

Brightside

MARCH 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. It has been another busy term with lots happening and I urge you to have a look through Brightside to read about some of the things that our school community have been involved with.

Although this Easter break will be a rest for most of you, I urge our Year 11 students to continue with their studies throughout the holidays. I have met them this morning and reminded them that they are in a race with the rest of the country to achieve the highest grades that they can; this race is a marathon though not a sprint. So my advice, is to try and do three sessions per day for no more than an hour each as this will help to retain their knowledge. Obviously, Easter school will help to support this.

Hopefully, everyone will be able to get some form of a break over the next two weeks and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 15th April in the correct uniform for another busy term.

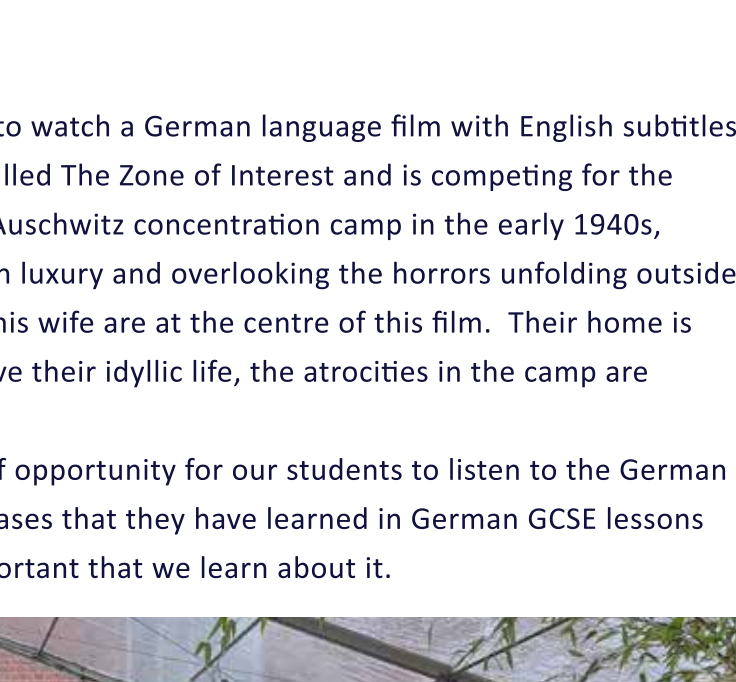
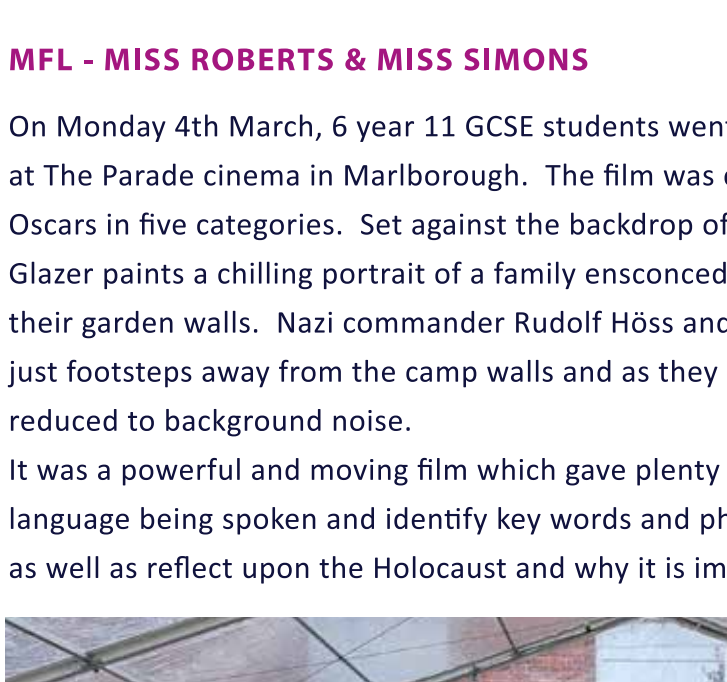
Happy Easter all.

Neil

HEAD TEACHER

GEOGRAPHY - MISS LYTHE

The KS4 geography students have now completed their fieldwork (part of their Paper 3 exam). We successfully collected data at three sites around Pewsey based on the environmental quality, pedestrian counts, vehicle counts and land use. Our enquiry question was "To investigate how environmental quality varies in a rural area". Students are now fully equipped to complete the fieldwork section in their exam which is only a couple of months away. I hope the geographers keep the positive attitude up and their hard work will pay off.



MFL - MISS ROBERTS & MISS SIMONS

On Monday 4th March, 6 year 11 GCSE students went to watch a German language film with English subtitles at The Parade cinema in Marlborough. The film was called The Zone of Interest and is competing for the Oscars in five categories. Set against the backdrop of Auschwitz concentration camp in the early 1940s, Glazer paints a chilling portrait of a family ensconced in luxury and overlooking the horrors unfolding outside their garden walls. Nazi commander Rudolf Höss and his wife are at the centre of this film. Their home is just footsteps away from the camp walls and as they live their idyllic life, the atrocities in the camp are reduced to background noise.

