

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR

Friday 19th – Saturday 20th May Y10 D of E Practice Camp
Wednesday 24th – Thursday 25th May Y7 Parent Consultation Evenings
Thursday 25th May – Gregg's Got Talent Final Barton Peveril
Friday 26th May – Y7 Science Trip to Marwell Zoo
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - Half Term
Monday 5th June – Return to School
Saturday 24th June – Open Day at The Gregg School



TGS News

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Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations to:

Naina N (Year 9) who received two Headteacher Commendations this week. One for an amazing History project and one for outstanding French homework.



Zoe B (Year 7) who received her Headteacher Commendation for her brilliant History Castle project. Well done girls!




Maths News

University of Southampton Maths Challenge 2023 Award Night

Congratulations to Alex T (Year 8) who won a Certificate of Merit in the University of Southampton Junior Maths Challenge! Alex has been invited to a Prize Evening at the University of Southampton Wednesday, 7th June 2023.

What a fantastic achievement!

Please find below a copy of a Question from the paper:



2. Don't Get the Hump
The old pharaoh dies and leaves his herd of 19 camels to his three daughters. Hatshepsut, the eldest, is to receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of the camels; Isis, the middle daughter, is to receive $\frac{1}{4}$; and Nefertiti, the youngest, is to receive $\frac{1}{8}$. Their uncle offers to lend them a camel to make sure they can each receive a whole number of camels.
How many camels does each sister receive?

MathsWatch and DrFrost April Winners

Well done to the students below who finished in the top three of their year in April!

They will each receive 10 Learning Habits stickers!

Mathswatch:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Elise B	Sebastian R	William R	Jake B	Amelia B
Zoe B	Hilary-Ann A-A	Helena R	Henry P	Zoe L
Wakhile M	Zoe L	Grace P	Alina L	Matilda C

DrFrost Maths:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Elise B	Zachary R	Pippa W	Nicole G	James S
Benjamin P	Hilary-Ann A-A	Helena R	William D	Ben N
Leo C	Sebastian R	Grace P	Lucas H	Euan J

GCSE Statistics

The Maths department are pleased to announce that they will be offering a Statistics GCSE programme to students in the current Year 9 cohort, presently excelling in Maths.

This exciting opportunity to explore the subject of Mathematics further, will consist of students independently studying the content of the Edexcel Higher Tier GCSE curriculum and meeting as a study group with a member of the Maths department once per half term for discussion on work completed. Students will be kept informed of meetings and tasks via the school's Virtual Learning Environment.

Readiness for entry into the Statistics GCSE in Summer 2024 and predicted grade will be discussed in February 2024 via consultation with the individual student, class teacher and parent.

Students keen to take part in the programme should contact Miss Carter, nac@thegregg-schools.org.

Coronation Capsule

The History department are planning a time capsule to be buried in the school grounds to commemorate the King's Coronation on the 6th of May. Students have been sending in objects, letters and photos of things that they think sums up The Gregg School in 2023.



Miss Whittaker has been thrilled with what has been submitted, entries ranging from friendship photos, newspaper articles and diary entries to a collection of precious stones found on the Isle of Wight this year. Once all entries have been submitted, the school will choose the top objects to be placed in the capsule and buried.



A special well done to those who sent things in and all be awarded an STC for their contributions.

Miss Whittaker

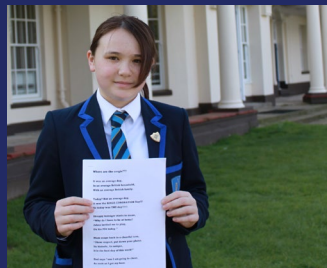
Prince's Trust Donations



Thank you to everyone who donated to our non-uniform day we raised over £300.

Coronation Poetry Writing

Key Stage 3 were invited to take part in a poetry competition to celebrate the King Charles III's Coronation.



There were some lovely poems on the subject and congratulations go to Lois B who won, with close runners up Elliot, Betsy, Jessica, Charlotte, Elise, Khosi, Sam and Harry in Year 7 and Benjy in Year 8.

"Where are the corgis?" by Lois B

It was an average day,
In an average British household,
With an average British family.

Today? Not an average day,
It was the KINGS CORONATION Day!!!
So today was THE day!!!!!!

Stroppy teenager starts to moan,
"Why do I have to be at home?
John's invited me to play,
On his PS5 today."

Mum snaps back in a cheerful tone,
"Show respect, put down your phone.
It's historic, it's unique,
It is the best day of this week!"

Dad says "son I am going to cheer,
As soon as I get my beer.
So have no fear,
YOU ARE STAYING HERE!!!!!!"

Little sister starts to say,
"Granny please watch my Ballet!"
She starts to twirl... OH, DEAR ALAK,
she spills Dad's beer all down his back!

Eventually all calms down,
Lots of smiles and never a frown.
Even stroppy teenager enjoys the sight,
It all turns out alright.

The family eats and drinks,
But stroppy teenager thinks it stinks.
Despite the pomp and all the glory,
"I didn't see a single corgi!!"

