

Cirencester Kingshill School



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022



Outward Bound

Hello, my name is Declan Cook and on 11th March 2022, I held a cake sale for Outward Bound charity. They help children any age go on amazing trips.

I went on one and it was the best experience that I have been on.

I want to thank everyone who bought cakes.

You helped me raised £151.

The picture is of me abseiling on one of the trips.



Dance Show - 24th March 2022

It is always a great opportunity for the girls and boys to show off their talents that they perfected in local dance schools and school rehearsals. We had a record number of girls and boys auditioning to be a part of this year's show, consequently Mrs Steel and Mrs Squire had a tricky decision to make. Once selected, some of them practiced every moment they could with some groups practicing every break and lunchtime! We want to thank the girls and boys for all their hard work and efforts, as this year's show was an outstanding presentation of talent.

As always, the award presentation was the highlight of the evening. Not only did we have First, Second, Third we Also had the Most Original Choreography. The Most Original Choreography Award was awarded to a Year 8 and 7 group from Cotswold Gymnastics, that created a fantastic floor routine. Our runners up this year were Molly Bailey (Yr11) and Rhiannon Paddock (Yr10) and Isla Mcsorley (Yr10). With the top prize being awarded to India Gray-Steele and Daisy Stevens (Yr10), whose outstanding duet was truly brilliant. It was fantastic to watch all the girls and boys perform and support each other throughout the evening. Well done, we all look forward to next year's show!







Isla Mcsorley, Daisy Stevens, India Gray-Steele

Emily Hutchinson, Anya Mcutcheon, Charlotte Bass, Charlotte Masser, Lily Pritchett and Sophia Martin

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With life starting to return to normal, we have been able to get back into school and recently held two second hand uniform sales. We successfully raised nearly £400 for the school. Thank you for your support.

We will be holding a Grand Raffle on 11th May 2022, further details will be sent out in due course.

We will also be present at the school production, The Addams Family, which is taking place at Rendcomb College between 13th and 16th July 2022.

We are always on the look out for volunteers to help with fund raising opportunities at school. If you are interested, please contact me on the email below. Please also keep an eye on our Facebook page for further information.

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Cirencester Kingshill School



Head's Welcome



Welcome.

As we find ourselves at the end of term 4, the school is starting to return back to normal with Assemblies being held in person, which is good for our pupils, to have some normality again.

Year 9 have chosen their Options which they will be studying from September 2022, we hope you have spoken to your teachers and parents and have chosen your subjects carefully. We wish you all the success in the next couple of years.

Year 11 are busy preparing for their GCSEs, teachers and pupils are working extremely hard preparing for the Examinations and we are we very proud of their attitude and determination within lessons.

The Sun is starting to appear at long last and this means the pupils will be able to spend more time outside using our canopies. We can also bring back playing on the field which I know the pupils will enjoy.

I am proud of Kinghill School, and staff and pupils together make the school a warm and inviting place to come and learn.

Can I finally take the opportunity to say thank you to you all for your ongoing support of the school, and to wish you all a very enjoyable and safe Easter break. We will look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 25th April 2022



Christine S. Oates
Headteacher

News from the Chair of Governors

Since the last Newsletter, Governors have met on the following occasions:

Full Governing Body - 20th January 2022 and 10th March 2022

Curriculum and Pastoral Committee - 13th January 2022 and 8th March 2022

Finance Committee - 3rd February 2022

Buildings and Health and Safety - 26th January 2022

Staffing Committee - 12th January 2022

Chairs Committee – 17th February 2022

All the above meetings were held online, with the exception of the Full Governing Body Meeting on 10th March 2022, which took place in school.

Full Governing Body

The meeting in January was immediately preceded by the Annual General meeting of Cirencester Kingshill School, the annual accounts were received and adopted together with the directors' report and auditor's report on those accounts.

In the Governors' meeting that followed Mrs Christopher updated the Governors on safeguarding developments, including a discussion of the recently completed statutory safeguarding audit.

Two presentations were made to the meeting in January:

- Mr Upward and Mr Stillman gave a presentation about the work of the Mathematics faculty.
- Miss Richards explained the provisions being made for Gifted and Talented pupils.

