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Tirlebrook Newsletter

Dear Families,

The weeks seem to be flying by as we head towards the summer break at a rate of knots! Every week seems to be jam-packed with lots going on ... it's a bit hard to keep a track of it all! As we arrive at another weekend, let's celebrate all that we have achieved as we continue to **explore, enjoy and excel** together!

Coming Up

Health & Wellbeing Week - Monday 27th June - Friday 1st July

There is a huge amount happening next week as **Health and Wellbeing Week** returns, culminating in our whole school community **Sports Day** on Friday. Mrs. Featonby has worked tirelessly alongside the teachers to put together an array of fantastic opportunities for the children that promote physical and mental health and wellbeing. We are hoping that the children will not just see the experiences of the week as a one-off, but will be inspired to introduce some aspects into their daily lives. Mrs. Featonby writes,

'We are so excited to announce that next week, beginning Monday 27th June, we will be launching into our annual Health and Wellbeing Week! I would like to give you some key information to prepare for the very busy week that lies ahead:

Monday: children will be reintroduced to our Health and Wellbeing values that we remember under the acronym L.A.C.E.S (**L**earn, **A**ctivate, **C**onnect, **E**valuate & **E**njoy and **S**hare). The children will be using the values to create a cartoon character/mascot to represent one of the letters.

Tuesday: please come to school wearing **PINK!** It is a dress-down day and we would be grateful if you would exchange the opportunity for your child to wear **pink** to school with a donation to my **Coppatrek** charity fundraiser. Contributions are of course voluntary, but there will be buckets at the gate at the beginning and end of the day for any donations to be collected. Hopefully you will have seen in the newsletter that I am fundraising to raise breast cancer awareness and will be completing a trek through the Sahara Desert in the Autumn Term. Children are invited to wear **pink** clothing - shoes, socks, headwear, hair paint and accessories or even a bright, pink tutu! During the morning, Sports Council will be assisting me by setting up an obstacle fun run around the Tirlebrook playground and Tirlebrook 10 track.

The aim is for each junior class to achieve 100 km (the length of my Sahara Trek) and for the infant children, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - to achieve 100 km collectively. To read more about my Sahara mission, please visit my [JustGiving](#) page. There are many other activities happening on Tuesday too, including **Relax Kids** workshops and some of our junior classes will be introduced to the wacky world of **Omnikin!**

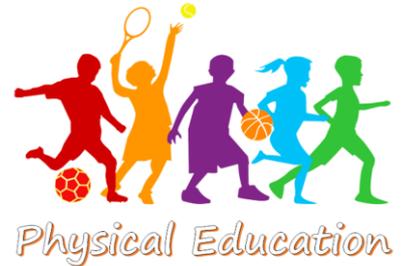
Wednesday and Thursday: PE kits will be required as different groups of children join in with **cricket** and **martial arts** workshops. Our Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 children will also be continuing their healthy food workshops with Chef Caldera.

Friday: it's **SPORTS DAY!** Children should come to school wearing plain black shorts and a t-shirt in the colour of their house team (**Hastings - yellow**, **Beauchamp - red**, **Wenlock - blue**, **Montague - green**). The day will involve a sports quiz, sports day games and races. And of course, there is the whole school lunch and community Tirlebrook 10 to look forward to! Please see our Sports Day letter for further details about the schedule for the day, including timings for parents and families to join in the fun! What a wonderful end to our Health & Wellbeing Week!'



Health and Wellbeing Week - PE Kits

For the entire week, we strongly suggest that your child comes to school with a sun hat, plenty to drink (a refillable water bottle) and that they have applied sun cream each morning. Don't forget to dress in pink on Tuesday and PE kits will be needed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, as well as for your child's regular PE day. This is important to remember for our Junior children who need to come to school wearing their PE kit. Please can we ask that all children wear the appropriate kit (plain black shorts, plain white t-shirt and a pair of suitable trainers). Thank you for your support!



Get Active

Bikeability - Monday 20th June - Monday 27th June

It has been our privilege to welcome Mike and Stuart in to school to work with our Y6s this week. A group of 24 children have been improving their cycling skills as they have completed the Level 2 Bikeability course. It has been a really good experience for them all and will hopefully prepare them further for the additional challenges of riding on the roads more frequently as they become increasingly independent. After ten years of working with Tirlbrook, this was instructor Mike Manning's last time working with our Y6s. We are really sad to say goodbye to him - he has been such a professional and hardworking instructor over the years and he has become a true friend of the school. Good luck Mike - we will miss you!



