



## YEAR 9 FUNDRAISER *Spread the Love*



Yesterday the school was ablaze with pink and red when our students and staff embraced the Spread the Love themed fundraiser.

All activities were run by our Year 9 students who are involved in the development

of the Southampton Hospital School Garden Glowup.

We will notify you in due course how much we have raised from our different fundraising activities including a bake sale and tuck shop, wearing non-uniform and

being able to send someone a little bag of sweets. There was also a film screening of 'The Book of Life' after school.

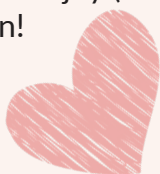
Thank you to everyone who supported this event and this good cause.



## BLIND DATE

With love all around us at this time of year, the library has been offering students a blind date - with a book!

A selection of books were wrapped, with a label attached describing a short synopsis of the content, for students to loan. This was a fun way to look beyond the cover and enjoy (or not!) what was within!



The Library also had a selection of brand-new books for sale and a 'sweets for your sweet' challenge where students could guess the number of sweets in the jar to win them all. Adding to the funds raised for the Hospital School.

Have a great half term break!  
Ms King



## SWIMMING GALA



### *Congratulations to Trojan*

Winners of the House Swimming Gala, held at The Quays swimming pool in Southampton, last Friday.

It was a fantastic atmosphere with students and parents

enthusiastically cheering on their teams.

It started with the lower school House swim-a-thon where there was a large participation.

Followed by some great performances by the students in

their individual and relay races.

The Swim-a-Thon charity fundraiser prior to the House Swim Gala raised a fantastic £310 for Cancer Research.

Well done to everyone who took part.

## YEAR 7 NEWS

### CASTLES PROJECT

On Monday, Year 7 brought in their castle models, for their History project, to be evaluated.

Yet again, we received some amazing entries which clearly had a lot of time and effort put into them.

The finalists have been selected and final judging will take place after half term.

All finalists will receive a Senior Teacher Commendation each and the winner will win a £10 Amazon voucher plus a Head Teacher Commendation.

Points will be allocated towards the house competition and these castles will be kept for display.

Well done to everybody!



### I CAN SEE YOUR POINT OF VIEW

Our Year 7 students have been developing their debating skills and techniques forming solid arguments 'for and against' on a range of topics including: overcrowding, jobs being taken, housing issues, pressure on NHS v compassion for people, fleeing terrifying situations amongst many more.



## YEAR 9 NEWS

### TRENCHES PROJECT

Well done to our Year 9 History finalists of the WWI trenches model competition.

The top three places went to 3rd Elsie J, 2nd to Zoe B and 1st place to Jack B who wins a £10 Amazon voucher and a Headteacher Commendation and all finalists a Special Teacher Commendation.

Well done to everyone who entered the competition.



### YEAR 9 CAREERS TALK

Year 9 had an exciting careers talk last week, in their PSD lesson. Amy Salmons came to talk, from the Defence Science and Technology Lab who provide specialist science, engineering and technology services to the Ministry of Defence and wider government.



### SCIENTISTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Year 8 student Daniel V and Year 10 student Tobias C who are our Scientists of the Month.

Daniel V was awarded it for the best test score and Tobias C for his excellent effort and bookwork.

Well done boys!



## PRAISE ASSEMBLIES

This week we have been busy with praise assemblies across many year groups where students received Senior Teacher Commendations, Learning habits, Respect points, subject prizes and Year 9 Students Ambassadors were given their badges.



## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Our caterers Thomas Franks are producing a new series of videos focusing on their chefs and the first chef they chose was our very own Mrs Pickett.

If you would like to view it here is the link: <https://bit.ly/41362px>





## YEAR 10 AND 11 NEWS

### GCSE SCIENCE LIVE!

Yesterday a number of our Year 10 and Year 11 science students went to New Theatre Oxford for the GCSE Science Live roadshow.

There were many eminent speakers presenting on a number of interesting and varied subjects.

