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STOPSLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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PARENT INFORMATION EVENING -
WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL

BANK HOLIDAY - 6TH MAY

HALF TERM -
27TH TO 31ST MAY

WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS -
MONDAY 3RD JUNE

ATTENDANCE NOTICE:

CAN PARENTS/CARERS PLEASE
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CHILD IS UNWELL AS WE ARE
MONITORING ATTENDANCE.
REPORT THIS THE NORMAL WAY BY
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NUMBER: 01582 870912 OR THE
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STOPSLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

Dear all,

We were delighted to host a team of five reviewers, who are senior leaders in other secondary schools across the country with a Lead Reviewer (a trained Ofsted inspector), to our school Wednesday to Friday this week. They were completing a Challenge Partners Quality Assurance Review which involved lesson explorations across the range of curriculum areas and various year groups as well as meetings with students and staff. They were amazed at the enthusiasm and positive engagement in learning demonstrated by our students and more generally a consistent culture of respect and inclusivity between students and staff alike. A massive thank you to all of our students and staff involved. I look forward to sharing the report in our newsletter next week.

It was fantastic to host Year 11 students in school over the Easter break for GCSE Intervention sessions as we rapidly approach the start of their final GCSE examinations. Thank you and well done to all those staff involved in delivering the sessions and to the students for making the most of these invaluable opportunities.

Well done to our GCSE PE students who were selected to participate in the practical PE moderation yesterday. Mr Swain and Mr Sicheiri-Peel for accompanying them and of course all the preparation that has led to this.

Have a wonderful weekend all,

Ms Hand



YEAR 8 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

On Friday 12th April a group of Year 8 students departed on a residential Outdoor and Adventurous Activity trip organised by Mr Swain and Mr Wise. The base for the weekend was the Action4Youth centre near Milton Keynes and our accommodation was a Yurt. On arrival the group dropped their bags and got ready for a day of team building activities. This started with raft building which only saw 3 of the group testing the temperature of the lake. Both crafts survived the race, which is a Stopsley High School first. After Lunch it was land based team building, which did get very competitive. A nature walk in the evening was followed by a very large game of cards. Saturday was a full day with the students back on the lake kayaking, and having power boat driving lessons, as well as Archery and Caving. A busy day in the sun was enjoyed by all, and many personal challenges achieved, some students even managed a near perfect score at Archery. Campfire in the evening was followed by a more competitive game of cards before bed.

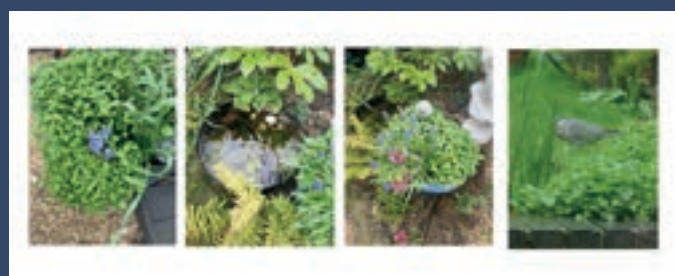
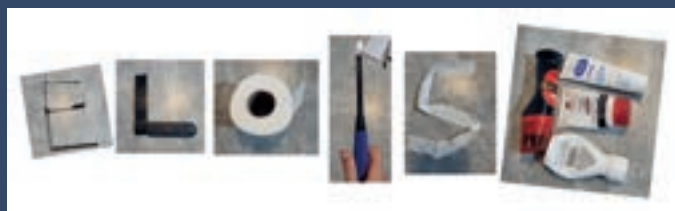


Sunday, our last day, started with an attempt at packing. Before Climbing and Canoeing, only 1 damp set of clothes for the way home after someone realised they could not walk on water. The boys were happy that they survived 2 nights with out the ladybird family eating them, while the girls were relieved they survived the weekend with the boys. Feedback from students was really positive, comments like "I don't want to go home yet" followed by "me either" were very nice to hear.

Year 7... your turn next in May!

SPOTLIGHT ON TRANSITION:

Here are some submissions from our Year 6 Taskmaster. Well Done Eloise for these creative ideas!



TOP CLASS COMMUNITY:

Water Safety

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we are approaching the summer months following a particularly wet winter, I would like to provide some information and support in relation to water safety. Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service along with our partners including the Police and Local Authorities are regularly contacted by residents who are concerned for the safety of young people who are accessing water sites for leisure activities.

Popular areas for leisure activities include but not limited to:

- Priddy Woods - Bedford
- Widdow Lakes - Milton Keynes
- Compton Mill - Milton Keynes
- Blue Lagoon - Aylesbury
- Wood Lee - Bedford
- Howbery Lake - Forest of Marston Park
- The Old Mill - Sandy
- The Hobdy - Sandy

Unfortunately, accidental drownings happen all too frequently and even the strongest swimmers can find themselves in difficulties. There are also concerns for young and vulnerable people who may not be aware of the danger and take that water poses.

As well as changes in water current and weather conditions, outdoor water can contain harmful levels of microorganisms, weeds, rubbish, drains, broken bottles and pollution. It is also difficult to judge the depth of water, shallow water can change to deep water quickly and jumping into shallow water could result in serious injury. In addition, cold water shock can also occur when jumping into a hole or lake on a hot day.

Advice on water safety can be found on our website www.bedfshires.gov.uk. In addition there is also a link to the Royal National Lifeline website which gives further advice on how to keep safe in water.

The Fire service are available to stop people swimming outside or in open water, but if you have concerns of anti-social behaviour please report this to the Police on emergency number on 101. If however it is liable to the water and health/haz in an emergency, please call 999.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards,
Lauren McEwen
Community Safety Officer
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service