

# The Market Weighton School Expect More - Achieve More

#### **Parent Newsletter**

**June 2023** 



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#### **Headteacher Update**

June sees the end of another exam season and another year group leaving The Market Weighton School. We have been celebrating our 70th anniversary this year and had the pleasure to meet some of the very first pupils to move up to the Market Weighton County Secondary School in 1952. Our celebration event on 11th June was a huge success with hundreds of ex-pupils returning to reminisce and share memories with old friends. It was a real pleasure to show people around the school and hear how rooms had changed over the years and indeed what has stayed much the same! Some were pleased to tell me how their grandchildren or great grandchildren were joining us in September. Some brought in their old exercise books and photographs we had not seen before. We have photographed all the items that have been sent in and updated our 'school history' display on the canteen corridor so you can pop and have a look next time you are in school for a meeting or event. If you have anything to share please do contact us.

We have moved all our parents evenings back into school after feedback from parents and have one more to complete for parents of Year 9 students before the end of term on Wednesday 12th July. At the start of the month we welcome Year 6 students for 3 days of lessons and opportunity to get to know the school and some teachers before the start of Year 7. This year we will be welcoming over 130 students, a large year group for TMWS, meaning we will have over 600 students on roll in September for the first time in many years.

Each month I have written that I hoped the industrial action by the NEU would be resolved, but the government have not made any further offers in terms of pay and we are awaiting the publication of the independent pay review body recommendation in July. We have been able to minimise the disruption to events during the strikes this week, but with all unions currently balloting members again for industrial action in the Autumn term, it seems likely the disruption will get worse before an agreement is reached. I wrote to all parents last week with the details of which year groups are in school on the strike days.

Our Year 11 students have worked hard throughout the exam period attending school up to the day of the last exam, arriving early for revision warm up sessions and coming into school in the holidays. I would like to thank all our teachers who have again gone the extra mile to support Year 11. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of their time at TMWS at the Prom, which is being held at the KP Club in Pocklington on Thursday 6th July. Parents are welcome to come along and welcome the students as they arrive from 6:30pm. Examination results will be available to collect in school from 10:00am on Thursday 24th August.

If you are looking to buy uniform items ready for September we have a good stock of pre loved blazers in school together with a number of other items. We also have a full sizing set available if you are unsure of sizes. Please call reception to book an appointment to come and try on the uniform or have a look at what we have available to save money buying new items. Similarly if you have uniform items at home you will no longer need please drop them off at reception and we can add these to our pre-loved stock. Year 6 students will be able to try uniform for size on Tuesday 4th July during the parent's evening.

July is a very busy month with trips to Holderness Coast, Belgium and our end of year Rewards Trips to Flamingo Land, Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Driffield Show. We set students the target of achieving 750 e-praise points at the start of the year and 267 students have met that target earning themselves a seat on a reward bus! They can also use points to pay towards the visit at a rate of 500 points = £5. Those who did not make the target will be in school on the 17th July taking part in activities to help give them the best possible chance of receiving enough points to get on next year's trip.

We also have Sports Day, Awards Evenings and a Summer Concert to look forward to. We will be inviting award winners into school on 18th or 19th July at 7:00pm to be presented with book prizes and certificates. These awards a generously sponsored by local businesses, if you would like to sponsor an award contact sflorence@tmws.co.uk We will also be awarding more School Colours Awards and presenting the Eden Street award for Compassion for the second time along with other whole school awards. I hope to see you in school for one or more of these events before the end of term.

#### **Richard Harrison**

Headteacher



#### **Year 8 Kingswood Residential**

It has been 4 years since Year 8 last had a residential visit and it was great to see so many students having such a great time at Kingswood this month. Taking part in outdoor activities is great fun but it also develops so many of the skills needed in life, such as teamwork and resilience. The courage to try something new, get over your fear of heights or staying away from home without parents for the first time. This year group missed out on their Year 6 residentials so this week was even more important. We have got more trips back on the calendar and these students will be able to sign up for more great experiences as they progress through school including the Duke of Edinburgh Award when they start Year 9 in September.