WOOF WOOF

Drama News

Oscars of the Week

Our 'Oscars of the Week' for the past fortnight are both awarded to Year 8 boys for their work on "War Horse" by Michael Morpurgo. Noah D made some mature and very thoughtful contributions to class discussions and Tobias C demonstrated some amazing body language and facial expressions when portraying a soldier trying to escape the horrors of war. Well done boys!



Scriptwriting Competition

You may remember that we had six students entering the National Theatre "New Views" scriptwriting competition this year. I am thrilled to be able to tell you that Year 10 student, Jessica C, made it through to the final 98 entrants from ACROSS THE UK!

This is an amazing achievement and Jessica's play, "Exploration and the Discovery of Friendship" has been written with skill and creativity well above her age and experience in scriptwriting. WELL DONE Jessica, we are so proud of you! Mrs Azor



Catastrophic Coasts Investigation

On Thursday the 4th of May, Year 7 went on an exciting geography trip to Hengistbury Head as a part of their "coasts" topic. In the morning, the children were all excited and came to school in their PE kits, with some extra snacks packed into their bags!

They got on the buses and drive along the coast until finally reaching their destination. Upon arrival, and after having time to settle down, they were split into two groups, one being with Mrs Le Cornu, Mrs Crowther and Mrs Azor and the other being with Ms Rendall, Ms Whittaker, Mr Wilford and Miss Pickett. Both groups would have the same opportunities, just in different orders.

The first group headed down to the shoreline first to do some hands-on work with gradients, measuring and collecting different kinds of sediment. Whilst group one were having fun doing that, the others went up the hill to reach a spectacular view of the sea and surrounding areas. They drew some beautiful field sketches of the area around them and enjoyed the views.

After all the work, they worked up an appetite and headed to the big field and visitor centre for lunch. There was lots of chatting and the children had fun with their friends, but the best part was when they were finally allowed to buy some ice cream!

Once they had finished enjoying their little treat, it was back to work. The groups swapped over with what they did, with group one heading for the hills and group two for the coastline. Unfortunately, due to time issues, both groups weren't able to entirely finish their work before it was back on the buses for them.

They had a fabulous day, full of excitement and learning opportunities, including what to do when your lunch gets rained on!

By Elise B

Geography Hengistbury Head Trip

For a house competition, all of Year 7 were tasked with writing a piece for the newsletter about their field trip last week to Hengistbury Head.

Congratulations to the Winners:

- 1st - George W and Elise B
- 2nd - Richard P and Marty S
- 3rd - Lois B and Max T


Hengistbury Head - A great Success!

Wednesday 10th May 2023 Issue 1

By George W

A bright and breezy Thursday morning saw all of year 7 head off to the coast for some data collection.

Hengistbury Head, is a headland jutting into the English Channel between Bournemouth & Poole in the English county of Dorset.






Measuring
We wanted to see if the beach was bigger at certain points. We also wanted to measure the beach gradient from the shoreline to the cliff.

To do this we someone stood along the shore and held the end of the tape measure. Every 5m someone then placed down a meter stick. We then did this all the way from the shore to the end of the beach. We did this 3 times!

Next, we wanted to try knowing the size and roundness of the stones from the shoreline to cliff.


At every 5m a person went down and picked up a rock. We found that the stones near the shoreline were the smoothness due to the sea washing over them.

Before we knew it, it was time to head back to school and back to our geography lessons to evaluate our results!

With our picnic lunches packed we arrived ready to obtain some data based on our latest topic of coasts.

The aim was to measure the width and profile of the beach, stone size, longshore drift and looking at the vegetation to see the local area.



Borneo Expedition Practical Leadership Weekend

Students taking part in the summer expedition to Borneo with Outlook recently travelled to Glenbrook Outdoor Activity Centre in the Peak District to complete their Practical Leadership Weekend.

The weekend venture was an opportunity for the students to build on the all-important teamwork skills, as well as practice some of the leadership roles that the team will take on in the country. Students tried out the expedition kit and equipment and experienced their first budget and catering challenge which they performed brilliantly.

As part of the training for the expedition, the team completed the circular hike to the top of Win Hill (462m) and, thanks to the weather brightening and clearing, we were able to see the Great Ridge in the Dark Peak. That evening, we visited Derwent Water Dam and learned about its fascinating history.

On Sunday morning the team walked to Hope and explored the village before returning back to camp and completing the last of the team building activities.

It was a great weekend due to the students' independence, problem solving skills and sense of adventure. The summer expedition is set to be an incredible experience, 1 month and 22 days to go!

Miss Carter



Tri'ing to Help Ukraine



Congratulations to Zoe L (Year 8) who has recently competed in her first triathlon for charity, raising over £300 for the Ukraine Fund.

Last year, Zoe decided to take up a new activity and challenge. As a keen swimmer and cyclist, she decided to add in running so that she could compete in triathlons. Since September 2022, she has been regularly training as a member of the Winchester & District Athletics Club (WADAC) Junior Club and completed her first triathlon race at the Winchester TryTri on 2nd May.

