



WEEKLY PARENTS BULLETIN NO 23 – WEEK A

Week Commencing 13 th March 2023	
Monday 13 th March	INSET DAY – no students in school
Tuesday 14 th March	
Wednesday 15 th March	NEU Industrial action day Period 5 County Lines – Year 10
Thursday 16 th March	NEU Industrial action day
Friday 17 th March	10.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Year 11 Wydean Interviews

On Tuesday this week we celebrated International Women's Day. Students across the school did some brilliant independent pieces of homework having researched some phenomenal stories about pioneering women. Well done to Toby in Year 7 who did an excellent piece on Mary Anning – an English Palaeontologist with a fascinating story.



Year 9 students had an assembly on Monday with Miss Johnson who set out some details about the Year 9 options process. Over the next few weeks students will hear more about the different GCSE options they can choose to start next year. [Further details are here](#). It is always a very exciting time!

There are a few things to make parents aware of that are coming up soon.

Next week is set to be fairly disrupted with a planned INSET on Monday (students not in school) and two days of industrial action on Wednesday and Thursday. We sent out a brief letter earlier today setting out our position on this and our intention to try to rotate those year groups at home, so no year group misses more than one day.

Also, on Thursday 23rd March we have our Year 11 mock results assembly. Students will be given the results of their second set of mocks and then over the course of the evening parents will meet with teachers to discuss final preparation before the real exams start in May. Details about how to book appointments at this event can be found [here](#).



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Finally, just a note about social media. We have worked hard over the last few years to post regularly and to try and capture all of the wonderful things going on at our school. We noticed today that over 2,000 people follow us across Instagram, Twitter and Facebook and think this is pretty impressive. If you don't already you can see our details below and we would encourage you to have a look!!

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ENJOYMENT

ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 3rd
March 2023:-

KS3 – Daisy B – Year 7

KS4 – Tom B – Year 10

ADVANCE NOTICE

Year 8 HPV vaccinations – 1st dose on Tuesday 21st March 2023.



BRIGHT SPOTS

Islamiat in Year 10 is the winner of the Humanities World NGO day competition and got 50 house points. Her entry is below:-



FACTFILE ON BRITISH RED CROSS CHARITY

- The British Red Cross Society is a charitable organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.
- The British Red Cross Society is the United Kingdom body of the worldwide neutral and impartial humanitarian network the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It was founded by Robert Loyd- Lindsay.
- It was formed on the 4 August 1870 and is a registered charity with more than 17,200 volunteers and 3,400 staff.
- Its mission is to provide help to people in crisis, both in the UK and overseas, without discrimination. To alleviate human suffering, protect life and health, and uphold human dignity, especially during armed conflicts and other emergencies.





- The British Red Cross is providing assistance to people affected by war in Ukraine, earthquakes in Turkey, and conflict in Syria.
- In Ukraine, the Red Cross is providing healthcare, psychosocial support, legal aid, and other assistance.
- In Turkey, the Red Cross is providing emergency shelter and support services.
- In Syria, the Red Cross is providing food, water, and healthcare.
- They are also supporting displaced people in Syria.
- All assistance is in the form of medical care, shelter and essential household items.
- The British Red Cross is helping those in need in Ukraine, Turkey, and Syria.
- They are providing support and aid to those affected by war, earthquakes, and conflict.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Mr Edy's Year 10 Construction students have developed their wood working skills by making a special keepsake box with finger joints - they also made a small tray to fit inside the box. Great work and loads of patience shown!