Policies for Child Protection and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities were approved.

The principal item at the Full Governing Body meeting of the 10th March 2022, was the Head's report, which provided Governors with details of the work of the school since the previous such report that was presented in October 2021.

Curriculum and Pastoral Committee

Across the 2 meetings policies reviewed annually included:

- Substance Misuse
- Teaching and Learning Policy
- Allegations Management
- Home School Agreement
- Educational Visits
- · Physical Restraints
- Safeguarding Whistleblowing
- Equality Policy Statement and Equality Objectives
- Exclusion of Pupils
- Collective Worship
- Community Cohesion
- International Schools
- Pupil Premium

The meetings also received reports on Careers Education and Guidance, Humanities, Pastoral, English, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Physical Education, Expressive Arts and Religious and Social Education. There was also discussion of the Key Stage 4 options being offered to current Y9 pupils.

Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

The committee reviewed the monthly outturn vs budget statements for September 2021 to December 2021. The Best Value Statement and Investment Policy were approved. The 4-year plan for the upgrading of CCTV around the school was approved. Focus areas for our Internal Assurance were agreed and the Risk Register was reviewed.

Buildings and Health & Safety Committee

The committee reviewed the progress on the roof repairs, the Paxton system around the school, the automation of the Main School Gates and traffic along Kingshill Lane, as well as our Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) bid for replacement windows. The Information Security Policy was approved. A presentation from Mr Evans updated the committee on the CCTV Phased Programme of Works that is to be implemented over the next 4 years. The whole school Health and Safety audit was carried out on 14th March 2022.

Staffing Committee

Policies reviewed annually included those for:

- Shared Parental Leave (Adoption)
- Shared Parental Leave (Birth)
- Whistle-Blowing Policy

Governors were updated on Staffing in all areas across the school.

Chairs Committee

In addition to discussion of many of the items outlined above the policy for Governor Visits to School was approved. The Scheme of Delegation was agreed. There was a discussion of admissions for September 2022. Governors were updated on the changes to Covid 19 restrictions and the response of the school to them. There were discussions of various aspects related to Governors including vacancies, and the role of faculty links and training.

In the December Newsletter, I outlined that, as a consequence of regulations for Academies (as laid down by the Department for Education (DfE), Governors have been engaged in discussions about re-structuring the Governing Body into two new bodies — a Board of Trustees and a Board of Members. This structure is now a requirement for all Academy Trusts. We had hoped to be able to implement this change before Easter but delays in the processing of our submission mean that this will now probably not take place before June 2022 at the earliest.

Mr A Thomas, Chair of Governors

Year 9 Options 2022

Year 9 pupils took part in their Careers Option Day on Tuesday February 9th 2022, where they received an introduction to the options process and guidance to help them make the best choices for their GCSEs.

Mrs Hicks ran a session on Careers and post 16 education, including how this links to the subjects that they will need to choose from in their options. Mr Macaulay ran a session looking at the differences between a job and career. Mr Stillman introduced the subject choices that are offered at Cirencester Kingshill School and issued the pupils with their Options Curriculum Booklet.

Good luck to all Year 9 pupils this year on making the right choices for them.

New Staff

Welcome to our new members of staff, we wish you a long and happy time at Kingshill.



Name: Mrs Alexandra Meese Role: Teaching Assistant

Last Book Read: Sarah Harding - Hear Me Out

Best Film: A Star Is Born

Three Words To Describe You: Funny, ambitious, positive



Name: Mrs Louise Jeffery Role: Emotional Support

Last Book Read: Beloved

Best Film: Transformers

Three Words To Describe You: Kind, thoughtful, forgetful



Name: Mr Jon Smith

Role: Learning Mentor

Last Book Read: The Bonds of Morning by Brandon Sanderson

Best Film: Locke

Three Words To Describe You: Friendly, positive, understanding

New Staff

Welcome to our new members of staff we wish you a long and happy time at Kingshill.