The TryTri Triathlon was a good first event, as it has a specific race for under 16s. Like all triathlons, it consisted of a swim, a cycle and a run to the finish. Zoe still finds the run element the most challenging but she did extremely well for her first race and was ranked 4th in her age/ gender group and 32nd overall (out of 138).

Zoe has been touched by those affected by the Ukraine War and used the event to raise money for the Ukraine Charity (www.ukrainecharity.org) by asking friends and family to support her challenge. She set herself a target of raising £250 pounds and has already exceeded this target, raising a total of £316 so far.

If anyone would like to support this charity please donate at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/try-tri-1681554450010>

School Rugby Trip

On Saturday the 29th April 2023 The Gregg School took some students to Twickenham to watch the England women's Six Nations rugby match final between England and France.



At 10 o'clock the minibus left to take us up to Twickenham.

We parked in a school about 45 minutes' walk from Twickenham where we walked to the stadium and sat down just in time to be able to join in the national anthems being sung for both countries.

In the first half, France were quite sluggish scoring no tries. England, however, got on to the scoreboard with an early try from Abigail Dow after 16 minutes. This was soon followed by a converted try by the England captain Marlie Packer, then a try by Alex Matthews – all within the first 30 minutes. Just before Matthew's try, a yellow card had been awarded to a member of the French team, leaving them down to 14 players.

Worse was to follow for France with another yellow card after 35 minutes – resulting in the award of a penalty try and France now down to 13 players. This took us to an amazing half time score of England 33, France 0. "Game over" we all thought!

In the second half it all kicked off. Eight minutes into the second half and France had scored their first try. With another one seven minutes later, taking the score to 33-12. England replied with another try this time from Lark Davies taking them to 38-12. But then France really fought back with tries in the 65th and 75th minutes.

The score was now 38-26. Getting a bit too close for comfort but with only 5 minutes remaining surely England could hang on. With just one minute remaining the French team managed a final converted try taking the score to 38-33.

The Red Roses had won by the skin of their teeth and we got to celebrate not just this match but England's victory in the Six Nations competition during the prize giving ceremony. To top it off on that day, we just happened to break the world record for the most supporters attending

a women's rugby match – an astonishing 58,644 people!

After all the excitement the atmosphere carried on outside the stadium for the walk back to the buses. It was a great day out with an energetic and exciting rugby match and I would recommend it to anyone who loves rugby.

Robert R (Year 8)

Swim Gala

Congratulations to The Gregg School swim team who have again kept up our winning streak (over 12 years and counting) by coming first out of eight schools in the Southampton Schools Swim Gala last week.

Well done everyone!



ISA Tennis

Well done to all students that travelled to Rugby School for the tennis tournament last Wednesday. They braved some terrible weather (for the second year running) to play singles and doubles matches against other ISA schools.

Congratulations to Mika who won bronze in the Cup Competition and Zach for his silver in the Plate! Mr Wilford



Pizza and Prosecco

The FROGS invite you to a Pizza and Prosecco Night here at The Gregg School on Friday 9th June 7-9pm.

The ticket price is just £10 two drinks and delicious freshly made pizza from our outdoor oven. This is always a fun, relaxed evening to meet and socialise with other parents in our beautiful grounds.

Please sign up using the link below:

<https://thegregg.applica.com/events/10>

Any queries please email the FROGS Secretary: secretary.frogs@thegreggschools.org

Junior Netball and Football Celebrations

Both the junior girls' football and netball teams have been celebrating! Mr Wilford treated the junior girls' football team for winning their league with a medal ceremony and pizza party last week



Miss Hadfield treated the junior girls' netball teams to a celebratory tea party and medal ceremony for their great performance finishing in the top 3 in the Southampton league this year. The U12 and U13 teams finished 2nd and the U14 finished 3rd. Well done girls!



THE FROGS WELCOME YOU TO JOIN OUR
**PIZZA & PROSECCO
NIGHT**
TICKETS ONLY £10 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES
FOOD AND 2 DRINKS.
OPTION TO PURCHASE MORE DRINKS ON THE
NIGHT.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

FRIDAY 9TH
JUNE
7PM-9PM

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An advertisement for a 'Pizza & Prosecco Night' event. The background is a light beige color. At the top, it says 'THE FROGS WELCOME YOU TO JOIN OUR PIZZA & PROSECCO NIGHT'. Below that, it lists the ticket price and what is included: 'TICKETS ONLY £10 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES FOOD AND 2 DRINKS. OPTION TO PURCHASE MORE DRINKS ON THE NIGHT.' It then says 'WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!'. In the center, there is a gold circular graphic with the text 'FRIDAY 9TH JUNE 7PM-9PM'. To the right of this graphic is a photograph of several glasses of prosecco. Below the glasses is another gold circular graphic with the text 'PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP USING THE LINK'. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: SECRETARY.FROGS@THEGREGGSCHOOLS.ORG'. There is also a photograph of a pizza in the bottom left corner of the advertisement.