



What's on this Week – Monday 4th February 2019

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***** 'BE ON TIME, TEN TO NINE' *****

CITIZENSHIP YEAR – WEEKLY QUOTE

“When you're curious, you find lots of interesting things to do.” Walt Disney

Monday 4 th February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crickets to Herman Miller
Tuesday 5 th February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.45pm Celebration Assembly • Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow – Year 3 and Red Squirrels
Wednesday 6 th February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming – selected children • 2.45pm Community Assembly - Year 5 • Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy • Arc theatre students to visit YR
Thursday 7 th February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family FUNs • Year 1 to The Arc Theatre • Falcons to Herman Miller
Friday 8 th February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Fantastic Tales with Chicken House Publishing at Cheese and Grain in Frome - Year 6 and Hedgehogs

The Mead's Recommended Read

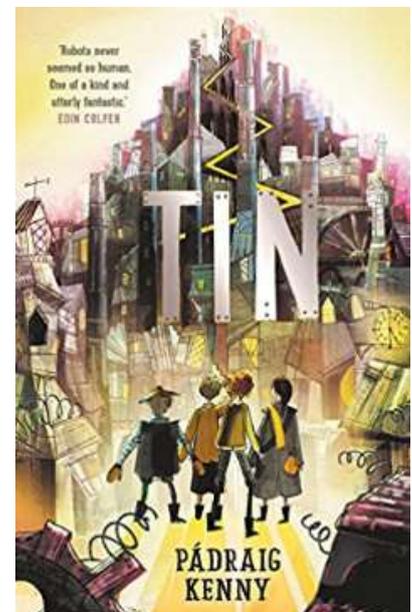
When you are reading this story, you can't help but wonder whether this may happen to us in the future...

'Tin' is Padraig Kenny's debut book and what a brilliant adventure it is. The story begins in a world where 'mechanicals' (robots) are common place and are used for labour and servants. We are quickly introduced to an engineer, who makes and sells robots, called Mr Absalom. It is clear that he doesn't make the best robots, but Padraig Kenny has given them all great personalities.

It is hard not to ruin the story when writing this review, but the robots set off on an adventure to help a friend and find some answers. There are some fantastic battle scenes along the way and the book will take you on an emotional journey where you become attached to lots of the characters throughout.

There are plenty of twists to keep you entertained and you are never quite sure how the book will end...

Mr Griffiths, Senior Teacher



INSET DAY: 20TH MAY 2019

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School Term and Holiday Dates For 2020-2021 – Consultation

Wiltshire Council are presently consulting on the School Term and Holiday Dates for 2020-2021. You can view the two proposed options on the Wiltshire Council website, by clicking the link here [Terms and holidays | Wiltshire Council](#)

In essence;

Option 1: Shows a proposed calendar with a **five-day break in October, with term 6 ending on Wednesday 21st July**. This is the option favoured by neighbouring local authorities.

Option 2: Shows a proposed calendar with a **seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Friday 23rd July**.

You can let Wiltshire Council know your views by using any of the following methods:

By email to: directorDCE@wiltshire.gov.uk

By letter to: School Term Dates 2020/21 Consultation, Children's Services, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Please submit your views by **Friday 8 February 2019**.

SHEILA PEDLER, BUSINESS MANAGER

BSC/ASC

Please can we remind you that if you are using BSC/ASC without prior booking, payment **MUST** be made on the day, via cash or cheque at the reception window. We are unable to accept pupils without payment.

If you are using Child Care Vouchers or Tax Free Child Care to pay for your bookings, the funds also need to be paid to the school **prior to any booking**.

Once you have submitted your Before School Club or After School Care booking form for the week/term, any changes must be submitted in writing via a new booking form. We are not able to manually amend existing forms or process refunds without a new form being received.

After School Care

Please be reminded that all children must be collected by an appropriate adult and signed out of the care provision. Children cannot be dismissed to walk to the gate or to walk home alone.

