



CNSNewsletter



HEAD'S LINES

How time flies!

It is staggering to know we are already over half way through the academic year. It seems only a few days back that we welcomed the Ofsted team and were then celebrating the outstanding elements of the Ofsted report. In schools there is never time to let the grass grow under our feet and we have been pushing forwards with the practices that we know challenge students to work hard and learn well.

Top 5%

With some twelve school weeks until the start of this year's public examinations our students in year 11 and year 13 are working hard. It is timely that the government data on school performance is recently published and we are able to clearly see how Chipping Norton School stands out in relation to other schools in this area. Ms De Bruyn, Head of Sixth Form, spoke to Governors this week about the quality of sixth form provision. In the same week, the DfE published data to show that Chipping Norton School ranks in the top 5% of sixth forms nationally and we had over 30 year 11 students from other schools being interviewed for places in our outstanding sixth form.

Internet and Social Media Safety

We all know and appreciate

continued over

Citizenship: preparing young people for life



Citizenship Day last week provided an exciting and valuable experience. It also provided us with a wealth of useful knowledge when planning our futures. All the Year 9 students attended a variety of activities throughout the day. There was an excellent 'Human Library' where 21 representatives of businesses from all over our region came to talk to

students. We had 4 minutes with each person. We had to determine what type of work they did and by asking them questions, such as "What GCSEs/A-levels/Degrees do you need for this job?", to acquire inside knowledge of their work.

We also attended a talk by Teenage Cancer Trust telling us how to spot signs of early cancer and how to get it treated so we can stay well. The second talk was from a nurse from St Johns First Aid informing us about how to successfully be able to do CPR and use a defibrillator. After lunch we had a talk from a fireman about the dangers of house fires and how to deal with a fire in the home.

Overall it was a great day, better equipping us for some of the challenges that lie ahead.

Oli Ball :9EN



the value of social media and the instant access to friends and to information. Today in 2018 it is hard to think about what we did before we had social media! It is great to have it but we also know of the downsides that can accompany such activity. It is important to be aware of these potential dangers and the following simple questions should assist in ensuring that we are using it appropriately:

1. Is what I am sharing likely to put me or someone else at risk?
2. Am I posting information about me that I really want to share?
3. Will others feel hurt because of what I am saying or doing?
4. Do I really know who I am sharing this information with?

We invite the police to talk to students in school about the very real dangers of social media use and internet safety. We also advise all parents to talk to their children about such things. The golden rule is to stop if you have any doubt that what you are doing might be hurtful to someone; might be giving information that you don't want to share; might be illegal in the eyes of the law; or might be putting yourself at risk of harm.

Get a good book

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. With the February break upon us, why not make sure that you relax with a book next week. I have just finished reading "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead. This is a book set during the 1800s and is about Cora and Caesar, two slaves in the southern United States, who make a bid for freedom from their Georgia cotton plantation by following the Underground Railroad. It wonderfully describes life in the slave plantations and the risks that people would go to in order to escape. Enjoy your book!

Simon Duffy:
Headteacher



Chipping Norton Partnership of Schools

UII Swimming Gala



We welcomed our partnership swimmers to take part in the CNPS Gala and once again we were delighted to have the support of the Four Shires Swimming Club representatives Kim Weetman (Head Coach), Rachel Pearson and John Newman, whose knowledge and expertise supported Mrs Fisher in running the gala.

Mrs Fisher was very proud of the Year 12 Sports Leaders who took key roles such as scorers,

whippers and time judges. They spend many hours training for these festivals and their effort and commitment is vital for a successful event.

The level of talented swimmers this year was very high and Kingham were a dominant team who fully deserved to be this year's Big School winners. As always we are so grateful to our primary school teachers who put such a lot of effort in preparing their students for this gala.

After a really successful afternoon we were proud to announce following winners:

Big School Winners:

Kingham

Small School Winners:

Enstone

Thank you so much to Four Shires Swimming Club representatives who also took the opportunity to spot potential talent who might like to go along to Four Shires for a trial session. We were encouraged to know that over 10 swimmers had gone along to their club after being spotted. It is fantastic that we are encouraging and developing future club swimmers.

Congratulations to everyone who took part, and of course a big thank you to all staff and students who supported the event.

Year 4 & 5 Able Gifted and Talented Art Workshop



We were delighted to welcome 26 Year 4 & 5 pupils to take part in our Able, Gifted and Talented Art Workshop on Monday 5 February. This was run by Art Teacher Miss Ashton who wanted the

students to think about the connection between music and art.

We focussed on the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle

and the artist Kandinsky and how music can conjure images in your head which then can be expressed as art.

It was so interesting to see the various pictures that developed from the pupils being allowed to express themselves. The children found it liberating and exciting to just be allowed to draw and paint freely. The pupils were pleased with their work which they took home to finish.

Well done to you all, you worked hard and were a really lovely group to teach.

Family Focus: Fun Learning Workshops at CNS



At the end of a busy term we were pleased to offer opportunities for Chipping Norton Partnership School families from Years 4, 5 & 6 to come along and take part in Astronomy, Hockey and No Fear Shakespeare workshops led by teachers at Chipping Norton School.

We opened our Science laboratories to welcome over 90 people (45 families) to our Astronomy Workshop. This was led by Dr Hagan, Mr Turvey, Mr Prentice (CNS Science Department) and members of Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group

(CNAAG) – Robin Smitten, Doug Wells and John Vincent.

The families had the opportunity to look through telescopes to see the night sky and see some of the amazing planets in our solar system. They also took part in workshops based on how big our universe is using sweets and seeds to give an idea of scale, and had an opportunity to ask questions. They really enjoyed learning and working together in a very relaxed atmosphere.

