



HEADMASTER'S NOTES

Did you enjoy Monday this week? The Bank Holiday at the start of this month always feels like having several days off, rather than just the one. I am not sure how this feat is achieved; perhaps the secret to time travel lies therein. However, after an extra day's rest, we then launched ourselves into the week on Tuesday and we were treated to a Bilingual Assembly taken by Year 7. Reflecting on their annual visit to France for a week's residential, they told us in both languages of their exploits, much to our delight. Accompanied by a variety of photos that captured their experiences, I am sure it rekindled wonderful memories for the Year 8 boys, whilst the younger boys looked ahead to their turn on this annual adventure with a keen sense of anticipation.

Speaking of a keen sense of anticipation, the Cricket season began this week with matches against Kingswood House acting as the opening fixture. I have always been intrigued by the way in which Cricket, despite being a sport at which a ball is propelled often at great speed by fast bowlers and requires lightning reflexes and considerable sprinting, is seen as a slower game by some compared to Football and Rugby. However, with Mr Jaffer's keen eye being cast over the boys as they train and with some very talented cricketers in the school, I look forward to this summer sport bringing us some results to savour.



A great victory to start the cricket season on Tuesday by the U8 A Team against Kingswood House

More of our fabulous winning triathletes from the Royal Russell Flight Centre Schools' Triathlon last weekend



Moving from the sporting contests of the term to the political contest that is taking place across the country, I see with dismay that education has once again become a political football to be kicked about. I note that some schools at a conference held just a few days ago, argued that they will have to close for half a day a week, or perhaps more, if they are to meet their budgets in the future. I know that our position here

in the independent sector, with both the freedom and flexibility to act in the best interests of the pupils, is something that you value, as do we, but I want to thank you for your ongoing support as we plough a furrow of our own, rather than that of the DfE's choosing. Indeed, many of you have been extremely kind in your support of the school outside of the Willington family by recommending us to people you know who are seeking a school for their son. The kind words that I hear from them, that they in turn have heard from you, are heart warming. In an age when we are faced with the instantaneous nature of social media, where ill-informed opinions are spread across the internet, it is good to know that we have so many sane, sensible and caring parents here who support us and bring their like-minded friends and family along!

Repotting the runner beans in Year 1 to give them more room to grow!



Finally, I would like to invite you all to send in the marvellous photographs I know that you have been taking recently. Please email your photographs to headmaster@willingtonschool.co.uk via the website <https://wetransfer.com/>. The three categories for the competition are 1. People, 2. Wildlife and 3. Landscapes. Entries will be judged with the help of Paul Goldstein, our internally acclaimed photographer whose sons both attend Willington. Paul's advice is that the best photographs are ones which make people think, admire and reflect. When judging, Paul will be looking for photographs from the boys that are original, enterprising and perhaps contain an element of humour. I look forward to receiving the entries. The deadline for submissions is midday on Wednesday 7th June. Have a marvellous weekend, perhaps taking a few pictures along the way!

AFTER SCHOOL EVENT FIXTURE AMENDMENT**WEEK FOUR****Monday 8th May**

8.30am Year 3 Trip London Zoo

8.40am Assembly : Michael Chanter/News & Achievements

Tuesday 9th May

8.40am Assembly : Ed Drew, Dundonald Church

9.00am Years 5 & 6 Trip Butser Ancient Farm

2.30pm U9 A&B v Tower House (Home)**4.45pm-7.00pm Year 8 Parents' Evening****7.30pm Festival Chorus Rehearsal****Wednesday 10th May**

8.40am Form Time

9.00am Year 4 Trip to Kew Gardens

2.30pm 1st/2nd/3rd/4th XI v Tower House (Away)**2.30pm U11 A&B v Tower House (Home)**

2.50pm Junior Assembly (Reception-Year 2)

