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Welcome to our newsletter**By Nick Goodman, Principal**

Dear Parents

Welcome to the third edition of the Frewen College newsletter! Despite being a small school, there is always lots going on at Frewen!

On Tuesday March 28th, we were proud to host our second Dyslexia Conference. Over 60 delegates, including teachers and professionals from throughout the south-east joined Frewen Parents for a day of presentations on the theme of Dyslexia.

Our key guest speaker was Dr Kate Saunders, the CEO of the British Dyslexia Association - of which the school is a supporting corporate member. Themes covered included how dyslexics learn; getting the best from the EHCP; the role of therapy in supporting dyslexic children; and dyslexic Individuals and characteristics for success.

Frewen staff and students were among the presenters, and the whole day was very positively received - as always, delegates were particularly impressed by our students and their confidence in speaking about their experiences in front of a large audience!



As well as being informative, and providing an excellent opportunity for professionals from the world of education to meet and network, the conference provides excellent publicity for the school, raising our profile as a key centre for the education of dyslexic young people. I would like to thank everyone who contributed, but in particular Laura Andrew, our Communications Officer, who spent countless hours organising it all. We are already planning our third conference for 2018

PREP NEWS by Sally Welch**Drusillas—and The Rainforest**

Pupils were inspired by a day out at Drusillas zoo. As well as seeing a variety of animals from the Brazilian rainforest around the zoo, pupils were treated to a fascinating visit to the Rainforest room where they were able to feel both snakes and crocodile skin and meet some rainforest inhabitants. The highlight was meeting the huge snake.

Year 6 have completed some fantastic creative story writing which is full of suspense and adventurous vocabulary. Younger pupils in Miss Carpenter's class have completed some impressive non-fiction writing about different aspects of the rainforest. Miss Beaumont's class have created some beautiful maps to help them learn about the climate and geographical features of Brazil.



A detailed map of Brazil by Eloise.

PREP NEWS by Sally Welch (continued..)

Bench Ball

Chloe was invited to join the Bench Ball training session at Northiam primary school. She was then selected for the team and represented Northiam in a tournament alongside other year 3/4 girls. Out of 7 teams, they came a respectable fourth.

Our Gardens

We enjoy forging links within the wider village and our dedicated group of gardeners will soon be welcoming members of the Horticultural Society to show them around the garden that they have been working so hard to create on a Thursday lunchtime.

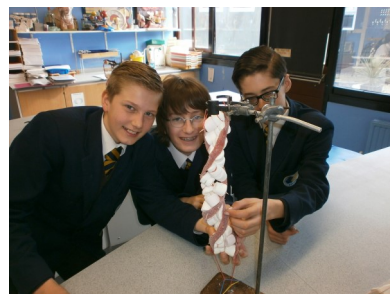


SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Science by Scott Wassell

Fàilte. Term 4 is nearly gone. KS3 have been sitting their 'big' end of term exams and coping with them brilliantly. Nevertheless, they have been entertained with balloon rockets, calculating how fast they can run compared to Usain Bolt, observing invisible magnetic fields and making DNA models from sweets. However, have no fear; the KS4 students have had the joys of making acid dilutions! And the year 11s have been working steadily through past papers.

We also must mention the temporary departure of Miss Cardinale to have her baby. All famous Scottish scientist names have sadly been rejected. We wish her all the best, and look forward to seeing her again in 2018.



English by Neil Stanley

Our Theatre Visit to Canterbury

Year 10 students recently enjoyed the annual English Dept. theatre trip. This year, we saw 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury. Now on tour, following a successful run in the West End, this adaptation of Mark Haddon's novel tells the story of Christopher, a boy with learning difficulties, who is trying to make sense of his world and his family.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

English (Continued)

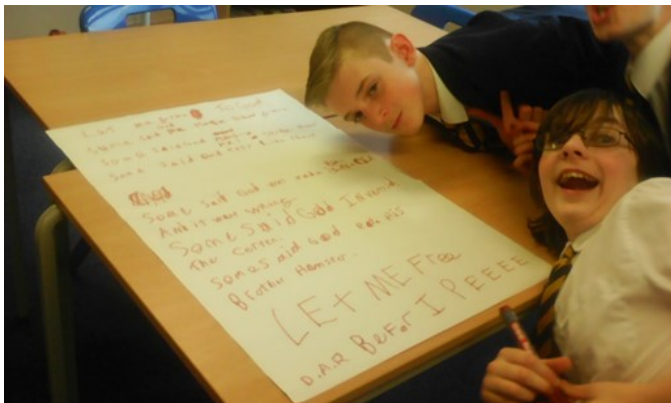
Examinations

Selected students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 have recently sat English Functional Skills examinations. These qualifications, at either Level 1 or Level 2, have a similar standard to GCSE English, but are smaller and more manageable. A second group of students will sit these exams in May. We hope success in these exams will give our students greater confidence, which will enable them to move onto GCSE English in future.

Humanities by Hazel Lawrence

It has been another busy and somewhat sombre half term in the humanities department.

Year 8 have been exploring slavery and started the topic under the tables imagining they were crossing the Atlantic. They are now writing their own slave songs which we hope to perform with Mr Barnett after the Easter Break.



Reuben and Daniel writing their song

Year 9 have also been exploring The Holocaust. We have used a variety of different film clips to explore the move from discrimination to genocide.