Tewkesbury Primary Schools' Athletics Championships - Tuesday 21st June

Mrs. Featonby writes,

'In the sizzling heat on midsummer's Tuesday evening, a large group of our junior children competed in the annual Tewkesbury Primary Schools' Athletics Championships at Tewkesbury School. Despite this being an annual event, this was the first time since 2018 that this event has managed to go ahead, due to weather postponements and Coronavirus (COVID-19). We were so excited to return to the track and to compete with all of our other local schools again.'

*With Mr Lockley on the mic and a team of supportive Tirlbrook staff in the box, the children gathered to compete both as individuals and as a team. The night kicked off with the Year 5 and Year 6 sprints which were extremely competitive! Despite this, Isaac C managed to achieve a **bronze** medal, coming 3rd in his sprint race, performing excellently against a group of 10 competitors! The Year 3 and Year 4 sprints followed, with yet another **bronze** for Jack R and a **silver** medal for Henry S.*

*Tirlbrook seemed to get stronger and stronger as the night progressed: Scarlet O and Alex C picked up **bronze** and **silver** medals respectively in the 200m sprints. And we did not stop there! The Year 4 girls flew across the finish line in 3rd place, earning themselves a **bronze** medal in the shuttle relay. This was quickly followed by the Year 4 boys who absolutely stormed their race, finishing miles ahead of the rest of the field in 1st place, gaining our first **gold** medal of the evening for Tirlbrook. The Year 3 girls ran superbly, positively and worked brilliantly as a team, and despite not picking up a medal, should be very proud of their performance. We are particularly proud of Elodie for stepping up in to the race at the last minute. The Year 3 boys worked excellently together too and achieved a well deserved **bronze** medal.*



*In the toughest event of the competition, the 1000m, not just because of the distance but also because of the punishing heat, Sami B and Georgie C both performed heroically and gained **bronze** medals. Well done to you both! The 600m sprints were next. Erin G and Stan M, two of our younger sensational runners, ran exceptionally! Erin worked incredibly hard to secure her **silver** medal and Stan took the fight to the field from the off, leading from start to finish to secure his **gold** medal! We were simply in awe of their performances.*

*It was then time for the baton relays. The Year 5 girls worked well together, passing the baton well and smiling as they finished, despite not placing. The boys in Year 5 performed well, but had a mixed race, moving from third, to fourth, back into third then first, but were run out of the medals in an extremely fast and tight finishing 100 metres. I am sure that next year, you will come back even stronger! The Year 6 girls relay was great to watch and the girls really tried hard with their handovers and it was definitely clear that they had a strong, athletic team. The Year 6 boys were the next to receive a medal, finishing in 3rd place and gaining **bronze**!*

And that was just on the track! Tirlbrook quite clearly have great talent in the field events. **Sami B, Jack R, Betsy W and Thumelo K** all received **gold** medals, coming first in their field event (throwing or jumping). **Hayden M** received a **bronze** medal for her jumping performance too. Track and field events combined to contribute to Tirlbrook's final score and overall performance. We also had many, many 4th place finishes, all of which earned a great number of points for our team, with many children just missing out on a medal, including: **Riley C, Stan M, Theo L, Layla H and Isaac C.**

The competition was fierce and very competitive. This year, it was Carrant Brook who finished on top. The John Moore finished in 2nd place, just a couple of points ahead of Tirlbrook, finishing in a very respectable 3rd place. We also came joint 1st in the field events competition alongside Carrant Brook.

We must remember to get that trophy from them to display in 6 months' time!

Well done to every single child who participated. We are so extremely proud of you all! Winners, or not, you all represented our school superbly and we hope you enjoyed the occasion. Thank you too to all of the staff who came along to organise the team, lead the event, provide first aid, help hand out medals and even put up a gazebo - so huge thanks to **Mr. Lockley, Mr. Crouch, Miss. Moysey, Mrs. Durrant, Mrs. Moysey and Miss. Stoker!** And thank you also to all of the parents and families who came to support. It was wonderful to see you all and I know that the children were thrilled to be back competing with their families able to spectate. **Well done Tirlbrook!**

And very well done **Mrs. Featonby** for organising and coordinating Tirlbrook's entry into this year's competition, including all the training and practice that happened beforehand. For those of you who didn't see Mrs. Featonby, she was busy collating the scores for the Large Schools' Competition. Tirlbrook has always played a vital part in organising this event and we are really proud of what a wonderful evening it was once more. Roll on 2023!



