

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

April Events

Monday 17 – INSET Day
Tuesday 18 – Return to school
Wednesday 19 – Primary Schools Cross Country
Friday 21 – D of E Practice Camp
Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 Borneo Practice Weekend – Peak District
Monday 24 – Tuesday 25 Creative Arts GCSEs
Monday 24 – Tuesday 25 Year 8 Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 25 – Wednesday 26 Gregg's Got Talent heats
Wednesday 26 - Year 6 Connections Evening
Thursday 27 – Friday 28 Creative Arts GCSEs
Thursday 27 – Open Morning 9:30-11:30am
Friday 28 - Gregg's Got Talent heats



TGS News

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Commemorative Trees



Last week our Green Team, together with our Head Boy and Head Girl, planted native trees in honour of The Queen's Green Canopy planting initiative (silver birch) and to mark King Charles III Coronation (rowan). They will make lovely additions to our grounds.

Hub of Hope



We would like to share with you a new App we think you may find of use. It is called Hub of Hope. The App allows you to

input your location and select areas of support needed for mental health. It will then show you local organisations and charities that specialise in these areas. They also have a website <https://hubofhope.co.uk/> that you may wish to look at. Mrs Crowther

Dancing Queen



We couldn't resist sharing this wonderful photo of Grace P (Year 9) from her recent dance competition 'The Romney Championships' which is held annually in Kent. This competition is attended mainly by dance schools based in the south, and was held over three days consisting of a range of dance competitions/styles including freestyle, slow, street, pairs, teams and grand prix. Great moves, Grace!

Charity Update

The final total raised for Comic Relief was £786.03. Thank you for your support.

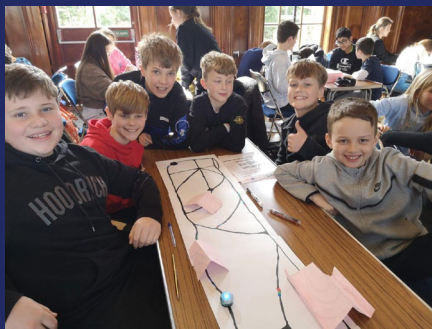
British Science Week at The Gregg

What a fun-packed week of activities and learning our Key Stage 3 students had for British Science Week.

Year 7 had a week of assemblies looking at the theme of connections, opening with Mr Lloyd showing Year 7 how water on planet Earth potentially got here from comets and showing how Earth is linked to outer space.



Further topics were: Mr Cooper - life processes, Miss Lewthwaite - chemical reactions, Mrs Mansour - avocado and its significance with climate change and a joint assembly by Miss Moser and Mrs Carrier who also explored climate change.



Students also had a challenger workshop making tracks for Ozobots. Great fun!



Year 8 perfected their parachutes for an egg drop with great success dropping the egg laden parachutes from a height, whilst Year 9 were budding engineers building bridges out of paper.



"What am I?"

There was also a competition to correctly identify the pictures of different items under the microscope. Congratulations to the winners.



Scientists of the Month

The Key Stage 3 Scientist of the Month for March is Harry R (Year 7) for his hard work and enthusiasm, for being willing to help others, and for always coming to lessons with a smile.

Max C (Year 11) is the Key Stage 4 winner for continually showing great effort in lessons and always asking questions. Well done boys.



Competition Time

Coronation Art Challenge

There is an Online Coronation Art Club House Competition running for students, who will need to create a work of art based on the Coronation. It can be any form, any media, any size.

The competition finishes on April 18th and a photograph of their work should be emailed to bgp@thegreggschools.org or attached to the task on Firefly.

Ideas can be found on www.pinterest.co.uk/bgp_gs/coronation-art-challenge

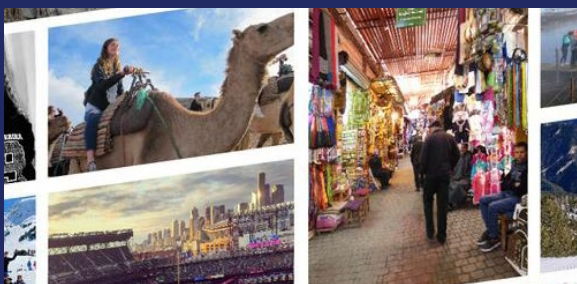
Capture the Spirit of your Adventure!

Rayburn Tours have released a Photography Competition for the Year 10/11 Iceland Trip. Parents will need to submit their childrens` photos on their behalf and we`re sure there are some great photos out there worthy of winning.