There were cool experiments and demonstrations from Dr Eleonora D'Elia and Prof Andrea Sella taking inspiration from nature and applying and explaining it to/using materials science. Dr D'Elia spoke about how the nanostructure of a kingfisher causes its iridescence and how that knowledge has been used to make iridescent plastic and also how the nanostructure of a gecko's foot has helped develop scotch tape. Dr Sella told us how the study of equilibrium reactions explains stripes found in nature e.g. a zebra's skin pattern and that each zebra is unique.

There was also a fascinating time travel talk from Prof Jim Al-Khalili, a thought provoking talk about the future of computing from Prof Dave Cliff.

The students particularly enjoyed the time travelling talk and Mr Lloyd the experiments and demonstrations from Dr D'Elia and Prof Sella!



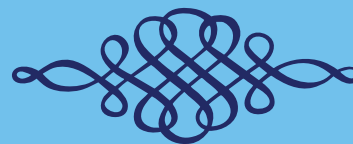
### Students get involved!

During this week the Science department will be running a poster competition for Year 7, 8 and 9 on this year's theme 'Change and Adapt'.

There will be other exciting activities taking place in science lessons too!

Ideas for posters can be found on the British Science Week web site.

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org>



### B2B (Business 2 Business) Directory

Have you signed up to our B2B Directory yet? If you or a family member would like to advertise your business free of charge to other parents on our school Firefly platform, please contact Mrs Jo Ekin at [events@thegreggschools.org](mailto:events@thegreggschools.org) who will email out an online form to you. Thank you for your support.



## SPORTS NEWS

### ISA CROSS COUNTRY



Well done to our students who represented the school at the ISA Cross Country Championships last week at Sherfield School.

It was a very, very muddy start but Amber and Annabelle G managed to achieve a 4th and 7th place finish respectively in the U12 girls race and Daniel 3rd place in the U16 boys.

Great effort all!



## STUDENT NEWS

### WORLD DANCE CHAMPIONS

Huge congratulations to dancing supremo Luca I (Year 7) who has won the WDC AL World 10 U12 world dance championships in Kazakhstan with his partner Pebble.

An incredible achievement for their last U12 competition.

They were interviewed after the event which you can watch here:

[https://www.instagram.com/wdc\\_wdcal/?g=5](https://www.instagram.com/wdc_wdcal/?g=5)





## UNDER 15 GIRLS FOOTBALL



Our fantastic U15 girls football team had another successful game in the ISFA CUP quarter final last week.

This amazing quarter final win means that they are now through to two semi finals. We saw resolute defence from Amelie W and Bonny K as well as two outside of the box goals from Jana AS which resulted in an end score of 2-1. Incredible achievement from our senior girls!

## YEAR 7 NETBALL

Our Year 7 Netballer's did a great job on Tuesday when they competed in the second Southampton League Tournament, hoping to secure a place to represent Southampton in the County Tournament in April. Last time, we came first in the city but third overall. Four weeks later, our hard work and commitment in training paid off as we went undefeated and came first overall!

We're very proud of all the girls, but a special 'shout out' to Sophie G, Poppy and India whose performances were outstanding! Plus a big thanks to Charlotte for being team manager.



## UK OPTIMIST SAILORS SHINE IN TORREVIEJA, SPAIN

UK Optimist sailors shine in Torrevieja, Spain

Congratulations to Year 9 student Darcy O who recently competed in a sailing competition in Torrevieja, Spain in her optimist dinghy.

The UK team had great success in the competition and Darcy managed to secure an 8th place to finish in the Bronze category.

Well done Darcy!



TOWNHILL PARK  
HOUSE

Open Gardens

23rd March 2025  
2pm-4pm

Tel: 02380 472133  
events@thegreggschools.org  
www.townhillparkhouse.co.uk

The Gregg School  
Cutbush Lane, Southampton SO18 3RR



## FROGS NEWS



Parents, children and staff and friends joined together for our FROGS Valentines Quiz on Friday.