Squad: Charlie A, Sami B, Paris B, Joshua B, Maisie B, Alex C, Riley C, Georgie C, Joe C, Isaac Cu, Anabelle G, Maisie G, Erin G, Arthur G, Layla H, Joshua H, Olivia H, Harrison J-S, Elodie J, Thumelo K, Georgia K-S, Matilda K, Theo L, Hayden M, George M, Stan M, Scarlet O, Hannah P, Jacob P, Saxon P, Jack R, Jack R'son, Henry S, Isla S, Bailey V, Annabelle W, Betsy W & Hannah W

Y3 & Y4 Swimming Gala - Friday 24th June

Maple Class and Silver Birch Class had a 'whale of a time' at the **Y3 & Y4 Inter-House Swimming Gala** held at Tewkesbury School on Friday afternoon. A whole host of races and events occurred including width races, float races, length races, two-length races, relays, a scramble race and even some mini competitions for 'Biggest Splash', 'Smallest Splash' and 'Stylish Dive'. The children were incredibly supportive to each other and it was lovely to see children pushing themselves out of their comfort zone and trying something new. The event was extremely enjoyable and it was rounded off by a few minutes to splash around and enjoy themselves after all the hard work of racing. The results of the competition will be combined with those from the Y5 & Y6 Swimming Gala that took place a few weeks' ago and the overall Inter-House Swimming Champions will be announced on Sports Day. Well done to all the children and many thanks to all the adults who made the event possible: Mr. Crouch, Ms. Brown, Mrs. Gibson, Miss. Garrott, Miss. Ward, the staff from Tewkesbury Sports Centre and our two very important Y6 helpers, Henry and Mati. It was a great afternoon!

Information for Families

Celebration Assemblies - Reminder

There will be no Celebration Assembly on Friday 1st July due to Sports Day. Please note that our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Thursday 7th July**.

Holy Trinity Church Summer Holiday Club

Holy Trinity Church are hosting a holiday club on two separate days during the Summer Holidays. **The Big Bang Holiday Club** will be operating on Wednesday 3rd August and Wednesday 10th August from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The club is open to children in Years R to 5 (those moving into Years 1 to 6 in September) and is completely free of charge, with a packed lunch included. The tag line is **'where science and the Bible meet'**. To find out more, please click on the QR codes on the image to the right or follow the links for each date below:

3rd August: <https://htbigbanghc3rdaugust.eventbrite.co.uk>

10th August: <https://htbigbanghc10thaugust.eventbrite.co.uk>



Looking Back

Y4 Roman Workshop - Thursday 23rd June

Ms. Brown writes,

'We had an amazing day experiencing what it was like to be in the Roman army. We identified the different members of the Roman army using artefacts and determined how important they were. We were trained to be a Roman soldier and went in to battle against the Celts! You had to show discipline otherwise you would be punished! But this was why they were such a strong army. While the Celts outnumbered the Romans, were loud, fearless and a little bit mad (!), the Romans were silent, tactical, strong and dedicated to Rome. In the afternoon we experienced what everyday life was like for a Roman soldier, from what they ate to how they went to the toilet! It was gross but fun! This was followed by carnage in the Colosseum! It really was a fantastic learning experience.'



Y5 Boat of Hope Tour - Friday 24th June

Mrs. Featonby writes,

'Interesting, touching and inspiring. Just three words to sum up our visit to Tewkesbury School where we were fortunate enough to visit Bernie and his Atlantic Challenge boat. Bernie shared his wonderful story with three schools, including Tirlbrook, explaining what he does, why he does it and just how he aspires to help as many people as he possible can. What a wonderful message to send to the young adults of today. After an introduction to Bernie's life and his phenomenal accomplishments, including climbing Mount Everest (!), he kindly requested questions to which our creative Year 5s jumped at the chance to find out all about his amazing plan for December - The Atlantic Challenge! Bernie was asked several questions: where do you sleep? What do you eat? How do you keep clean? And one that I'm sure we were all asking; how do you go to the toilet? Bernie was extremely accommodating and positive and praised each and every one of our children for their fantastic questions and intelligent thinking.

After passing round a few samples of food that the OBE hero would be eating on his mission, the children jumped at the chance of actually meeting, touching and examining 'The Boat of Hope' parked in the school grounds, standing colourful and proud. The boat was dazzling with artwork created by a vast number of different young people from across the country. It was a beautifully created masterpiece. And for Bernie, it was 'his friend and companion'.