To enter the competition please use the link below (also on Firefly). The competition closes on 30th April 2023 and a winner, who will receive a £100 Amazon voucher, will be chosen by Friday 12th May 2023.

<https://www.rayburntours.com/photo-competition/>

Good luck!



A Student's account of Iceland by Katie P (Year 10)

Where do I even start? This trip was jam-packed full of geographical wonders and learning opportunities. Straight off the plane we started exploring with an amazing trip to the lava caves, where students learnt all about how the caves formed and what was currently happening inside them.

Day two began with a visit to the secret lagoon, where some students even dared to have a walk around the outside in nothing but their swimwear. The beautiful Gullfoss waterfall also gave students an idea of how cold it really was! Next we visited the geysers at Sellfoss and then ate some delicious homemade ice cream at Efstidalur ii. The sights at Thingvellir National Park were astonishing, with another beautiful waterfall.

Onto day three, and we started with a trip to the Seljalandsfoss waterfall, then Eyjafjallajökull (which is one of our case studies) and then the Skogafoss waterfall, with a long climb up to the top for the best view and ended with the black sand beach at Reynisfjara before our trip back to Vik.



On the final day we visited another glacier, a thermal park and finished with the bridge between continents, which left a lot of sand in our shoes before returning to the airport for our flight home.

Respect Update



I would like to celebrate and thank my Respect Ambassadors! They have been a great help and support this year giving feedback about new initiatives and workshops. They have reported on ideas to continue to promote the Respect Programme in school and they have certainly given me plenty of projects to work on.

What is wonderful is that the Respect Ambassadors have relayed the “voice” of our students and their proposals for the school moving forward.



Thank you also to Sophia D, Sophia W and Katie P for ensuring they have updated our Governors on the Respect Programme. They did an amazing job promoting the Programme’s development and direction for the future, as well as giving a view on how the initiative has worked well so far.

Mrs Clifton

MFL News

University Research

The MFL Department are very proud to celebrate the work of Zoe L, Matilda C, Henry P and Sophia W.

The Cultures and Linguistics Department at the University of Southampton contacted our MFL Department to ask for feedback about why students like studying languages at The Gregg, why they find it important to study and whether they may continue their languages in the future.

Our MFL Department worked with their Dual Linguist students or those who wanted to continue a language to GCSE. The University was very impressed with the quality of the feedback and their reasoning, and awarded all four students certificates. The University intends to use the testimonials to promote French, German and Spanish to lots of schools across the UK.

The number of students studying languages at schools and universities has decreased nationally and the subject is often deemed to be too difficult at GCSE. Fortunately, OFQUAL and the DFE are making changes to the Languages GCSE to make it more accessible for all. Mrs Clifton



Budding Teachers

Year 9 had a taste of what it is like to be a teacher last week, as part of their Language Leaders programme teaching languages to pupils from Townhill Junior School. They did a fantastic job and the pupils really enjoyed their lesson.



Pink Kangaroo UKMT

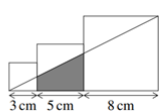


Congratulations to Ben N and Hannah T in Year 11 who were invited to take part in the Pink Kangaroo UKMT, the next round of the Intermediate UKMT. This is an amazing opportunity for these students and we wait eagerly for the results.

Have a go:

The diagram shows three squares of side-length 3 cm, 5 cm and 8 cm. What is the area, in cm^2 , of the shaded trapezium?

- A 13 B $\frac{55}{4}$ C $\frac{61}{4}$ D $\frac{65}{4}$ E $\frac{69}{4}$



Answer revealed in the next edition!

House News

Cross Country



Last Friday was a beautiful afternoon for House Cross Country! Trojan were again victorious followed by Spartan then Roman.



The fastest boy around the course was James C (Year 10) and the fastest girl Alex D (Year 9).

Year Group Winners:



Boys

Year 7 Harry L, Samuel H, Jack B, Year 8 Harrison S, Tobias C, Seb R, Year 9 Rhett WM, Aedan H, Rowan C, Year 10 James C, Beau B, Joe AL and Year 11 Paul S, Ben N, Tom R.



Girls

Year 7 Camila W, Amelia W, Zoe B, Year 8 Lexi P, Emily B, Anna M, Year 9 Alex D, Pippa W, Rosie W, Year 10 Annabel P, Emily R, Harriet D Year 11 Emma H, Eva PL, Madi TY



There were all new winners in the staff races this year. Congratulations to Mr Young who won the men's race followed by Mr Hendon-John in second place and Mr Wilford third.