Chris P



Isobel E



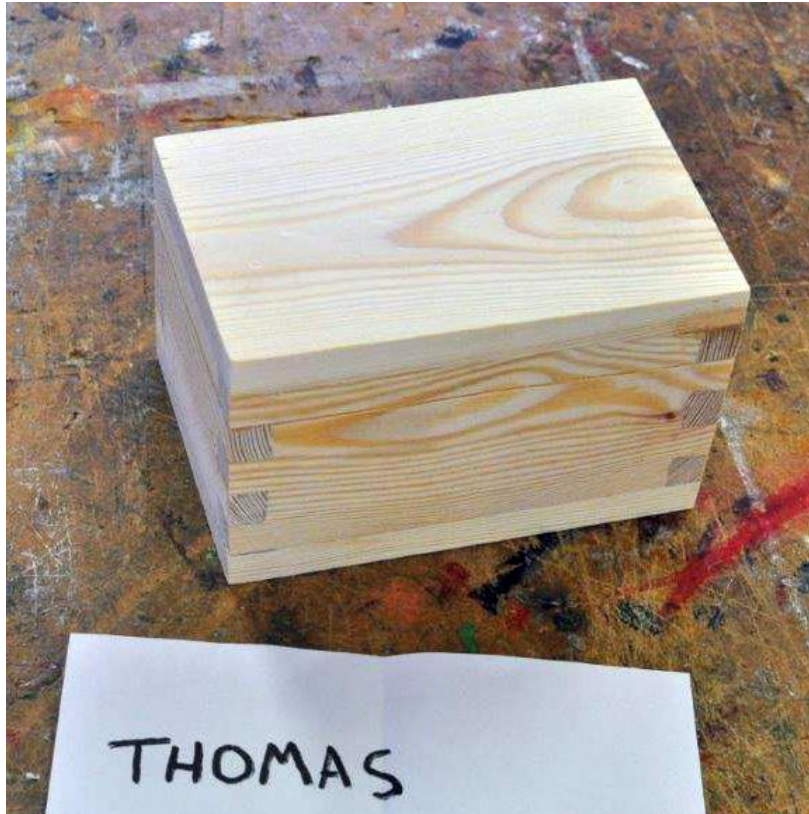
Jacob C



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Thomas O



Warren K



Year 8s have completed their Steady Hand Tester project with Mr Edy in D&T. He was very impressed with the imagination of their designs and the quality of the end product!



Abi R



Cameron R



Carlie H



Cobain B



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Elijah D



Freddie D



Gracie W



Gracie-Lou WP



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Harry B



Jack S



Olivia C



Regan M



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Ruby G





SPANISH

Year 8 Spanish students have been wowing Miss Eddy with their homework focusing on the future tense in Spanish. Students have been completing a reading comprehension and translation task on a complex Spanish text- ¡magnífico!

Due in on Thursday 9/3/2023

Leer. Lee el texto y pon las fotos en el orden correcto. **Extension 1** Can you translate the text into English?

¿Qué visitarás mañana?

Primero **iré** al parque del Retiro, donde **tomaré** el sol. *I will go* *Will take*
 Tal vez **cogeré** el teleférico. *I will give*
 Luego **daré** una vuelta por el Rastro, el mercado más famoso de Madrid, o **visitaré** el Museo del Prado, donde **sacaré** fotos. *I will visit*
 Por la tarde **haré** muchas cosas. Primero **iré** al parque de atracciones y después **compraré** recuerdos para mi familia. Más tarde **iré** a un restaurante, donde **comeré** pescado. *I will go* *I will buy* *I will eat*

dar una vuelta *to go for a walk*

1. B
2. D
3. E
4. F
5. C
6. A

Please turn over for the entire text

Will you visit tomorrow?
 First I will go to the Retiro park, where I will sunbathe. Maybe I'll take the cable car. Then I will take a walk through the Rastro, the most famous market in Madrid, or visit the Prado museum, where I will take photos. In the afternoon I will do a lot of things. First I will go to the amusement park and then I will buy souvenirs for my family. Later I will go to a restaurant where I will eat fish.

Abigail R



1) First I will go to the retro park, where I drink ^{sun} maybe I'll take the cable car. Then I'll take a walk through the ~~market~~ the market most famous in Madrid, or I will visit the Prado museum, where I will take photos. In the afternoon, I will do many things. First I will go to the amusement park and then I will buy souvenirs for my family. Later I will go to a restaurant, where I eat fish.

Ruby G

Monday 6th March 2023

1) Ritro park 2) cable car 3) Prado market 4) Prado museum 5) amusement park 6) restaurant where I eat fish

1) ire = I will go to 2) Visibion = you with visit 3) Comore = I will take 4) Cogere = I will take 5) dare = I will give 6) Visicare = I will visit = I will do 9) ire = I will go 10) Comprope = I'll buy 11) ire = I will go 12) Comere = I will eat

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Erin W



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Chloe made these stunning biscuits at home when she was not in school due to the industrial action. (Mrs Sayers)



C Walker, Year 7



MUSIC

Year 7 students are working hard on their horror movie project in their Music lessons with Mr Peacock. They are composing the underscore for a horror film using Ableton and are loving experimenting with different timbres and exploring a range of composing techniques.