#### Free Summer reading with myON



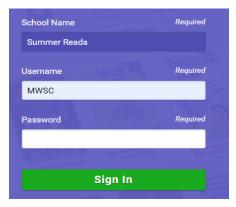
From now until the end of August we are able to provide free access to myON—an online catalogue of ebooks. It's provided by Renaissance who run Accelerated Reader and is a handy way to help children keep up their reading skills over the holiday.

To access this resource go to myon.co.uk and log in as follows:

School Name: Summer Reads (select from the dropdown)

Username: MWSC Password: MWS321!

For weaker and/or reluctant readers there are lots of short books and graphic novels. Many of these also have audio narration and can highlight the word/sentence currently being read to help readers follow along.



For more able readers there is a selection of classic fiction by authors such as Jane Austen, Charles Dickens and Edgar Allen Poe. There are also books in different languages for those keen to keep up their linguistic skills.



O Search

The search function filters the books to help find the most appropriate titles. You can choose by Year group, story length, difficulty, language etc then click 'Search' to show the relevant titles. To remove a selected option click the reset icon

There are fiction and non-fiction books available as well as daily news articles. Click on the 'News' tab at the top of the page to access these and 'Library' to return to the books. The news articles are available in other languages including Arabic, French, Mandarin and Spanish. To change language click the dropdown box on the right of the page.



### **Spanish Taster Sessions—Year 7**

Year 7 students took part in our annual Spanish taster session. Students focused on learning about Spanish culture and the different festivals that are taking place at this time of year. We also made our own castanets and had a go at playing a tune.

During May our students in Language and Culture learn about a festival called 'San Isidro' which commemorates the patron saint of Madrid and it takes place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Our students tried a selection of typical tapas dishes which they really enjoyed (although some more than others!). They also had a go at posing in posters of traditional costumes of 'Chulapo y Chulapa'.





Our Year 7 & 8 students will soon have the opportunity to trial Introductory Chinese lessons. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to explore a new language and culture.

#### **Accelerated Reader—Competition News**

Since the last newsletter We have awarded four Silver certificates for reading 500,000 words to Oscar Heavisides, Ava Moulton, Bella Caves, and Daisy Millett, along with eight Bronze certificates for reading 100,000 words.

Year 7 are still in the top spots for word count and books read. They have managed to maintain their lead over 2nd place Y8, with Y9s still in last place At time of writing the top 5 tutor groups for word count are:

- 1.9PF
- 2. 7JLI
- 3. 7JBE
- 4. 7RHI
- 5.8RDM

#### Library news—Miss Theakstone

Thank you to everyone who donated or bought books at our Party on the Pitch stall. It was lovely to find new homes for some of our surplus books and the money raised will go towards buying new titles.

This month the library has been celebrating Empathy Day, Refugee Week and Pride Month so we have had several different displays of books. Reading is a great way to work on empathy skills because a good writer will immerse you in the character's world and you will learn about their thoughts, feelings, and experiences. This makes it much easier to develop empathy for people in situations that readers might find difficult to understand such as refugees. Likewise you might have an idea of how someone behaves when they are autistic but reading a book with an autistic character allows you to experience the world the way that they do and understand why they might react differently than you.



# Help us win £1000 of National Book Tokens

This summer National Book Tokens are running a competition to help five schools rebuild their libraries. Please consider nominating TMWS at <a href="mailto:nationalbooktokens.com/schools">nationalbooktokens.com/schools</a>

The more nominations we receive the higher our chance to win. Plus if your entry is picked as the winner you will receive a £100 book token.

Entries close Monday 31st July.

of our non-fiction books were published last century so anything more recent would be much appreciated. Thank you for your support.