We could not have run

this workshop without the support of CNAAG, and we relish the opportunity to work with such a fantastic community club, who are always welcoming new attendees to their events. www.cnaag.com.

Carol Hicks offered a non-threatening hour of hockey coaching for everyone. This is a great way to work with your child and again perhaps do something which you haven't done before. If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6 and would like to do Indoor Hockey after school on a Friday with Carol, please pick up an Extra Time form from CNS Reception area or download from the Chipping Norton School website.

Mr Long (English Teacher) loves Shakespeare, and the idea that it is, and should be, accessible for all. His session offers a brief insight into one of Shakespeare's plays where families can learn together. This year he focussed on 'Titus Andronicus' one of

Shakespeare's more violent plays. This is a story about a Roman General and how his actions finally decided his fate. Our families didn't have to do any writing but took part in some drama and role play. It is a fantastic way of dipping your toe into a subject which can be overwhelming and I know that everyone went away with a little more knowledge and maybe less fear of a subject which can sometimes be quite daunting.

Look out for our summer workshops, these will include Dance, Music and First Aid. The workshops are a really positive event where learning can take place in a supportive and relaxed environment providing valuable shared experiences for families.

**Mrs Fisher and
Mrs Hannis:
Community Learning
Team**

Extra Time Science Club



We welcomed 60 pupils from our ten feeder schools to our Extra Time Science Club in Term 3. It was devised and run by Dr Hagan, Mr Prentice, Mr Mavromichalis and

Mrs Heath from Chipping Norton School Science Department.

The five week club focussed on 'Life on Mars', and our budding scientists were encouraged to answer

the following questions:
How do we get there?
Is there Life on Mars?
What would we eat?

They were encouraged to think about the outcomes of experiments which they carried out in the laboratories using a range of equipment.

Using the Bunsen Burners always causes a lot of excitement and our students studied what happened to certain pieces of food when they were in a flame, such as how hot it got and what happened to it; they also discussed if some foods would be useful to take on a rocket ship.

It is such a fantastic club and can support the Science being taught in the primary schools; certainly our Science staff were impressed with the knowledge already embedded. This club gives our partnership pupils an opportunity to work in a Science laboratory and to meet their future Science teachers.

Congratulations to everyone who came along; we loved meeting you and feel so proud that you left enthused and excited by Science.

Year 11 GSCE Trip to Tate Modern



Year 11 Art students spent a chilly but exciting January day at the Tate Modern in London. The trip forms the starting point for the study of their exam unit 'Fragments'.

Students were able to spend the day exploring the Tate Modern and experiencing the swings in the Turbine Room!

There were fascinating artworks on display and we were able to enjoy installations made of many different materials, as well as the more traditional paintings.

Students were able to take a trip up to the viewing gallery where they saw the stunning vistas across London.

It was a very successful day and infused the year 11s with fresh ideas and new artists to explore for their exam unit.

**Mrs Corley and
Miss Ashton:
Art Department**

Sixth Form News: Miranda 'Braves the Shave'



I recently lost my aunt to cancer and throughout her illness she was supported by many different groups of people. Whilst she was battling I realized how much cancer affects people, not just the one diagnosed with it but the network of family and friends around them.

Macmillan help support those suffering with cancer as well as the friends and family surrounding them. By shaving my head and raising as much money as possible I hope to help other families who are affected by cancer, just like how my auntie was supported.

The hair that I shaved off will also be donated to the Little Princess Trust and made into a wig for people who have lost their hair



due to cancer treatment.

So far I have raised over £1500 for Macmillan. If you would like to make a donation to this good cause please follow this link:
<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/miranda-edwards>

Thank you.

Miranda Edwards: 12E



What's on at CNS

**TERM 4
FEBRUARY**

Wk 22 A
Mon 19 TERM BEGINS
Thurs 22 Y11,12&13 Group photos
Y9 Options Evening in Main Hall 7:00 pm
Fri 23 Y7 Author visit
Y9 Options booklet to be sent home

Wk 23 B
Mon 26 Y11 English Language PiXL wave exams this week
Tues 27 Y7 Reward Trip
Wed 28 Y8 Author visit

MARCH
Thurs 1 World Book Day—'Stop and Read'
Y9 PTC 4.45 pm
Fri 2 Y9 Tdp/IPV & MenC Inoculations

Wk 24 A
Mon 5 Y9 Options interviews this week
Wed 7 CNPSYI Dance festival with Y12 CSLA leaders 1:45-2:45 pm
Tudor Hall German Play

Wk 25 B
Mon 12 House Match Week
CNPS Science Y4&5 A,G&T 3:30-5:00 pm
Y12 Geography Fieldwork trip (until 16th)(Provisional)
Wed 14 CNPSYI Dance Festival with Y12 leaders 1:45-2:45 pm
Y13 Drama practical exam
Thurs 15 Stop and Read
A level Biology Brain network Oxford
Battle of the Bands 7:00 pm
Fri 16 Y8 Citizen Day
Y9 Deadline for Options forms to be returned

Wk 26 A
Mon 19 Y11 History visit Imperial War Museum this week
Wed 21 GCSE & A level Music Recital evening
CNPS School Olympics Y2&3 with Sports leaders 1:45-3:30 pm
Thurs 22 Y10 Citizenship Day
Y11 Unit 2 Drama practical exam all day
Y12 Invitation Parent Teacher Consultation 4:45pm
Fri 23 School Council Non-uniform day
Y10,12&13 Progress Report home

Wk 27 B
Mon 26 Y12 House matches 2:05-3:05pm
Wed 28 CNPS School Olympics Y2&3 with Sports leaders 1:45-3:30 pm
Dance Showcase 7:00 pm

END TERM
Thurs 29 Staff Training (no students in school)