It was a powerful and moving film which gave plenty of opportunity for our students to listen to the German language being spoken and identify key words and phrases that they have learned in German GCSE lessons as well as reflect upon the Holocaust and why it is important that we learn about it.



A big shout out to the Languages Ambassadors who organised a Cake Sale with European style bakes such as croissants, crepes, pretzels and brioches. Money was raised for MFL department enrichment for later in the year.

YEAR 11 EXAMS - EASTER REVISION - MR LINNEGAR

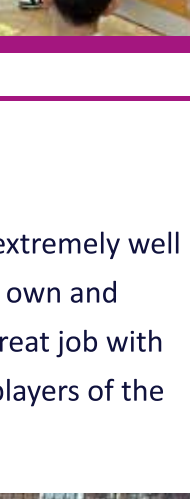
Year 11 exam season is nearly upon us! The majority of course content has now been delivered and we are moving into the revision period before the exams start in earnest in May. Please see the below timetable for **scheduled Easter revision**. Students can opt into these sessions, however, it should be noted that they will run **in person at school**. These sessions will be really very valuable, as the distance between returning to school after the holidays and formal exams beginning is a few short weeks.

YEAR 11 EXAMS - EASTER REVISION SESSIONS

	09.00 - 12.00pm	1.00 - 3.00pm
Monday 1.4	EASTER MONDAY	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 2.4	RCA Science	RCA Science
Wednesday 3.4	SDT Music • JRO German Foundation	JRO German Higher
Thursday 4.4	OBA PE • SDT Music	TCL PE
Friday 5.4		
Monday 8.4	ILE English Language	ILE English Language
Tuesday 9.4	ILE English Literature	ILE English Literature
Wednesday 10.4	TCL PE • RDR History	TCL PE • RDR History
Thursday 11.4	RDR History	RDR History
Friday 12.4	DLY Geography	DLY Geography

PERFORMING ARTS - MR LINNEGAR

As part of the Performing Arts curriculum we put on a musical roadshow experience for our year 7 and 8's on Friday 22nd March. This roadshow was hosted by Ultimate Tuition who are a contemporary music tuition company, currently offering lessons in guitar, bass, ukulele, drums, keyboard/piano, vocals and saxophone.



P.E. - MISS BAWCUTT

We had an U13s Netball Tournament At Barnwood School on Monday 4th March. The girls played extremely well and received a certificate for their efforts. They were up against some difficult teams but held their own and played really well. Three of the year 10 girls came along to help as netball ambassadors and did a great job with warming them up and giving advice on the side lines. Well done to Isla H and Charlotte C who got players of the tournament from myself and the three year 10 girls!!



Year 10s had a friendly match at St Johns School and looked fantastic in their new netball dresses, with the money raised by our student voice. Despite the loss, the girls looked great and had very strong interceptions down the court.



On International Womens day, year 10 girls were invited to a day at Tidworth Oval to spend the day doing activities and challenges with the Women. The girls had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Charlie our School Games Coordinator for organising the event and taking the girls out for an engaging day.

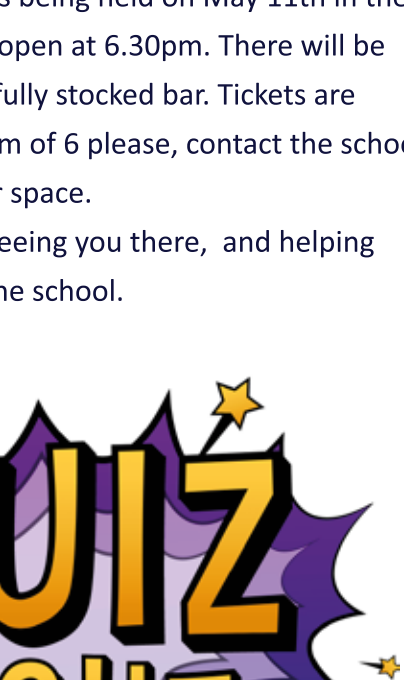


LIBRARY - MRS SHEPPY

Winners of the World Book Day Quiz

- First Darcy M and Olivia M
- Second Xander and William FB
- Third Dillon and Beau

Well done all of you.



LIBRARY - MRS SHEPPY

Congratulations to the following students who have scored the most points in their quizzes for Accelerated Reader.

- Yr7
- Walter B
 - Isabelle R
 - Florence F
 - Skye H

- Y8
- Charlotte C
 - Darcy M
 - Scarlet H
 - Izabelle S

Well done all of you.

PTFA

Our PTFA Quiz night is being held on May 11th in the Bouverie Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm. There will be prizes, a raffle and a fully stocked bar. Tickets are priced at £12 per team of 6 please, contact the school office to reserve your space.