It was a competitive but fun evening with the 'Bonnie Parton's Cupid's Crew' managing to hold their title as quiz champions! Kirk P won the esteemed FROG race (thanks to some fabulous origami by his wife Jo!) and the pot of hearts prize went to Leon.

Each team decorated their table with an array of red and hearts, but our student support team dazzled the judges with their LOVELy theme 'Lovers not Haters'!

Thank you to Mrs Sellers and Mr Gillespie who were excellent Quiz Masters and Mrs Wilson, Mrs Gibbs and the hardworking FROGS and teachers who organised and ran the event.



## GREASE TICKETS

Meet Kenickie, Rizzo, Sandy and Danny!! They're ready, are you!??!

Get your Grease tickets here

<https://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk/whats-on/grease>



## PANCAKE DAY

March 4<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday

Pancakes with a choice of toppings:

Fruit Compote

Biscoff Sauce with Crushed Oreo

Classic Lemon and Sugar

Maple Syrup

Mandarin and Cream



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE GREGG

### Open Mornings

Do you have a younger child about to start primary school or a Year 6 looking for a senior school? Or know someone who does? Then come along to one of our Open Mornings, which run from 9:30-11:30am for a tour by our students and to see the schools in action.

Please book your place via the links:

The Gregg Prep Thursday 27th February <https://bit.ly/4dHiQoh>

The Gregg School Thursday 6th March <https://bit.ly/3BL6yhm>



### Key Stage 2 Activities Morning

If you have a younger child and are thinking about moving them for their Junior education, the Prep School are running a Key Stage 2 Activities Morning on Saturday 15th March from 9:15am – 12:15pm. Aimed at Year 3-6, children, accompanied by parents, can enjoy a morning of interactive activities and have the chance to meet teachers and some of our pupils.

Activities include:

Music - singing and playing the drums

STEM - building a circuit and exploring the use of switches

Art - printing their own piece of artwork.

Wellbeing – take time to enjoy a range of creative mindful activities

Book here: <https://www.thegreggschool.org/open-events>



### LinoCut Workshop

New! One day Linocut Print Workshop for Easter Holiday in the LRC at The Gregg School.

Renowned printmaker and artist Jo Morley will help you discover the versatile printmaking technique of Linocut. Jo will guide you through the complete process from carving, inking up and printing in colour in a variety of ways - the results will be new and exciting!

The Hayloft Studio in the LRC at The Gregg School, Townhill Park House, is fully equipped with a professional etching press. The cost is £95 with all equipment provided. Beginners are welcome and those with some experience who wish to develop their practice. This will be a fun creative day for all. Refreshments will be available during the day but please bring your own lunch. Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

You can view Jo's work here: [www.jomorley.studio](http://www.jomorley.studio)

TO BOOK: Jo Ekin: [events@thegreggschools.org](mailto:events@thegreggschools.org)





## NEXT STEPS EVENTS

Sparsholt Open Day- Saturday 1st March. <https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/ucs-opendays/>  
Fareham College Open Evening- Wednesday 19th March - <https://www.fareham.ac.uk/>  
Southampton City College Open Evening - Thursday 20th March - <https://shcg.ac.uk/>

## KEY DATES AT SCHOOL

Half Term Mon 17th February –  
Friday 24th February

Monday 24th February – Thursday  
27th February GCSE Iceland Trip

Monday 24th February – Thursday  
27th February – MFL Speaking  
Mocks

Wednesday 26th February – Year 11  
GCSE Drama Exam

Wednesday 26th Thursday 27th  
February Year 8 Parent Consultation  
Evening

Thursday 27th March – The Gregg  
Prep Open Morning

Tuesday 4th March – Primary Maths  
Challenge

Thursday 6th March The Gregg  
School (Senior) Open Morning

Friday 7th March – Year 8 Disability  
Talk

Saturday 8th March – Grease  
Musical Dress Rehearsal

Monday 10th - Tuesday 11th March  
-Year 9 Options Parent Consultation

Wednesday 12th March - Year 7  
Challenger Workshop

*Have a wonderful half term!*