Year R – Year 5 Important Update from Virgin Care

In light of the recent news of a flu outbreak in our area we are holding extra catch up clinics throughout Wiltshire and Swindon. If your child has not already received the nasal flu vaccine, there are still opportunities to do so.

Parents will need to telephone to book into the clinic. For Wiltshire the number is 0333 234 1125.

Clinics will be held on the following dates:

Trowbridge	4th February 2019
Devizes	15th February 2019

School Age Immunisations Team
Virgin Care Services Limited

After School Care Collection and Nursery

We politely remind all parents/carers that the collection times for After School Care and Nursery are either 4.15pm or 6.00pm depending on which option has been booked.

Unfortunately, we are having many instances where children are not collected on time resulting in members of staff being unable to leave. As you will appreciate staffing numbers are allocated on the number of children attending each session and are timetabled to finish at either 4.15pm or 6.00pm.

Late collection results in staff having to be paid additional time at a cost to the school and I am sure you will remember our newsletter earlier this year regarding funding cuts, that this is not something the school can sustain. Therefore, as a result costs need to be passed on to parents involved.

With effect from Monday 28th January 2019, any child not collected on time will incur a late collection fee of £15.00 per 15 minutes (or part thereof).

Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Kerry Thain
School Business Manager

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Gymnastics

Yesterday we took 12 children from Year 3 and 4 from both our Wingfield and Hilperon sites to the West Wilts Gymnastics competition, which took place in Warminster.

The children competed in a number of different events including vault, floor and bars. The Mead finished in first place and Flick was ranked highest out of all 72 children that competed.

The event organisers singled out our school for the children's sportsmanship and manners. Well done, what a credit to the school you are.

Mrs Alice Perry
P.E. Lead

Perry and Potter's Weekly Active Challenge

For your Active Challenge this week try your reaction skills. Get someone to hold a tennis ball (or balled-up sock) in each hand and stretch their arms out to either side. Stand facing them and, when they release one ball, try to catch it after one bounce. You could try dropping both balls together for a trickier challenge or stand further back.

Mrs Alice Perry
P.E. Lead

For the latest secondary school newsletters please use the links below:-

John of Gaunt

<http://johnofgauntschool.org/information/newsletters-and-notice/>

Clarendon Newsletters

<http://www.clarendonacademy.com/parents/newsletters>

Bad weather and snow



Now that the winter months are upon us with the possibility of extreme weather we would like to draw your attention to a useful link from the local authority of roads that are treated on a precautionary basis for your information –

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting/grittingroutesmap.htm>

At school, the safety of our pupils, staff and parents is paramount to us and as such we would like to inform you of the safe route in and around school, should such conditions arise. We will ensure there is a path from the school pedestrian gates all the way through the school playground, round to Year 1. We do ask that in icy/snowy conditions, children use the designated path provided as the rest of the playground will be unsuitable to walk on. We are not in a position to grit the main car park as this belongs to the council. However, in adverse conditions the road leading to the school and the car park will not be a priority and therefore we ask for everyone to take extra caution when travelling to school.

In the event of school closure we will update our website accordingly, inform local radio stations and send a text via Parentmail X. Please ensure that you have updated your contact details on Parentmail X.



Do you have friends or family looking for school places?

We currently have spaces across the school. Please contact the school office for further details.