Name: Mrs Laura Edwards
Role: Science Technician

Last Book Read: Gone Girl

Best Film: The Notebook

Three Words To Describe You: Friendly, kind, thoughtful



Name: Role:

Last Book Read:

Miss Irene Arenas Alarcon Teaching Assistant



Name: Miss Nicola Butt
Role: Reception Manager
Favourite Book: Girl On The Train

Best Film: Elf

Three Words To Describe You: Friendly, loyal, approachable

Ukraine Donations



We had a huge response to the recent appeal for donations for Ukraine.

Mrs Stones and some volunteer pupils all helped sort the donations, whilst Mrs Christopher took them to a local donation station.

Thank you for all your support.

Goodbye

Mrs Taylor - Reception Manager

After nearly 11 years at Kingshill, latterly Mrs Taylor as Reception Manager, Mrs Taylor left Kingshill on the last day of February half term. Mrs Taylor was presented with a painting from one of her favourite artists, Rhian John, as a farewell present. Mrs Taylor's new position is as a communication and Relationship Co-Ordinator with Gloucestershire Engineering Training, we wish her well for the future.



Mrs Ryder - Cover Supervisor

A Goodbye to Mrs Ryder who is leaving Kingshill this term. We wish you well in the future.



Goodbye and Thank You, Mr Johnson



We said goodbye to Mr Johnson on 11th March 2022, after a number of years as a Governor for Kingshill, and who also taught at Kingshill for many years, his knowledge has been impertif.

Mr Johnson has given up a lot of his free time to assist with the running of the school.

So a big thank you and we wish you a nice restful break.

After 12 years as a Governor at Kingshill, a number which were as Chair of Governors, Mr Johnson has taken the decision to retire. His last Governor meeting took place on Thursday 11th March 2022, where Mr Thomas, current Chair of Governors, gave the following speech:

"When I arrived at Kingshill in September 1985, Mr Johnson was already a well established member of staff, having started here in 1980. Mr Johnson was part of the team that made Kingshill a young but a formidable force in the Education system in Gloucestershire. He was Kingshill through and through, his family attended the school and he was passionate about what it stood for.

Move on some 40 Years and his passion still remains. Although he left the teaching staff, Mr Johnson maintained close contacts with the school and his input was frequently invaluable to both the previous Head and more lately Miss Oates, as he brought a wealth of knowledge to bear from his experience as Secretary for Gloucestershire NUT.

He joined the governing body some 14 years ago and was soon elected as Chair, a position he held until October 2021. Although this was his last Full Governors Meeting, he is still going to be around as one of the members, and he will still be available to give us his wise counsel should we need to call upon.

I hope you realise how much we all appreciate everything you have done for everyone in the Kingshill family over the past 40 years or so and particularly the Governing body since you joined it. Your continuing work at Cirencester Housing for Young People (CHYP) on behalf of the wider Cirencester community must also be recognised."

Mr Thomas
Chair of Governors

Work Experience 27th June – 1st July

The Year 10 pupils have been busy over the past few months writing emails and making phone calls in preparation for work experience. As work experience hasn't taken place for the past two years, it is wonderful to know that our pupils are having the chance to spend a week out of school experiencing a week in the world of work. This is such an important part of the careers programme and is a fantastic way for pupils to check that their chosen profession is the right path for them before they choose their Post 16 subjects. In the past pupils have come back into school both more focused on the future, and also quite often more determined to be the successful young people we know they are. Pupils have secured a wide variety of placements with sectors such as Accounting, Town Council, Nurseries, Primary Schools, Cafés, Hotels, Crown Court, Army, Sport, Gardeners and Architects. Well done Year 10 for finding such amazing places and we do hope you all have a successful and enjoyable week.

Mrs Hicks & Mrs Dyer, Careers Department

Mock Interview Day 1st April

On Friday 1st April, Year 11 pupils outshone themselves by rising to the challenge of Mock Interview Day. Originally this day was due to take place in February, but due to Covid this was moved to April. The Year 11 pupils took the change in their stride and showed the employers the amazing young people they are. The Sports Hall was transformed into a corporate interview environment, where 39 local employers kindly gave up their time to conduct interviews. Nerves were set aside, and smart, professional dress was the order of the day. The pupils had previously compiled their CVs and researched the Company who was to interview them. The morning was a huge success, with all of the interviewers leaving very positive feedback, including messages such as 'The young people I saw were an absolute credit to your school', 'the standard of the students is amazing' and 'I would employ all of the young people I interviewed'.