Thursday 11th May

8.40am Assembly : Hymn Practice

6.00pm Choral Evensong (St. Paul's Church)**Friday 12th May**

8.40am Assembly : Ruth Henson

2.30pm U11 A v Cumnor House (Away)**Saturday 13th May**

9.00am Reception 2017 Induction Morning

9.30am Willington Invitational Cricket Tournament

WEEK FIVE**Monday 15th May**

8.40am Assembly : Michael Chanter/News & Achievements

Year 8 Common Entrance Mental Maths Exam

9.00am Year 1 Trip to Brooklands Museum

2.15pm 3rd & 4th XI v The Mall (Away)**2.30pm 1st & 2nd XI v The Mall (Home)****8.00pm Parents' & Staff Prayer Meeting with Bates Family****Tuesday 16th May**

8.40am Assembly : Class 7C

Year 8 Common Entrance French Listening Exam

12.00pm Year 1 Trip Morden Hall Park

2.30pm U10 A-D v The Mall (Away)**2.30pm U9 A-D v The Mall (Home)****4.30pm Musical Performance Series****7.30pm Festival Chorus Rehearsal****Wednesday 17th May**

8.40am Form Time

8.40am Class 2S Assembly

Year 8 Common Entrance French Oral Exam

2.30pm 1st & 2nd XI v St. Philip's (Home)**2.30pm U11 A&B v St. Philip's (Away)**

2.50pm Junior Assembly (Reception-Year 2)

Thursday 18th May

8.40am Assembly : Hymn Practice

Friday 19th May

8.40am Assembly : Ruth Henson

9.00am Year 2 Trip Natural History Museum

5.30pm POW Parents' Football Tournament & BBQ at Drax**FESTIVAL CHORUS RECRUITING!**

Calling new recruits for 9th Annual Gala Concert (Wed 28th June) to sing excerpts from Handel's Messiah to commit to Tuesday evening rehearsals 7:30pm-9:00pm in the School Hall. Scott Inglis-Kidger, our Director of Choristers, supporting and opportunity to enjoy a glass of wine afterwards! Email scott.inglis-kidger@willingtonschool.co.uk.

MUSICIANS OF THE WEEK**Junior Music** Nicholas Band (2S)

John Higginson (3H)

Ethan Goodhind (4T)

Callum Campbell (5J)

Leo Fong (6F)

Travis Cochrane (7P)

Daniel Ortiz (8S)

Orchestra Shatansu Samal (6S)**Hawk Choir** Kasper Abraham (5C)**Chorister** Sammy Winson (4T)**Hymn Singer** Joshua Goldstein (5J)**Sparrow** Jonty Dryer (2S)**BADGES OF THE WEEK****SENIORS****Fab Friend** Mitchell Dawson (3L)**Superstar** Luke Oastler (8G)**WWWDWY** John Higginson (3H)**JUNIORS****Superstar** Dylan Jones (RW)**Superstar** Sebastian Northover (1F)**Superstar** Micah Waldron (1B)**WWWDWY** Alex Amouzandeh (1B)**WWWDWY** Joe Griggs (1B)**WWWDWY** Harry Mortimer (1F)**WWWDWY** Joshua Overend (1F)**CRICKETERS OF THE WEEK**

Charlie Forster (8G)

Luke Oastler (8G)

Sam Hartopp (7P)

Danish Jamal (7C)

Daniel Tretyakov (7C)

Max Wilson (7P)

Festus Balogun (6S)

Artie Bruce (6F)

Caeden Harris (6S)

William Purcell (6F)

Nico Di Filippo (5J)

Under 10 C & D Teams

Ray Owen (3L)

PARENTS' AND STAFF PRAYER MEETING**MONDAY 15th MAY 8.00pm****AT HOME WITH THE BATES FAMILY EVERYONE WELCOME****41 Alwyne Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 7AE****ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL RUTH HENSON****ruth.henson@willingtonschool.co.uk****WEEK 3
JUNIOR
HOUSE
POINTS**

1st Excalibur

4th Galahad

2nd Lancelot

3rd Merlin

**JUNIOR
OVERALL
HOUSE
TOTAL**

1st Excalibur

2nd Galahad

4th Lancelot

2nd Merlin

**WEEK 3
SENIOR
HOUSE
POINTS**

2nd Excalibur

3rd Galahad

1st Lancelot

4th Merlin

**SENIOR
OVERALL
HOUSE
TOTAL**

3rd Excalibur

4th Galahad

2nd Lancelot

1st Merlin