition news

Since the last newsletter we have welcomed another member to the Word Millionaire Club — very well done to Y7 Lucy Woods. I have also awarded Silver certificates for reading 500,000 words to Alfie Lowery and Maisie Fenna, along with ten Bronze certificates for reading 100,000 words.

Year 7 are still in the top spots for word count and books read. Year 8 have fallen further behind them and could be overtaken by Year 9 in the coming weeks in they don't get reading and quizzing. 9PF are the top tutor group having read over 8.2 million words. 7JLI did return to the top spot for a few weeks but are currently down in second place. At time of writing the top 5 tutor groups for word count are:

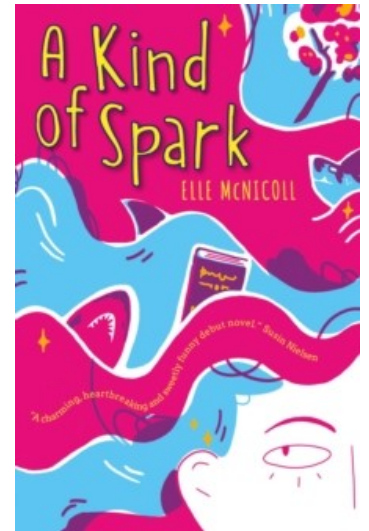
1. 9PF
2. 7JLI
3. 7JBE
4. 7RHI
5. 8RDM

Book review:

A Kind of Spark – Elle McNicoll

Addie is having a tough time at school. Her friend Jenna wants to be friends with someone else instead and her new teacher thinks Addie shouldn't even be part of the class.

Addie is autistic and although she has a supportive family, especially her big sister Keedie, not everyone is as understanding. When Addie learns about the witch trials in her small town she is determined to honour the memory of the women killed for being different. After all, they might have just been like her.



Author Elle McNicoll is autistic herself and does a fantastic job here in showing readers what life can be like when you are autistic. An excellent book by an author doing great work in increasing neurodivergent representation. The novel has recently been adapted into a TV series on CBBC so reluctant readers might first be tempted by watching that.

Summer Uniform—Shorts

Last year we introduced shorts to our school uniform as an optional item. Some students have been wearing shorts throughout the winter but as the weather warms more students are likely to want to wear them. Shorts must be school uniform shorts, tailored black or grey like school trousers.

•NO Sports shorts, cargo shorts, PE kit shorts will be allowed.

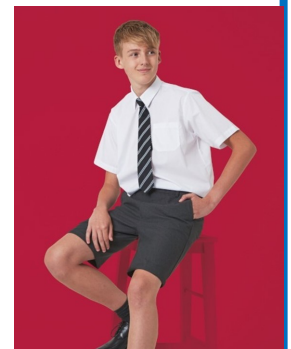
They are available from Price and Buckland on line or other high street shops and supermarkets.



Tailored Shorts

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Social Media



TMWS now has both Twitter and Facebook pages, please like and follow us to get our web updates straight to your phone.

Keep up to date with events in school and the achievements of our students.



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School Sport Partnership—Miss Holland



Miss Holland took a group of our Year 7 students to participate in the East Riding School Sport Partnership Bowling which took place at Hollywood Bowl. Our students played against other schools and it was a great opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and learn social skills outside of the school environment.



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Wednesday
24th May
2023

COFFEE MORNING

From 8:30AM-10:30AM

Held at The Market Weighton School.

Come along for a friendly, relaxed and informal chat with the SENCO, SEND Parents and the TMWS SEND Team.



Personal Development Day 3

Regrettably this event was disrupted by the industrial action by the NEU but we managed to go ahead with the post 16 choices and employability event for Year 10 students and we moved the Year 7 bottle rocket challenge so this could also go ahead. Students in Year 8 and 9 will catch up with this curriculum on future PD Days.

We work closely with all the local providers of post 16 education and training and a wide range of institutions delivered 30 minute presentations to students, including Wyke College, East Riding College, HETA, Selby College. During the afternoon students thought about employability skills and responsibilities in the work place.