Finley S



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Lily-Mae J

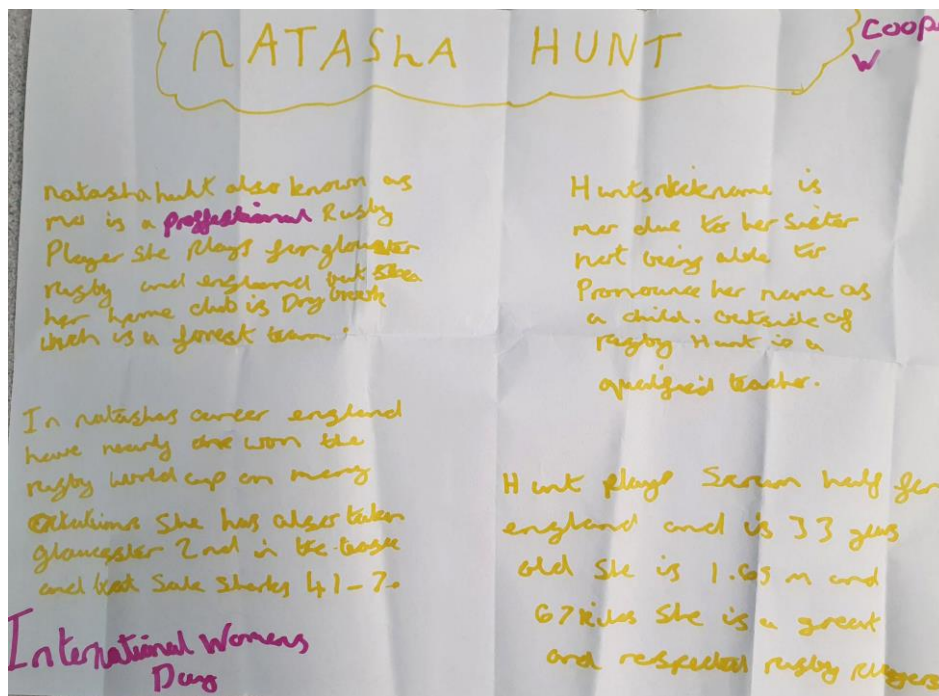


Emily H & Ruby-Jayne G



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

To celebrate International Women's Day, students discussed influential women both past and present in tutor time and were tasked by our EDI Lead, Mrs Berry, with creating a special factsheet on an inspirational woman of their choice. So far, we have had some very impressive entries: Toby N created an informative piece on the life and achievements of the pioneering 19th Century palaeontologist Mary Anning, Rosa FH has focused on the inspirational education activist Malala Yousafzai and Cooper W was inspired by local Rugby star, Natasha Hunt. Mrs Berry will display them with other entries in G Block. Great work!



Cooper W





Entries are now open for the Easter Chess Club Competition! Come to P1 and sign up.



MATHS CHALLENGE

Year 9 students from across The Athelstan Trust came together this week at Sir William Romney's School in Tetbury for a special Maths Challenge where they solved some tricky and engaging Maths problems. Our students did a fantastic job, it was a great way to develop teamwork skills and raise aspirations within the subject.





TAE KWON-DO ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Kayla and Kyle in Year 7 and Josh in Year 10 who competed in the Tae Kwon-Do English Championships in Coventry at the weekend. Kayla was awarded gold in her level in sparring and silver in the team patterns. Kyle won silver in his level for sparring and gold in the tag team sparring. Josh won the silver medal in his weight category, narrowly missing out on the gold in the final bout by only one point! Well done all, a fantastic achievement!



Kyle & Kayla



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Josh R

PRIMROSE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Head of MFL, Miss Eddy, was delighted to be invited to Primrose Hill Primary school last week to work with their KS2 students and to teach them some French. She was overwhelmed by their amazing French skills- 'magnifique!' We are very excited to welcome them to The Dean Academy soon and to continue to watch these amazing linguists' talents blossom.





HOLIDAY FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHER SCHEME

We would like to make you aware of the Holiday Free School Meal voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for spring holidays are now open until 21st March. Voucher emails will be sent out on 27th March. Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

If you have not received your vouchers by 28th March please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that we can look into it.

This spring holiday, Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2), as they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child, for 1 week of the spring holiday, whilst the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) provides for the second week of the holiday. For more information on the HAF programme, you can visit Gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [Holiday free school meal vouchers webpage](#), seen below:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/meals-during-school-holidays/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/#main>

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by following the link below:-



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<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the link above.

For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please ask them to email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so we can update their account, as details are not automatically updated.

FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT COUNCIL COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

Please see the link below:

<https://mailchi.mp/026cb9ef57f5/forest-of-dean-cost-of-living-support?e=b84d215b4e>