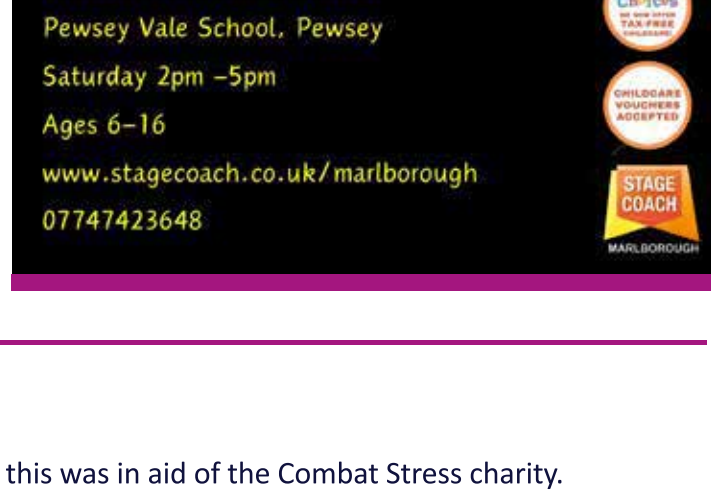
We look forward to seeing you there, and helping raise vital funds for the school.

PTFA

The PTFA organised another Bags 2 School collection last week. This is a fantastic way for the PTFA to raise funds for the school. All your donations were collected from school on Wednesday 20th March and were weighed before departure. This collection raised a brilliant

£176.80

Thank you to all of you who brought in donations.



STAGECOACH

On 10th March, 24 students from Stagecoach Marlborough, based at Pewsey Vale School, took to the stage at the Theatre Royal, Bath in Stagecoach LIVE! To an audience over 900 strong, they performed a medley of songs from the world of Shrek.

This was a fantastic day for the students, who experienced performing on a working stage to a sold out audience, as well as using the dressing rooms and backstage area used by countless professional actors. A review of Stagecoach Marlborough's performance commended the students on their storytelling, commitment and enthusiasm and highlighted their fantastic harmonies, use of props and excellent musicality. We are so proud of all the children and can't wait for our next Stagecoach LIVE! event in the West End.

Would you like to join our Stagecoach family? Head to www.stagecoach.co.uk/marlborough or email stagecoach@marlborough.co.uk to book a two week trial now!



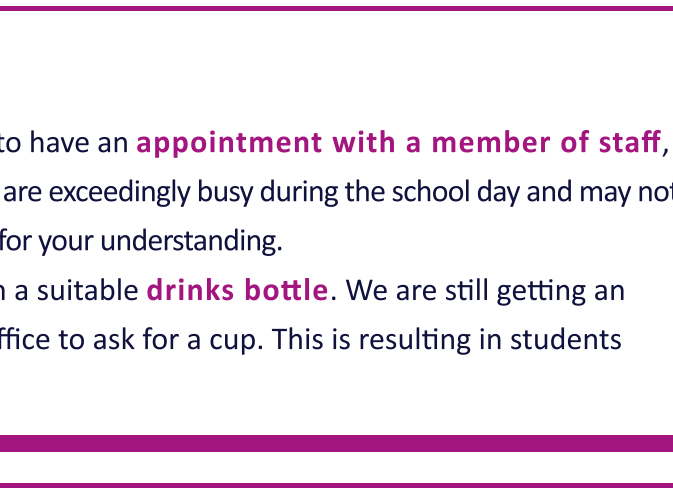
MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES - SPACES NOW AVAILABLE!

Pewsey Vale School, Pewsey
Saturday 2pm - 5pm
Ages 6-16
www.stagecoach.co.uk/marlborough
07747423648

THE SCHOOL OFFICE

We held a non-uniform day in school on the last day f term, this was in aid of the Combat Stress charity. Students were asked to bring in £1 donation to hand in to their tutor. Today we raised a total of

£116.75



FORCES CHILDREN - MISS LYTHE

The Month of the Military Child (MotMC), in April, is a campaign to raise awareness about the important role Service children play in the Armed Forces community. It is a time to recognise Armed Forces families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

Pewsey Vale School will be having a 'purple day' on **Friday 19th April** where staff and students wear something purple – anything as long as it's purple! For example a bracelet through to a hoodie. This is to commemorate all our military children here at PVS.

Please bring in £1 each and the monies raised will go to this worthwhile charity:
Thank you for supporting our military children here at Pewsey Vale School.



THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please could we ask parents and carers that if they would like to have an **appointment with a member of staff**, that they book this in advance through the school office. Our staff are exceedingly busy during the school day and may not have the capacity to meet without an appointment. Many thanks for your understanding.

Please can we also ask that students are sent in to school with a suitable **drinks bottle**. We are still getting an increasing number of students coming out of lessons to the office to ask for a cup. This is resulting in students missing out on vital learning time.