Year 5 left feeling truly inspired by Bernie's energy, manner and his determination to help young people, particularly with their mental health. What an important and fitting message as we head into our Health and Wellbeing Week, next week. Kindness is most definitely contagious and it has great superpowers, just like Bernie and his hope boat!

Thank you so much to Tewkesbury School for inviting us to meet Bernie and his boat. We thank Bernie hugely for his time, his efforts and his kindness. He truly is an inspiration to all.'



Get Involved

DoodleMaths Summer Challenge

Ms. Brown writes,

'The DoodleMaths Summer Challenge is back! Join the fun! Between the 1st July and 31st August, Doodle are running the DoodleMaths Summer Challenge. The Challenge is designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, topping up each child's knowledge and helping them to prepare for the academic year ahead. Most excitingly, Doodlers can earn a FREE pin badge, in-app badge and certificate by taking part! Follow this link for full details on how to get involved...

<https://doodlelearning.com/challenge.>'



Full details have also already been e-mailed to families and you can find a repeat of this information at the end of this week's newsletter. We'd love to see as many children completing this challenge as possible. **Get doodling!**

Tewkesbury Medieval Festival Parade - Sunday 10th July

Mrs. Haidon writes,

'As you know, our Year 4 and Year 5 children have had the marvellous opportunity to work with local artist, Alison Cockcroft, to create a huge wicker 'Green Man'. This will make up Tirlbrook's part in the Tewkesbury Medieval Parade, which takes place on Sunday 10th July.

We are very much looking forward to a group of children joining us in the parade to help carry our brilliant sculpture. Children in Year 4 and Year 5 who are available to join us on the day, please don't miss out on the opportunity to sign up - it's the last chance this week!

Information for the children taking part:

Children attending the parade will be making a Green Man style tabard in school for their costume on Monday 4th July. Families will need to supplement their costume by providing green/brown trousers/leggings/T-shirts to wear underneath these in the parade.



Children will need to be brought to Spring Gardens car park (the site of the former Cascades swimming pool) for 10:30 a.m. on the morning of Sunday 10th July where they will be met by school staff.

The parade will start from Quay Street at 11:15 a.m. and make its way slowly down the High Street, round the Cross, along Church Street, past the Abbey ending at the top end of the Vineyards opposite Lower Lode Lane. Families are welcome to join us in the parade (if in costume) or can follow the parade (behind the paramedic vehicle).

Children will need to be picked up at 12:15 p.m. from the top end of The Vineyards next to Gloucester Road (opposite Lower Lode Lane).

Tirlbrook has enjoyed taking part in the Medieval Festival Parade for many years and it really is a fun and memorable community event for the children. If you have any questions, please ask. We hope to see you there!

Fond Farewell!

Goodbye Miss. Grubenmann ... and Thank You!

As quickly as it started, it was oh so quickly over. Miss. Anja Grubenmann spent nearly three weeks at Tirlbrook working alongside our Year 4 children and it is already over. After just 14 school days, she has left an indelible mark on everyone she has met. She was incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with our children and her leaving reflections were:



'Tirlbrook Primary School was absolutely amazing! I've felt so welcomed and accepted from the minute I stepped into the school. I was in a Year 4 class and the teachers I got to spend my three weeks with were absolutely brilliant. They did everything to make me feel at home and I got a chance to look at various different subjects. I was lucky enough to also have a look in Years 3, 5 and 6, which was great to see the children at their different ages.

All the teachers at the school had different teaching styles and I enjoyed watching them all. The headmaster was incredible and really engaged in all the school activities, as well as all the classes and children. There were lots of different after school clubs I had a look at and a few school trips that I accompanied as well.

The Year 4 class children were so lovely and kind to me, I loved every second with them. There are about thirty children in every class and all the teachers led their pupils amazingly well.

It was an amazing school and a great experience and I am so grateful to have met them all. Thank you Tirlbrook!

What incredibly high praise from a visitor! Anja flew back to Switzerland today with many happy memories and much to take towards her teacher training development. And isn't her English just incredible?! It is lovely that the experience has been such a mutually beneficial one. Goodbye and good luck, Anja - we will miss you!