The School is very proud of all of them and hope that this exercise will help them secure a job in the future. Well done Year 11!

Mrs Hicks & Mrs Dyer, Careers Department



EXTEND has been a great success, with lots of pupils participating in a variety of after school activities.

EXTEND will start again after the Easter break.

There are a variety of clubs to choose from, so why not have a go at one?

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EXTEND Administrator

Easter Bites BBC Good Food Guide

Tucked inside these scrumptious brownie bites are mini eggs - they're a perfectly sized sweet treat that's fun to make with the kids in the Easter holidays

Ingredients

- 175g butter, chopped
- 150g dark chocolate
- 250g light brown soft sugar
- 85g self-raising flour
- 50g cocoa powder
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 100g milk chocolate chips

24 mini chocolate eggs

plus extra to decorate



Method

Step 1:

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Line 24 holes of a mini muffin tray with paper cases. Put the butter, dark chocolate and sugar in a pan and heat it very gently, stirring all the time until the butter and chocolate have melted. Remove from the heat and leave to cool for a few mins.

Step 2:

Meanwhile, sift the flour, cocoa and a good pinch of salt into a large bowl. Stir in the warm, melted chocolate mixture and the beaten eggs, then add half the chocolate chips and mix until just combined.

Step 3:

Divide the mixture between the cases and place a mini egg into the middle of each muffin, pushing down gently. Bake for 12-15 mins until cooked but still gooey in the centre – they will continue cooking a little as they cool down.

Leave to cool for 10 mins in the tin before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Step 4:

Melt the rest of the chocolate chips in short bursts in the microwave, or in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water, stirring frequently. Leave to cool until it is quite thick, then dot a small amount on each cake and stick on some more mini eggs.



Fantastic FameLab School Final

Year 9 pupils have once again all taken part in the Cheltenham Festivals FameLab Academy project. The competition aims to introduce pupils to the importance of science communication and challenges pupils to put together a 3 minute talk on any topic linked to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

After some amazing class heats 6 successful finalists battled it out, at our school final at the end of this term.

Chloe Hillier sped through a super talk on the science of Formula one racing, looking at both the physics and the physiological issues faced by drivers. Jonah Smith then demonstrated his passion for 3D printing and how it works along with ideas for future uses of this amazing technology. Aimee Goulsbra introduced us to the fascinating world of flamingoes and explained why they change colour. Jasper Roberts took us on a journey through the solar system, focused on the moons of the planets with an amazing collection of statistics and loads of physics to explain his ideas. Aurora Veresa explored why the base guitar is the best instrument and took us through the science of sound and waves. The final talk then made us all smile as Thomas Haden discussed the science of boredom and how the body responds, and then gave us some great ideas of how to overcome boredom in lessons.

Mr Pritchard, Deputy Head, and Mr Adrian Thomas, our Chair of Governors, were then asked to pick a winner. It was a very close contest and, after much deliberation, they agreed that Jonah Smith would now represent Kingshill at the County final in March 2022. All the finalists received small prizes and exclusive FameLab Academy pin badges as well as certificates. Both judges agreed it had been a super final.

A huge well done to all Year 9 pupils for the work they have done for this project, all the Science faculty are very proud of you, and of course good luck to Jonah in the next stage.

Mrs Winsor and Mrs Pearson



Addams family production

Rehearsals for our next whole school musical have started with great enthusiasm. The interest from pupils was so large, and the talent so great that we have decided to double cast The Addams Family.

The cast includes the following and they have been rehearsing and learning lines, songs, and dances. We also have a set design and tech club. The atmosphere is incredible, and we can't wait to show all our hard work to parents, family, and friends.

We will be performing from Wednesday 13th July - Saturday 16th July (3 matinees and 3 evening performances) at The Griffin Theatre, Rendcomb.

