

HEADMASTER'S NOTES

Another week flashes by faster than a riposte from a rapier in Fencing Club and here I am writing to you once again. I must begin with a thank you to those many parents who have very kindly been speaking so well of the school to those outside the Willington family. My Study has been replete with visits from prospective parents who know someone who has a son here and have been good enough to extoll the virtues of a Willington education to them. This has seen a real surge in demand for places and, with the news this week covering cries of looming budget cuts and crisis in state sector provision, it places our efforts in stark contrast as we see the investment in our school's resources continue unabated. For those interested in knowing what comes next in our programme, do please join me on the evening of Thursday 9th March to hear more and be privy to a new and exciting development for our PSHE Curriculum.

With matches struck down by Mother Nature this week, our rugby players have been training as best they can in advance of next Saturday's Willington Shield Challenge against Tower House School. Bragging rights on the pitch, and at Headmaster's conferences, are up for grabs and I hope and trust you will be able to come and support our teams for this festival of Rugby. Before that, however, I am delighted we will be welcoming several dozen guests to come and sing with our Willington Voices Choir as part of a programme of outreach into the local community devised by our Director of Music, Ian Parker.



St. John's Orchestral Play Day



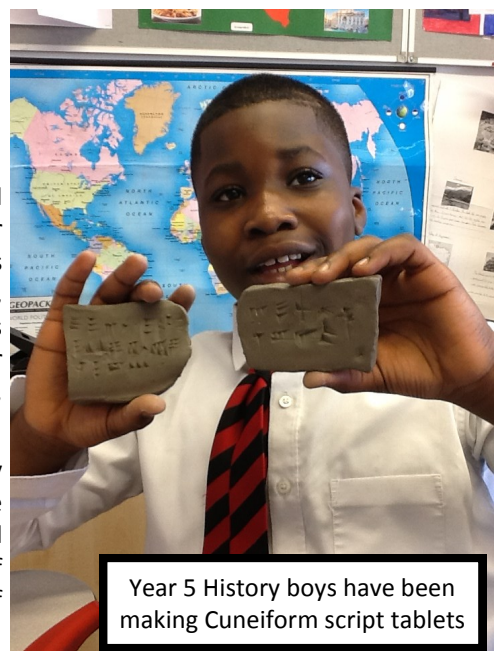
Some more happy, smiling faces and cherished awards above and Keith Filby below from Merton Road Safety came to speak to the boys about keeping safe on the roads and the boys thought about what they could do to help others, including their parents.



In anticipation of such good news to come, I whet your appetite with congratulations to Sam and Victor in Year 7, who have been offered places at Hampton School for September 2018. Well done, boys!

With an overcast Friday afternoon looming above the school, I wish you all a restful and happy weekend ahead of more adventures in the lives of our wonderful boys next week.

This week's Year 8 Parents' Evening was well attended, as the families received feedback on their sons' performance in the trial Common Entrance Examinations that have just taken place. I am sure the advice given will prove to be of great benefit (if the boys pay attention to it!) when the second round takes place just after the Easter Holidays. Speaking of results, the Pre-Test season will soon begin to yield its dividends, as we pass through from assessment to interviews and I look forward to bringing you news of the successes enjoyed by Willington's boys once more this year.



Year 5 History boys have been making Cuneiform script tablets

AFTER SCHOOL EVENT FIXTURE AMENDMENT**WEEK FIVE****Monday 30th January**

8.40am Assembly : Michael Chanter/News & Achievements

2.15pm 1st XV v Homefield (Home)**Tuesday 31st January**

8.40am Assembly : Class 8S

9.00am Year 1 Trip to Lookout Centre, Bracknell

2.15pm U10 A/B/C v Homefield (Away)**4.30pm-7.30pm Year 4 Parents' Evening****Wednesday 1st February**

8.40am Form Time

11.00am U8 A-E v Homefield (Home)**2.15pm U11 A/B/C Δ Homefield/Lanesborough (Away)****2.30pm 1st & 2nd XV v Aberdour (Away)**

2.50pm Junior Assembly

7.00pm Willington Voices Outreach Programme**Thursday 2nd February**

8.40am Assembly : Hymn Practice

8.40am Year 6 Mindfulness with Alpa Joshi

8.00pm Parents' & Staff Prayer Meeting at Paulson's Home**Friday 3rd February**

8.40am Assembly : Ruth Henson

9.00am Year 2 Trip to Science Museum

4.15pm-6.15pm Play Rehearsal Dream On!**Saturday 4th February****9.30-12.00pm Willington Shield v Tower House at Drax****U9 A-C/U10 A&B/U11 A&B/1st XV/2nd XV****Sunday 5th February**

10.00am-4.00pm Play Rehearsal Dream On!