Fundraising



Fundraising Fun

We will be holding a 'Guess the number of Jelly Beans' competition over the next week to raise funds for the school. The overall closest guess will win the jar of jelly beans with the closest from each class also winning a jelly bean selection. Entry forms have been sent home with a fee of £1 for each guess up to two guesses (£2). Look out for a photo of the jar on Class Dojo to help. Forms should be returned to school by Thursday 30th June with entry fees enclosed. The winners will be announced on Sports Day. Thanks to Anna Garrott for organising this competition. Good luck!

DIARY DATES: Also see calendar on school website

- ★ Health & Wellbeing Week - Monday 27th June - Friday 1st July
- ★ Y6 Bikeability Continues - Monday 27th June
- ★ YR Visit to Dinky Street - Tuesday 28th June
- ★ Reception Swimming Lessons Continue - Wednesday 29th June
- ★ Y4 'In The Net' Internet Safety Drama @ Carrant Brook - Wednesday 29th June
- ★ Y6 'It's Your Move' Workshop - Thursday 30th June
- ★ Sports Day - Friday 1st July
- ★ No Celebration Assembly - Friday 1st July
- ★ Rockley Point 2023 Residential Meeting (Current Y4) - Wednesday 6th July @ 6 p.m.
- ★ Celebration Assembly - Thursday 7th July
- ★ Y5 & Y6 Medieval Festival Visit - Friday 8th July
- ★ Y4 Life Saving and Water Safety Swimming Session 1 - Friday 8th July
- ★ Medieval Festival Parade - Sunday 10th July
- ★ School Reports - Monday 11th July
- ★ Sports Day Reserve - Monday 11th July
- ★ Y1 Visit to All Things Wild - Tuesday 12th July
- ★ Y6 Leavers' Service @ Tewkesbury Abbey - Thursday 14th July @ 2 p.m.
- ★ *NEW* Cinderella & Rokerfella Matinee Performance - Tuesday 19th July @ 1:15 p.m.
- ★ *NEW* Cinderella & Rokerfella Evening Performance - Tuesday 19th July @ 6 p.m.
- ★ Cup Assembly - Wednesday 20th July @ 9 a.m.
- ★ Y6 Leavers' Assembly - Thursday 21st July @ 9 a.m.
- ★ End of Summer Term 2 - Thursday 21st July @ 1:30 p.m.
- ★ INSET Day 1 - Monday 5th September
- ★ Start of Autumn Term 1 2022-2023 - Tuesday 6th September
- ★ Tirlbrook is 50 Celebration! - Saturday 1st October

And finally... please look out for a **pink** cake sale that we will be holding towards the end of the Summer Term to raise further funds for Mrs. Featonby's **Coppatrek**. And enjoy Health and Wellbeing Week. Until next week ...

With very best wishes,

Simon Lockley & the Tirlbrook Team

The Doodle Summer Challenge



Between the 1st of July and the 31st of August, Doodle are running two exciting Summer Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and DoodleEnglish Challenge!

Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, helping to top up your child's learning and prepare them for the next school year.

Best of all, they can earn a **FREE** pin badge and certificate by taking part!

How to take part

1. Create or link your account

Create a parent account or link an existing parent account to your child's school account. To find out how, please visit help.doodlelearning.com and search 'how to link account'.

2. Register for the Challenge

From the 1st of July, visit parents.doodlelearning.com and press Register for the Challenge next to your child's name for one or both Challenges.* The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the 17th of August.

3. Use Doodle 'little and often'

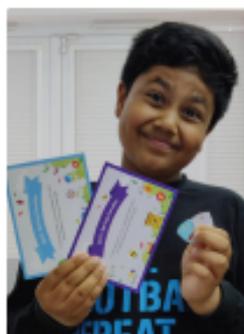
Then, encourage your child to earn 750 stars (or 600 if they were born on or after 01/09/14) and achieve a 14-day streak in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish before the 31st of August.

4. Claim your reward!

Once they've reached their target, you'll be able to claim their reward by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com and pressing Claim reward before midnight on the 31st of August.



Your child can earn these exclusive pin badges by completing one or both Challenges!



Tag us and use hashtag
#DoodleSummerChallenge
and **#DoodleImpact**



For more information, please visit doodlelearning.com/challenge.

Any questions?

Visit help.doodlelearning.com and press on the green icon to chat to our team.

*Good Luck,
and happy Doodling!*

*The Challenge available will depend on your school's Doodle subscription. If you'd like to join both Challenges, a home subscription can be taken out in the subject you're not subscribed to. To receive 30% off a home subscription, please visit doodlelearning.com/summer-challenge-offer.