Morticia Addams Ruth Bullingham

Alina Jones

Gomez Addams Jenson Allen

Oscar Poulton

Wednesday Addams Valeria Rix

Aeryn Lei Smith

Pugsley Adams Oli Horne

Ewan McKenna

Grandma Isabelle Farrant

River Moulden

Lurch Jenson Addams

Uncle Fester Evelyn Dyson

The Benikes

Mal Benike Jack Jones

Oliver Keen

Alice Benike Izzy Urquhart

Emily Kate

Kimermane

Lucas Benike Dan Gimmler

The Ancestors (SOLOS *)

Ellie Keen*

Bella Davey*

Daisy Wookey*

Rachel Taylor

Hannah Walkett

Rosie Cheesewright

Amelia Hughes

Isabelle Brennen

Rosie Frape

Holly Mabey

Lily Aldridge





Ensemble

Darcey Bannon

Alannah Gracestone

Alice Smith

Kesia Richens

Laila Barrington Hyne

Erika Peter

Martha Newell

Eloise Scott Wilding

Florence Dickenson

Hannah White

Millie Urquhart

Max Smith

James Otter

Oli Keene

Kieran S

Ruby Jackson

Zoe Manaley

Will Keen

Oliver Bedford

The Ancestors (SOLOS *)

Ellie Keen*

Bella Davey*

Daisy Wookey*

Rachel Taylor

Hannah Walkett

Rosie Cheesewright

Amelia Hughes

Isabelle Brennen

Rosie Frape

Holly Mabey

Lily Aldridge

Faye Draper

Abi Clarke

Daisy Stevens

Phoebe Woodley

India Grey Steele

Isla McSorley

Anyone interested in getting involved or donating some fundraising money and being featured in the programme - please contact

estones@cirencesterkingshill.gloucs.sch.uk

When you're an Addams

Year 7 Football Team





On Tuesday 8th March, the Year 7 Football team attended their regional qualifier in their first Football competition for the school. They boys played exceptional football all evening and successfully qualified for their finals night the following Tuesday, having topped their group with 10 points. The following Tuesday, the team faced Marling in a hard fought semi final that went to extra time. A last minute goal from our captain sent us through to the district final where we would face Deer Park. The boys produced their best performance of the season so far and played some brilliant football winning the game 6 -0.

Throughout the district season over 30 boys have represented the school and they have not lost a game. Collectively they can all feel proud to call themselves district champions!

Mr S Thomas

Production of Curious George at Mayflower Theatre Southampton

Some of the pupils had the opportunity to visit the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton, we had the most amazing time.

Mrs E Stones







A brief write up of the description of the set from Rachel Taylor

A lot of the lighting throughout the play was white or blue. A scene with Christopher's mother is made to stand out by the use of the colour orange. The colour orange makes me think of something tense. The lighting shows how Christopher felt and also makes different scenes stand out when there is a sudden colour change. I think they chose the colour orange to represent a tense scene because it is very bright and eye-catching. It is also a very different colour to the usual blue lighting.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - Evaluation

In 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time', a teenage boy on the autism spectrum, Christopher, finds out his neighbour's dog has been killed. This play follows his investigation to find the killer, taking him on a journey through overwhelming situations to find his mother. The play showcases a few main themes and motifs. These are perspectives, as the audience sees the world through Christopher's eyes; truth/lies, as Christopher is constantly trying to discover the truth; and bravery, as the audience sees Christopher's progression and sees him change as a person.



Magazine Club is run by

Lucy Cotter-Wise in 10B and she chose to set this wonderful club up for Year 7. They have worked incredibly hard on numerous projects and have produced imaginative and fun magazines for Year 7 to enjoy.

The Club will be running next term, please feel free to sign up on EXTEND programme.

Easter is not only about chocolate eggs!

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The date of Easter varies from year to year because it is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon.

This year Easter Sunday is on April 17th.

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. This is the day Christians remember the execution of Jesus by crucifixion. Not a very "good" day you might say! Some sources suggest that the day is called "good" because it is holy, some say that the phrase has come from a misspelling of "God's Friday".

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. It marks the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. For Christians, it was traditionally a time of fasting and many still honour this by giving up something they enjoy (chocolate!) or doing something extra kind (visiting the less fortunate) throughout the 40 days of Lent.