WEEK SIX**Monday 6th February**

Digital Awareness Day

8.40am Assembly : Michael Chanter/News & Achievements

11.30am Years 4 & 5 Rugby House Matches

12.00pm Years 1 & 2 Trip to Royal Festival Hall

2.15pm U11 B Contact 8 Aside v Garden House (Home)**2.15pm Years 6 & 7 Tag 8 Aside v Garden House (Home)****Tuesday 7th February**

8.40am Assembly : Class 7C

10.00am Strings Day, Epsom College

4.15pm Strings Day Concert, Epsom College**5.30pm Educational & Pastoral Committee Meeting****Wednesday 8th February**

8.40am Form Time

11.30am Years 2 & 3 Rugby House Matches**2.45pm U11 A&B v Claremont Fan Court (Home)**

2.50pm Junior Assembly

Thursday 9th February

8.40am Assembly : Hymn Practice

8.40am Year 6 Mindfulness with Alpa Joshi

6.00pm Choral Evensong, St. Paul's Church, Augustus Road**Friday 10th February**

8.40am Assembly : Ruth Henson

11.30am Year 1 Rugby House Matches**1.30-3.30pm Rugby House Matches (Yrs 6-8 in Games Kit)**

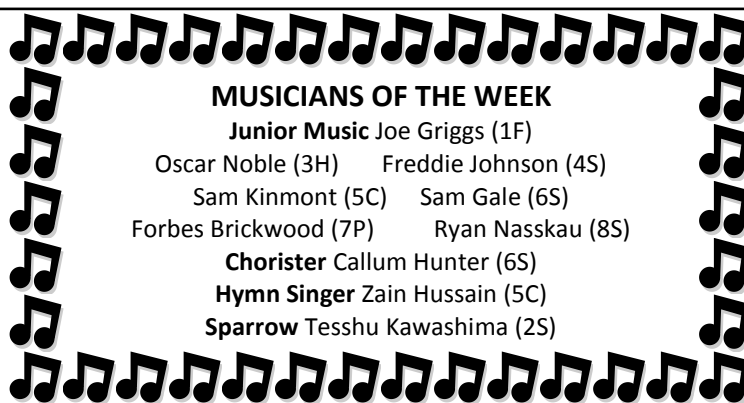
2.00pm KCJS Maths Challenge (4 Boys from Year 5)

Normal Collection Time/Half Term starts (Reception-Year 3)**4.00pm Half Term starts (Years 4-8)**

4.15-6.15pm Play Rehearsal Dream On!

Sunday 19th February

12.00-5.00pm Play Rehearsal Dream On!

**MUSICIANS OF THE WEEK****Junior Music** Joe Griggs (1F)

Oscar Noble (3H) Freddie Johnson (4S)

Sam Kinmont (5C) Sam Gale (6S)

Forbes Brickwood (7P) Ryan Nasskau (8S)

Chorister Callum Hunter (6S)**Hymn Singer** Zain Hussain (5C)**Sparrow** Tesshu Kawashima (2S)**PARENTS' AND STAFF PRAYER MEETING****EVERYONE WELCOME****THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 8.00pm****AT HOME WITH THE PAULSONS****44 Sycamore Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4TP****ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL RUTH HENSON**ruth.henson@willingtonschool.co.uk**READING CERTIFICATE**

Ernie Basic (5J) Bronze

SCIENCE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Arun Chapman-Dawe (5C)

Joshua Goldstein (5J)

DREAM ON BOX OFFICE OPENS!

Please contact the Office to reserve your tickets

for the following performances:

Thursday 2nd March**Drinks 7.00pm Performance 7.30pm Venue Main Hall****Friday 3rd March****Drinks 7.00pm Performance 7.30pm Venue Main Hall****RUGBY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Daniyal Coles (7C) Jacob Potter (6F) William Purcell (6F)

Henry Forster (5C) Zac Hafeez (5C) Zain Hussain (5C)

Keitaro Harada (4T) Vlad Markov (4S) Raif Dunt (3L)

WEEK 4**JUNIOR****HOUSE****POINTS**

1st Excalibur

3rd Galahad

2nd Lancelot

4th Merlin

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