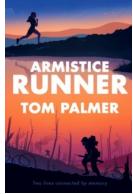
#### **Book review:**

#### **Armistice Runner—Tom Palmer**

In this book we get to know Lily—a talented fell runner whose racing form is hampered by her

anxieties. One of Lily's worries is her gran who she is losing to Alzheimer's. But Lily's running sparks one of gran's memories and soon she is learning about the incredible story of her great-great-grandfather's bravery on the front line of the First World War.

The reader discovers the young man's diary entries just as Lily does and they really help bring his experiences to life. However it's done in a careful way which means that the story is still suitable for younger readers.



As with several of Tom Palmer's other books this one is published by Barrington Stoke in a dyslexic-friendly format.

### **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.



From £13.75





## **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 or our students.

#### Party on the Pitch: A celebration of 70 years of

#### **The Market Weighton School**

On Sunday 11th June 2023 we invited the community to celebrate 70 years of education at The Market Weighton School. The school had its first pupils in September 1952 when a group of boys were the first to join the new Market Weighton County Secondary School. The school opened officially in September 1953 and admitted girls and boys from Market Weighton and surrounding villages. The school crest was given to the school at this time and students were in one or 3 Houses; Burlington, Londes-



borough or Wicstun.

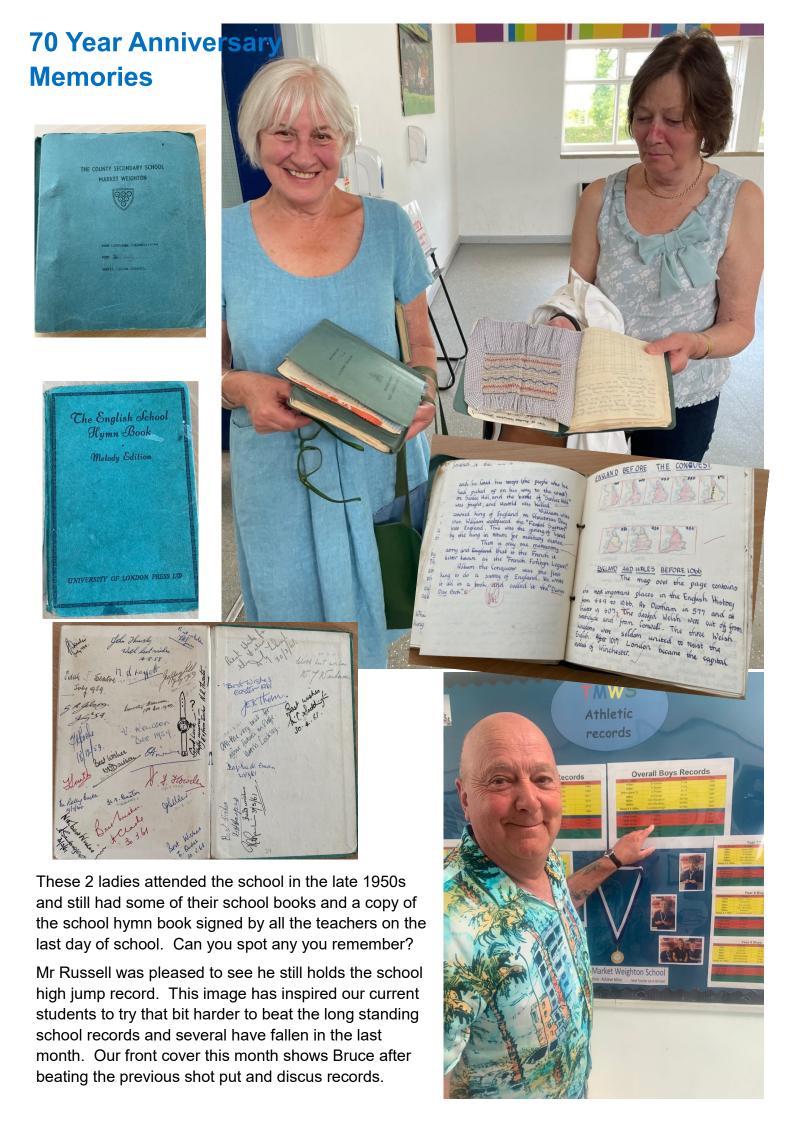


The best part of the day was meeting those first pupils and listening to their stories and memories of their school days. Almost all positive even those who wanted to stand on the corridor where they used to wait to get the cane!