In the women's race Miss Hadfield took the top spot followed by Mrs Crowther and then Miss Moser.

Well done to all those who took part and represented their house.

Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 House Netball Competition took place last week and there were some excellent skills on display on the court. The first game was Roman vs Spartan and after a quick rush of goals from Roman, the half time score was 4-2 to Roman. Spartan were unable to score in the second half and Alex D and Zara S from Roman managed to score a further 2 more goals to enable Roman to take the win with a score of 6-2.



Next was Trojan vs Spartan. The first half was very close with a score of 2-1 to Trojan and in the second half Lucia SM and Mishka B both scored a goal for Spartan, but it wasn't enough and the final result was 7-4 to Trojan.



It was all down to the final game, Trojan vs Roman. The first half saw Trojan winning 3-0, meaning it was still all to play for in the second half. However, after some fantastic goals from Maisie S and Anaya G Trojan took the win 10-3.



This therefore meant that the final standings were: Trojan in first place, Roman in second and Spartan in third.

Throughout all the games, Alice D, Jada T-M, Josie W and Naina N got a 'shoutout' from Miss Hadfield for excellent defending and getting interception after interception to win back possession for their team. Rosie W got a 'shoutout' for her speed through court and great passing. Well done girls!

Miss Hadfield

Year 7 & 8 Hockey

House Hockey was held in PE lessons for Year 7 and 8 this week, ensuring that all students that could take part represented their house.

After some close matches throughout the Year 7 tournaments, Trojan prevailed, with Roman in 2nd and Spartan in 3rd. Well done to the goal scorers, Noah H, Noah R, Lois B, Darcy O'D and Declan S for Trojan, Euan H for Spartan and Henry C and Lexi P for Roman house. Torben A was in goal for Roman and pulled off some great saves to keep two clean sheets in the 7X competition.



In the Year 8 tournament there were goals aplenty, with Zach R, Tobias C, Oliver G, Yasin A and Jess H-C all bagging 2 each, with Myles O, Jamie R, James L and Anna M chipping in with one each. After all the games Trojan won again, with Spartan in 2nd and Roman in 3rd.

Mr Wilford



Drama News

Oscars of the Week

Well done to Naina N (Year 9) and Henry C (Year 7) for winning the Oscars of The Week in the past fortnight. Congratulations to both of you! Naina took on an extra role in Robin Hood with just two weeks to go, and did this with positivity and enthusiasm.

Henry has won his Oscar for his amazing performance as The Sheriff of Nottingham. Henry showed excellent skills as the classic villain, and the audience and I were so impressed to see such skill and confidence from a Year 7 student.

I am so proud of you both!



Take a Bow

Continuing with our Robin Hood news, this week saw the culmination of all the cast and crew's hard work since October, with three sold-out performances.



There was romance, drama, battles..... and Robin and His Merry Men defeating the evil Sheriff of Nottingham! I can't tell you how wonderful it was to see the students up on stage enjoying themselves and seeing the hours of rehearsal come to fruition.



The cast was made up of students in Years 7-10, and our crew was also entirely comprised of students.

A massive achievement! The whole cast impressed the audience with their acting ability, from the ensemble to the lead roles.



As mentioned above, Henry C was a brilliant Sheriff, and Etty T in Year 9 performed Maid Marian with grace and talent. The final mention must go to Jemma R in Year 10, who was a fantastic Robin Hood. Jemma had A LOT of lines to learn, as you can imagine and had to learn

choreography, sword-fighting and battling with a staff! She also had to get to grips with a bow and arrow, and keep the momentum of the play going. Jemma, you impressed us all. I would like to say thank you to the multitude of staff who have helped over the past few nights, as well as the FROGS for the wonderful refreshments.



A special mention must go to Mrs Gibbs for giving up a lot of time to assist with rehearsals, and Mrs Toward and the Art Department for the STUNNING set design and beautiful programme: a memento for our cast and crew to treasure. A huge thank you to Miss Moser, who came out of her comfort zone of the Science Department to direct the show with me: you're a star!

The final thank you must go to the cast and crew themselves: you were an ABSOLUTE PLEASURE to work with, and I cannot thank you all enough for making this such a lovely experience. You're all stars! Mrs Azor



A very happy Easter to everyone. Enjoy a well-earned break and see you on the 18th April!
Mrs Sellers