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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

After the somewhat frenetic week last week enjoying a celebration of arts and culture, this week has been a little less busy. Nonetheless, a number of things have been happening all of which have been met with enthusiasm by the children.

Rotary Might Maths Competition:

After school on Tuesday, three pupils from Year 2 headed off to Wraysbury Primary School to take part in this year's Rotary Might Maths Competition. They were up against twelve other schools solving puzzles and completing maths challenges. I am delighted to tell you that Conor, Rosie and Sophie who were there representing Holy Trinity did exceptionally well, taking third place. They were incredibly proud of their achievement as were we.

Learning from Wild Cookham:

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to be joined by three experts from Wild Cookham who worked with Year 4 carrying out a survey of insects down in our wildlife area. They carried out bug hunts and used identification charts but also focused on looking at varieties of moth that had been caught in traps overnight. It was a valuable learning experience for the children; do ask them about the interesting names of creatures they learnt!

Water Safety Workshop:

On Wednesday morning, Year 5 joined lots of other children from across the borough for a water safety workshop at Braywick Leisure Centre. There they met Tom Dean who taught them how to be safe around water. Given that we live so close to the River Thames where every year tragic accidents happen, we felt this was a very worthwhile event for the children to attend. We will follow up with assemblies in school so all are aware of the dangers.

Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition:

In honour of Arthur Burgin, a long-standing Chair of Governors at Holy Trinity, Year 6 have been working exceptionally hard on science projects which they have designed and carried out independently at home. On Wednesday they displayed the work they had done in the hall where they also set up their experiments for their parents and Year 5 to see. The exhibition was impressive. Mr Redjeb now has the hard job of deciding whose name will go on the Arthur Burgin shield in recognition of their skill in the subject. It will be presented at the end of term.

Transition:

Our transition programme has continued this week with our Year 6 children who are going to Furze Platt Senior School in September meeting with staff. They had an opportunity to ask questions as well as learn about the changes they can expect when they transition.

Year 6 Residential Trip – Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June:

Year 6 are very excited to be heading off to CRS Adventures down in Devon on Monday. Everything is now packed so all we need is for everyone to be at school for 7:30am on Monday so we can load up the coach and set off for a week's adventure exploring caves, balancing on high ropes and avoid capsizing on the boating lake! The weather is looking good so we're sure to have a wonderful time.

Sports Fortnight:

As I wrote in last week's newsletter, we end the academic year with one final themed event, Sports Fortnight. Mr Whittle is already very grateful to those of you who have come forward offering to speak to the children about matters sport related. If you are still to do so, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you if any of the following apply to you:

- Playing or coaching a sport;
- Working in the sports, fitness, or leisure industry;
- Physiotherapy, sports medicine, or nutrition;
- Refereeing or officiating;
- Outdoor and adventure activities;
- Personal fitness or wellbeing expertise;
- Experiences of participating in sporting events or competitions.

School Photographs:

As a reminder, class photographs are still available for sale but the deadline is fast approaching. The link to see them and place an order is: <https://mariaashbygiles.gotphoto.co.uk/gc/kLm!YO7fzM3zLohloqPE>

The access code is HTClass26 and the QR code has previously been sent to you as an attachment. There is a discount of 10% on all orders over £25 and the batch delivery deadline is 21st June. The link to the Year 6 individual photos which were also taken on Monday have been emailed out too. Any queries, please contact Maria Ashby Giles directly.

Junior Music Festival Concert:

I am looking forward to seeing those of you who are coming along to the Hexagon in Reading later for the Junior Music Festival. Year 3 have been rehearsing hard for the event and are excited to perform for you. See you at 7pm for a night of music!

If I don't see you there, have a lovely weekend and Mr Redjeb, Mr Whittle, Miss Ford and I will look forward to seeing those of you with children in Year 6 at 7:30am on Monday morning.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

While some key dates appear below, please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates will be added on a regular basis as events come up. **Any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) are highlighted in blue.**

22 nd – 26 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 nd – 2 nd July	Sports Fortnight
3 rd July	Sports Day (no after school clubs operating)
4 th July	HT Fest
8 th July	Steel Pan Afternoon Concert for parents of Y5 & Y6 2:45pm tbc
8 th July	Berkshire School Games at Braywick Leisure Centre – Qualifying Y3 Golf Team to attend (letter to follow)
9 th July	Samurai Transition Workshop for Year 6 funded by the PTA (during the school day)
10 th July	Spanish Assembly am
14 th July	Year 5 trip to the Swan Upping pm (details to follow)
15 th July	Y4 trip to the Cookham Dig (details to follow)
16 th July	Last Day of Term – Leavers' Assembly (details tbc)