Ours students and community dance groups provided the entertainment before local band 'The Monotones' rounded off the afternoon.

The event was generously sponsored by Langlands and all money raised will be used to support the education and wellbeing of our current students. We were incredi-





### **Super Curriculum: French**

Mrs Guilbert set students some additional tasks as part of the MFL super curriculum.

Students were given some traditional French recipes to follow.

Erin's followed a recipe for Bûche de Noël (Christmas Yule log) she made it as part of the Super Curriculum which ties in with the current topic students are learning which is all about French food. Erin researched a traditional French recipe and took pictures whilst doing it.





Naomi and Nell did some Macarons (and they ate them all!)



If you would like to have a go at making the Bûche de Noël follow the link below that Erin used - <a href="https://www.paulhollywood.com/post/buche-de-noel">https://www.paulhollywood.com/post/buche-de-noel</a>

## **Guinea Pig Arrival at TMWS**

June saw the arrival of 2 baby guinea pigs! The students have been suggesting names and the winning names will be chosen this week. The students can sign up with Miss Partington if they want to help look after the guinea pigs, feed them and clean out the hutch.

Our teaching assistants are using the guinea pigs in their key worker sessions and to help students relax and feel less anxious school.

Oliver is seen here helping the guinea pigs to settle in to their new home, although we have now moved them to a shed with access to outside space for exercise and feeding on the grass.

This project has been funded with generous donations from our community.



Something for the Summer in Brough for all our History lovers.



# 15th July 11-00 until 5-00 Join us on the Burrs playing field for a "A Right Roman Reunion"

An educational living history event with the Romans and the Britons fighting it out for the supremacy of Petuaria.

See how they lived and learn about Petuaria's past from our pop up museum featuring some of the finds from our own community well being digs over the past few years.

Join in a live archaeological dig or just observe the archaeologist going about their work.



Food, drink and facilities available



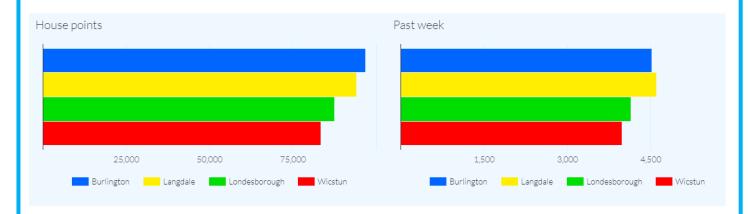






Featuring TV's premier re-enactment group Brittannia Re-enactment Group (Stars of Horrible Histories, Russell Crowe's Gladiator, and Sky TV) copyright ReVisited 2023

## **E-praise House Points and Charities**



Langdale have been making a late push for the overall lead but have some ground to make up to catch Burlington who have held the lead throughout this year.

Our top three students are Lilliana, Leon and Daniel. Miss Higgs tutor group is still in the lead.

Don't forget to remind your children to work hard and get points next year so they can go on the Summer Rewards Trip.

Students who have achieved the target this year have the opportunity to have a day at Flamingoland, The Yorkshire Wildlife Park or Driffield Show.

Those students not eligible to attend the trip will be in school following a personal development style day focused on the qualities needed to improve and achieve more from school including a seat on next year's rewards bus! It will be a useful day to help all our students achieve.