Future Dates	
5 th February	Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow – Year 3 and Red Squirrels
6 th February	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
6 th February	Community Assembly – Year 5
7 th February	Year 1 to The Arc Theatre
8 th February	Three Fantastic Tales with Chicken House Publishing at Cheese and Grain in Frome - Year 6 and Hedgehogs
13 th February	Community Assembly – Community Celebration
27 th February	Community Assembly – Year 6
6 th March	Community Assembly – Gardening Club
7 th March	Book Night at Wingfield (World Book Day)
13 th March	Community Assembly – Comic Relief Red Nose Day
20 th March	Community Assembly – Year 4
20 th March	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
23 rd March	Spring Celebration at Wingfield
25 th March	Parents Conversation Week
27 th March	Community Assembly – Community Celebration and Post Cards
30 th March	Pantastic all day rehearsal
4 th April	Pantastic – Spring Performance
24 th April	Community Assembly – St George's Day
6 th May	Bank Holiday – School is closed
7 th May	Life Bus to visit Hilperton for the week
8 th May	Community Assembly – Community Day Preparation
13 th to 17 th May	SATs Week
15 th May	Community Assembly – Year 3
18 th May	Citizenship Community Day
20 th May	School closed for Inset Day
22 nd May	Community Assembly – Celebration
22 nd May	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
3 rd June	Year 6 residential Plas Pencelli
5 th June	Community Assembly – Gardening Club
12 th June	Community Assembly – Sports Day Preparation
12 th June	Class Photographs
14 th June	School Disco – Y1 to Y6
19 th June	Community Assembly – Summer Solstice
26 th June	Community Assembly – Year 6 Plas Celebration
28 th June	Non School Uniform Day for donations to the School Fair
1 st 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day at Kingdown
3 rd July	Community Assembly – Post Cards
3 rd July	Trowbridge Youth Parliament at Clarendon Academy
6 th July	Summer Fair
10 th July	Community Assembly – Year 5
12 th July	Year 3 to Brokerswood – Long day
15 th July – 16 th July	Year 4 to Braeside overnight
17 th July	Community Assembly – Sporting Personalities
24 th July	Community Assembly – Celebration
25 th July	School breaks up for the Summer



We are looking forward to holding some great events this year, some dates for you are below:

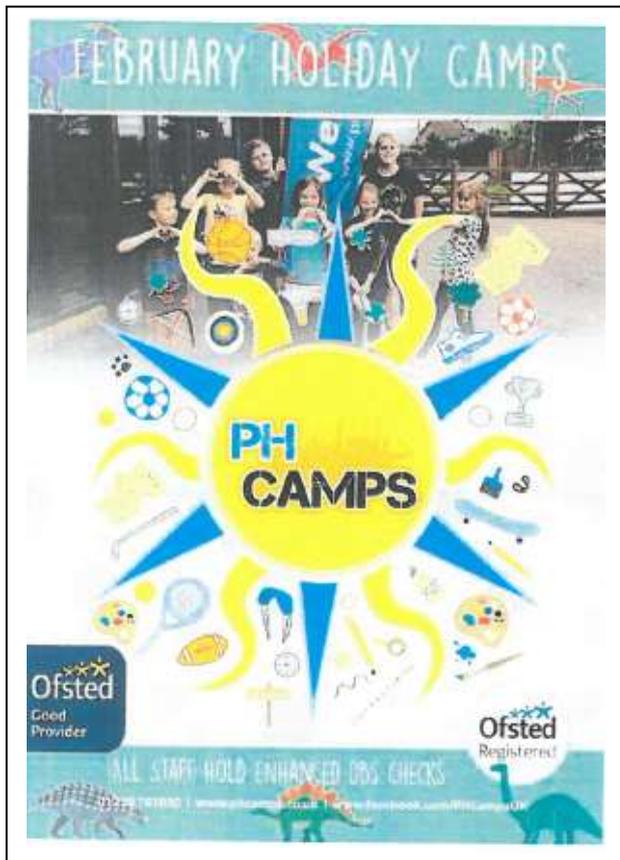
- **7th March World Book Night @ Wingfield.**
- **23rd March Spring Celebrations @ Wingfield.**
- **18th May Community Day @ Hilperton.**

For more information on any of these events, please check out our notice board located near the main gates to school.

We run a book club over both sites (Friday lunchtime @ Hilperton, and Thursday lunchtime @ Wingfield) where children can purchase books at low cost. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact The Friends via our Facebook page, email us at thefriendsofthemed@outlook.com or contact Nicola Gould (Hilperton) or Rebekah Searle (Wingfield).

We look forward to seeing you at these events and more!

Thank you for your continued support,
The Friends of the Mead



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