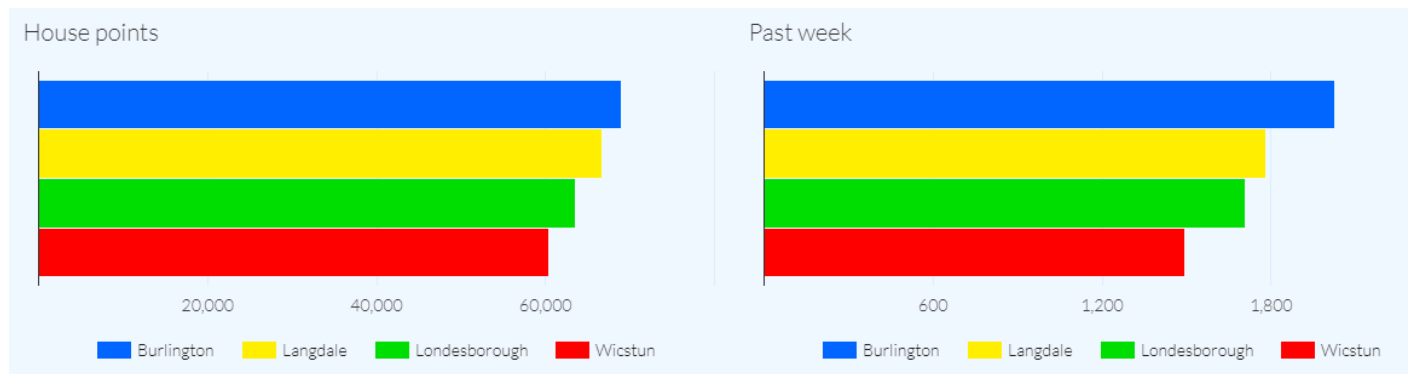
Throughout the day each student had a 1 to 1 interview with a local employer. This is a great experience for our students who are often very nervous about this as they have not been through an interview before. They all leave the interview feeling much more positive having had constructive feedback in a range of areas. All the employers spoke positively at the end of the day and were impressed with many of the students they met.



Year 7 students worked in House teams to build a 'Mars Rocket' and 'Lander'. This is an engineering based challenge that requires students to work together to solve a problem. Students work with peers who they may not usually work with and develop teamwork and problem solving skills as well as having fun! There is also a competitive side with the results gaining House Points. This year Londesbrough were the overall winners.



Epraise House Points and Charities



.April sees a surge for Burlington, especially in the last week.

Dylan and Ethan are out in front with very little between them, however Lilliana and Leo are hot on their tails. Miss Higgs form group are still in the lead and will take some catching - lets see if our Form Tutors can give their students a push!!!

Interested in joining the staff at #TeamTMWS?

Current

HLTA/Pastoral Leader

Science / DT Technician

Upcoming

L2 TA, Apprentice Considered

PE Apprentice

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

If you are interested in invigilating 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/>

#TeamTMWS
has a vacancy.
We would love
you to join us.

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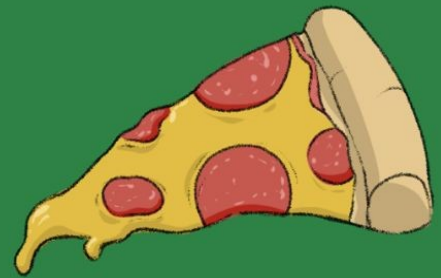


TMWS Platinum Party on the pitch

70th Anniversary CELEBRATION

Live Band
THE MONOTONES

Competitions
School Tours
Licensed Bar and Food
Stalls



Sunday 11th June
12pm - 5pm



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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
13 May 2023	DofE Bronze Practice Expedition	AA		
17 May 2023	East Riding SEND Visit	RS		
20–26 May 2023	Watersports Trip	KWT	40	Y9 Y10
04 June 2023	Magic Weekend RFL	NGR		
07 June 2023	Bishop Burton SEND Visit	RS		
26–28 June 2023	Kingswood Dearne Valley	ABR	130	Y8
23 June 2023	Flamingoland	SJH	70	Y11
10–13 July 2023	Belgium WW1 Battlefields	PF	40	Y9 Y10
14 July 2023	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition	AA		
23 September 2023	DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition	AA		
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



	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

	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 31	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 29
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		

	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