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday.

Have you ever seen people walking around with what seems like a dirty forehead on **Ash Wednesday**?

Well, this is actually a cross marked with ashes. It is applied by a priest during a morning mass (a gathering in Church), along with a blessing:

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

The ash cross is a reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God.

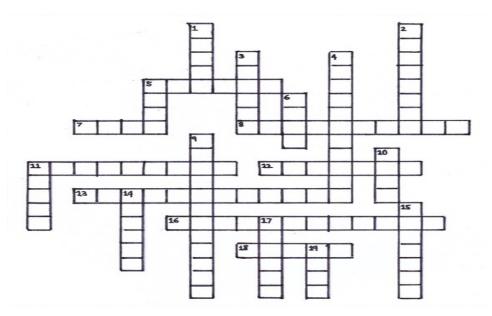
Pancake Day is on Shrove Tuesday. It is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent. Pancakes were made to use up the flour and eggs that would not be needed when fasting during Lent.

Did you know that Hot Cross Buns are a symbol of Easter? It is said that a 12^{th} century monk baked the buns and marked them with a cross in honour of Good Friday.

You don't need Christian beliefs to celebrate Easter.

Easter represents new life and new beginnings, spring bulbs and baby lambs!





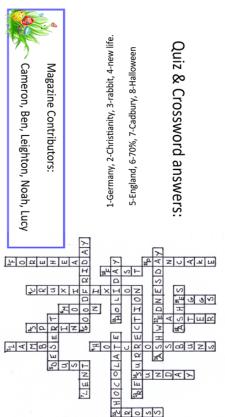
Down

- 1. Adorable four legged woolly animals
- 2. Some wear a fringe over this
- 3. The season of new beginnings
- 4. This happened on Good Friday
- 5. You'll find lots on your book shelves if you don't clean often
- 6. That big white light in the night sky
- 9. Currant cakes with a cross on top
- 10. Jesus did this for 40 days
- 11 Jesus died on this
- 14. A holy day of the week
- A flat batter that can be filled with yummy stuff before eating
- 17. A Christian celebration in Spring
- Can be mixed in your pancake batter or eaten on Easter Sunday

Across

- 5. Where Jesus fasted
- 7. A period of reflection
- 8. Not a very good day, before Easter weekend
- 11. You could give this up until Easter Sunday
- We have them at Easter, Christmas & in the Summer
- 13. Jesus's miracle on Easter Sunday
- You may see a few dirty looking people around on this day
- 18. You may find this on my forehead





TEACHERS TALK ABOUT EASTER

Miss De Carles

Do you like Easter?

Yes!

How do you celebrate Easter?

Giving chocolate eggs and spending time with family.

Did you celebrate Easter as a child? Yes, sort of.

Do you like the Easter holidays?

Yes, because we get a break.

When you think about Easter what comes to your mind?

Lying in the grass in the spring sun with flowers all around.

What is your favourite Easter film?

What do you do in your time off?

I like to read, paint, bake, see friends and travel.

What's your favourite subject? English of course!

Miss Colledge

Do you celebrate Easter?

Miss Colledge enjoys Easter, when she was growing up she would go to Church.

Do you like Easter egg hunts?

She loved doing the Easter egg hunt.

Do you go on holiday during the break?

Unfortunately this year she can't go on the holiday she wants to, due to her sister's marriage, however she usually goes camping for a few days.

What is your favourite part of Easter?

Her favourite part of Easter is the roast dinner, chocolate egg, and spending time with friends and family.

Do you have any particular favourite chocolate or food?

Her favourite chocolate was Kinder egg but now her favourite is cheese and biscuits and cookies.

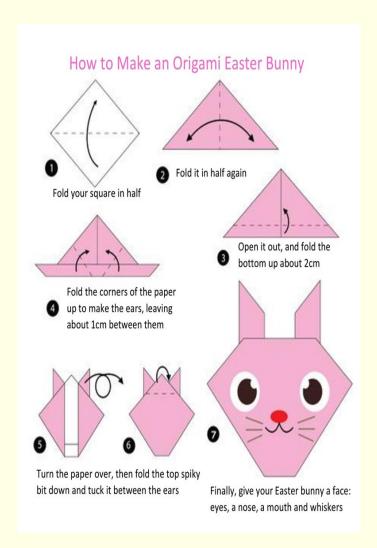
Who do you spend Easter with?