# Interested in joining the staff at #TeamTMWS?

#### **Current posts for September 23**

Teaching Assistants

Cover Supervisor

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/



## Wall of Excellence - Rewarding 'Industry'

Students who have had a piece of work chosen for the "Wall of Excellence" are published in our newsletters. Their work is then displayed on dedicated noticeboards in school to showcase their achievements. As a reward, these students will be credited with £2.00 on their School Gateway account and an Epraise Accolade. Parents receive a letter home to highlight how well they are doing. Please encourage your child to produce their best possible work and hopefully their hard work and industry will be rewarded. Below are a selection of the works that were chosen this month.



World War I

I'm lying in the trench full of mud,
All the shelling is like a flood,
Hearing "Gasl Gasl Is worst of all,
Your lungs give up and you can barely crawl.

All around me are my soldiers' bodies,
But I can't leave the nightmare and get back to my hobbies,
I think of my wife and my little boy,
When times are tough, I fight for their joy,
The enemy is near, I can hear their screams,
But I will fight this battle, no matter how extreme.

By Bella Caves
June 2023

Toni Elsworthy
Erin Jackson
Bella Caves
Isaac Sperring
Josh Wharton
Elliott Sperring
Beau Kirkpatrick
Verity Bostwick

In a daze, a fog in mind,
Trembling with fear, how will I cope?
Remembering what I have left behind,
Searching in the deadly night for some hope,
The sound of bullets, piercing my soul,
Only knowing there is one way to go,
Anything to get us out of this dirty death hole,
Knowing that there are still many shells yet to blow,
I keep on gaining more unimaginable pain,
When will things finally be peaceful again...
By Toni Elsworthy

June 2023



A Horse's Life In the heat of battle, Where bullets fly and cannons roar, Horses charge forward, Their bravery never to ignore. With manes flying in the wind, Hooves pounding the ground, These noble creatures press on, Their courage unbound. Through barbed wire and trenches, Through smoke and through fire, The horses charge on, Their hearts full of desire. For their riders they fight. And for their country they die, These brave horses in war. Their sacrifice we cannot deny. So let us remember their courage, Their strength and their might, For the horses in war. Were a true and noble sight. By Erin Jackson, June 2023

#### 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** 





#### **Planned Educational Visits**

Date	Destination	Trip Leader	Number of Pupils	Year Group
4 July	Eurofest—Hymers College	JGU		Y8
4 July 2023	Holderness Coast	CBR		Y7
7 July 2023	Holderness Coast	CBR		Y7
10-13 July 2023	Belgium WW1 Battlefields	PF	40	Y9 Y10
11 July 2023	Selby College Visit	PO	ТВС	Y10
12 July 2023	East Riding College Visit	РО	ТВС	Y10
14 July 2023	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition	AA	11	Y10
15 July 2023	East Riding College	РО	115	Y10
19 July 2023	Driffield Show	VLO		All
23–24 September 2023	DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition	AA	16	Y9
4 October 2023	WIME	РО	ТВС	ТВС
19 October 2023	Foundations Live 2023	РО	ТВС	Y10 & Y11
8 February 2024	Poetry Live 2024	AWA	46	Y11
22 Mar-29 Mar 2024	Ski Trip	CBR	52	Y8 Y9 & Y10 14

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

#### **Term Dates 2022-2023**

Autumn Term	5 September to 31 December
Staff Training Day (Students not in)	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 (Students not in)	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 (Students not in)	17 April
Half Term	29 May to 2 June
Staff Training (Staff and Students not in, disagg days)	24 & 25 July

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

#### **SCHOOL TERM DATES** 2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR



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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.

- Non Contact Days

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Autumn Term	4 September to 22 December
Staff Training Day (Students not in)	Monday 4 September
Half Term	30 October to 3 November
Christmas Holiday	25 December to 5 January
Spring Term	8 January to 22 March
Staff Training Day (Students not in)	Monday 8 January
Half Term	12 February to 16 February
Easter Holiday	25 March to 5 April
Summer Term	8 April to 19 July
Staff Training Day (Students not in)	8 April
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Staff Training (Students not in)	22 July

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