She spends Easter with her fiancé and his family, as well as her family and friends.

What animal do you think represents Easter?

She thinks chicks, lambs and rabbits represent Easter but her favourite is the lamb.

Do you have any hobbies you like to do in the Easter holiday? She likes walking during Easter time as she enjoys the Spring.



Easter

Rabbit

Chocolate

Holiday

Egg



Easter Quiz

Where did the tradition of colourful Easter eggs come from? Germany, Poland or England

Which religion celebrates Easter? Islam, Christianity or Hinduism

What animal represents Easter? Lamb, Chicken or Bunny

What does the lamb represent? Christmas, New life or Flowers

Which country has the tradition of eating hot cross buns?

France England or Germany

What is the percentage of chocolate bought for Easter?

50%, 60%, 70% or 80%

Which sells more chocolate Cadbury or Celebrations?

On what holiday are most sweets sold? Halloween, Easter, Christmas



All You Need To Know About Easter Eggs

How did chocolate eggs become associated with Easter?

Eggs became associated with Easter as they were an ancient symbol used to represent new life. As an Easter tradition, decorative eggs date back as far as the 13th century. Due to their ancient history and symbolism, many different cultures all around the world have traditions of Easter eggs and egg decoration.

When did the Easter egg come to England?

Before chocolate Easter eggs the tradition was to give colourful and decorated chicken eggs. Although France and Germany had been making chocolate Easter eggs for many years, the first chocolate Easter eggs came to Britain in 1873, created by family-owned company Fry & Sons. Founder, Joseph Fry had started off selling drinking chocolate in the 1750s and his grandson created the first chocolate bars in the 1860s. It was their company that managed to create the first hollow chocolate Easter egg. Some of Fry's chocolate is still sold today. However it merged with Cadburys in 1967.

When was the first Easter egg made?

The first chocolate Easter eggs were made in Europe in the early 19th Century with France and Germany taking the lead in this new artistic creation.

Why do we celebrate Easter?

According to the Bible we celebrate Easter due to the Resurrection of Jesus.

When and why did rabbits become associated with Easter?

Rabbits were first associated with Easter when German immigrants brought the idea of the 'Easter Hare' to America in the 1700s. Soon after, the idea came that the Easter bunny (a symbol for new life) brought chocolates, eggs and toys.

Why is Easter called Easter?

This Christian holiday was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess, Eostre. She was also known as the Goddess of Dawn and Light. She was honoured at Pagan festivals celebrating the arrival of spring.

GCSE Food













For this year's practical examinations, the Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students brief was to cook two dishes plus accompaniments for a celebration.

They could choose any celebration they wanted, and we had a variety of dishes including Valentine's Day, children's' birthday parties, Japanese Food Festivals, Chinese New Year, BBQ's and many others.

The standard, as always, was very high and it was a joy to see the students accomplishing so much, when they had missed so many practical lessons in school because of the pandemic. Every mouthful was a delight!

Below are just some of the delights that were on offer this year.



Some of our pupils making focaccia







Raising money for Red Nose and Ukraine

Charities

On Friday 18th March 2022, staff and pupils all came up with ideas to raise money for the above charities, We had Cake and Sweet sales, Shoot the Hoop competition alongside our non-uniform, all pupils got involved and we raised lots of money.







Year 7 had a wonderful time having a Sweet, Cake and Drink sale to raise money for Comic Relief and the Ukraine. They had five different tables of goodies and we were overwhelmed by the donations. Year 7 parents gave to us to sell. They were amazing and Year 7 are very thankful! Everything had gone by the end of breaktime! We raised nearly £200. A special thank you to Year 7 Year Council, who helped set up the stalls and the Year 11 pupils who helped us with the tables and treats too. It was lovely to see so many pupils enjoying themselves whilst they raised lots of money too. Fantastic to have the sun shining too.

Miss L Colledge - Head of Year 7

Year 8 The year Ambassadors created and ran a Chocolate Tombola and accuracy contest for the students in Year 8 and Year 10. As a group they worked hard through both their break and their lunch time and raised £130 pounds for this year's school charity. This takes their total raised for charity this year to over £300.

Mr S Thomas - Head of Year 8







Year 9 decided to try and raise money for comic relief and Ukraine by organising a basketball shootout. 30p bought 3 shots and the winner one a large Easter Egg. The event raised £25.65 and congratulations go to Joe Woodley who was the overall winner. The event was run by Aimee Goulsbra and Levente Bodor, who along with some friends organised a great event. Well done Year 9!

Mr M Edwards - Head of Year 9

Raising money for Red Nose and Ukraine Charities



Y10 Photo booth fun!

During our last year council meeting the team decided what better way to raise money for Comic Relief/ Ukraine crisis than to run our very own in house photo booth, the only problem was we had 3 days to organise it. With huge thanks to Miss Richards for lending us some very proficient Y10 photography students and also giving Mr Ryder a low down on how to take great photo's we were away. At break time and lunchtime, groups of pupils continued to gathered together, and with a great box of props, kindly lent to us by Mrs Stones, some super photos were taken.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support, we managed to raise £51.00 which is a top effort in such a short time. Special thanks to Dani Gimmler (front of house), Sinead Fordyce, Emily-Kate Kiberman (all-round superstars), Kiri Griffin (photographer), Jenson Allen (doorman), Lydia Bradbury (photographer), Daisy Wookey (photographer) and Lauren Cleaver (photographer) – it could never have taken place without your help.

Mr L Ryder - Head of Year 10

Year 11 Raffle

Thank you all for your donations to the Year 11 raffle, we had 53 prizes in total and raised over £230. A big thank you to the boys in 11D for selling so many tickets and Mrs Couchman and Ms Walton for selling at breaktime on the Friday as well.

The draw has been done and prizes have been given out the biggest egg a golden rabbit, which was received by Sam Portlock in 11C.

As a year group we were really pleased with just how much money we made to support two very important causes.

Mrs A Biggs - Head of Year 11.







Grand Total Raised was £1,522.33



SCHOOL CALENDAR—TERMS 5 & 6 2021

Spring Holiday Friday 8th April - Friday 22nd April 2022

Monday 25th April Return to School for all pupils

Friday 29th April Year 7 - Reports

May 2022

Tuesday 3rd May EXTEND summer programme starts

Wednesday 4th May Y7 Whitemoor, Parents' Information Evening 6pm

Tuesday 10th May Y7 Parents' Evening online 4.30 - 7.30pm

Friday 20th May Y11 Pastoral Reports

Wednesday 25th May Y10 Parents' Evening online 4.30 - 7.30pm

Friday 27th May Y9 Reports

June Holiday Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

Monday 6th June Return to School

Friday 10th June Y8 Reports and Pastoral Reports

Thursday 16th June Y10 Mock Exam Reports
Monday 20th June Y6 Induction Evening

Wednesday 22nd June Y10 Parents' Evening online 4.30-7.30pm

Monday 27th June - Friday 1st July

Y10 Work Experience

Monday 27th June - Friday 1st July

Y7 Whitemoor Trip

Wednesday 29th June Y8 and Y9 Activities Day

July 2022

Friday 1st July Y7 Pastoral Reports

Friday 1st July Y11 Prom

Monday 4th July Open Morning (9.15 - 10.45)

Tuesday 5th July Open Morning (9.15 - 10.45)

Wednesday 6th July Open Morning (9.15 - 10.45)

Thursday 7th July Y10 Pastoral Reports
Friday 8th July Year 6 Induction day

Friday 8th July EXTEND summer programme ends

Monday 11th July Y10 Choices Day at Cirencester College

Thursday 14th July

Y9 Pastoral Reports

Wednesday 13th - Saturday 16th July

School production

Monday 18th July Y7 & Y10 Awards Evening

Thursday 21st July Last day off term

Thursday 25th August GCSE Result Day

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