Year 10 History have started their, slightly gruesome, study of Medicine through the Ages.

Year 10 Geography have studied living in London and have started to look at Extreme Weather.

Year 10 Humanities have explored Sustainable Tourism.

Year 11 are finishing work and beginning their revision. All students have been given revision material for their relevant courses and we encourage them to do some revision.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Art by Duncan Sangster

Year 7s have completed their A2 environmental posters which will be on display around the school after the Easter break. The students were asked to think of an environmental issue that they were interested in, and after much debate some of the areas of concern were identified as pollution in the sea, the melting of the polar ice caps and deforestation. The students also drew inspiration from the artist Hundertwasser who created powerful and thought provoking environmental posters. By looking at his work they could identify his use of colour, line and pattern and incorporated these formal elements into their work. Students also learnt about creating tints and shades, as well as using techniques such as sgraffito.



(Left-Right)

Year 7 Artwork:

Francesca

Oliver

Woody



Arts Faculty by Katie Buckland

It has been a busy term for the Arts Faculty with staff working hard to prepare Year 11 students for practical exams and helping them to meet coursework deadlines. However, we have still found time for some more fun activities: On February 23rd the whole of KS3 was taken on a trip up to London's West End to see the fabulous production of "The Lion King", now in its 17th year.

Since the visit students have found themselves singing, acting and creating items inspired by the performance. Drama and Theatre students from KS4 and 5 have also been treated to a touring production of "Pride and Prejudice" performed by the hilarious Pantaloons company.

In March the Ladies Choir and other individual musicians entertained patients at Bexhill Hospital in an annual concert arranged by Mrs Whiteman; the patients thoroughly enjoyed listening to the musical items and singing along to some old time favourites.



GCSE Controlled Assessment—Design & Technology

MATHS

By Graeme Rawlings

MATHS ZONE

Maths Club

Tuesday at 4:15 pm
with Mr Rawlings. Gain
more confidence with
those awkward GCSE
problems.

Homework Club

Monday at 4:15pm
with Mr Ola. Get that
expert support!

Maths Clinic

1-1 with Y11 students
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday or Thurs-
day with Mrs Claasen
to sort out those nig-
gling mistakes.

Maths Challenge 1: The Father of Algebra

Diophantus was a Greek mathematician who lived in Alexandria around 250AD. He wrote a book about solving algebraic equations - with a slight twist: **the solutions were required to be fractions, or better still, whole numbers.**

What we know about Diophantus's life comes from the following riddle:

Diophantus' childhood lasted one sixth of his life.
His beard grew after one-twelfth more.
He married after one-seventh more.
His son was born five years later.
The son lived to half his father's age.
Diophantus died four years after his son.

How old was Diophantus when he died?

Maths Jokes

1. What do you call a tree that is made up of numbers?
2. Why is the number 6 so scared?
3. Why is the biggest human nose on record only 11 inches long?

Riddle: I am an odd number, take away one part and I am even. What am I?

(Answers Below)

Help your child develop mathematically

Do maths problems with your child for fun! Add up number plates on a car journey.... estimate the cost of the items in the shopping basket.



Answers

1) A Ge-om-et-tree!

2) Because 7, 8, 9!

3) Because if it was 12 inches long, it would be a foot!
Riddle: 7 (SEVEN. SEVEN - S = EVEN)

SCHOOL COUNCIL

By Hazel Lawrence

Fundraising:

We are pleased to announce that we raised £111.51 for WWF from our recent 'mufti' day.

Well done to all involved!



International Women's Day:

On Wednesday 8th March the school council led an assembly on International Women's Day exploring the inequalities which still exist between men and women.

I think many of our students were surprised to learn that females often outperform males in education but do less well in the work place. We continue to strive to challenge this!

Many thanks to Bea, lylie and Jessie for researching this information. Well done ladies!

SIXTH FORM

By Amanda Glubb

This month has seen 12 of the current Year 11 students making their first steps into Frewen's sixth form life, as they went down to Bexhill College for their interviews. I was very impressed with the calm and mature way the students deported themselves at Bexhill. Offer letters will be sent directly to parents very shortly.

The Sixth Form Life Skills programme has also been keeping students busy. While one group of sixth form students organised and took part in a trip to the Black Horse near Battle - not for a few pints, but to take advantage of the pub's traditional skittle alley, the other group developed their independent cooking skills by planning, shopping and preparing a meal of their choice for themselves.

Staff supported students as they rustled up a delicious array of dishes including: chicken, tomato and mozzarella pasta bake; chicken and olive pasta; toad in the hole.

Other news

Year 12 student, Shaun (Level 3 Business), was one of four students who took part in the "Ask the Pupils" section of our Dyslexia Conference, talking about how his dyslexia affects his learning and what strategies help.

Enterprise Club members, Alex, Joshua, and Jessie organised the end of term Easter Egg Hunt. With entry at £2, 11 fiendish clues and a prize for all participants, it proved a sweet way to end the term.

Looking ahead

Monday 8 May: Apprenticeships assembly



By Thea Johnson

FREWEN COLLEGE PTFA - TOGETHER WE IMPROVE AND GROW

Volunteers

Thank you to all parents, friends and staff who have volunteered to support the PTFA.

The more volunteers we have, the more we can achieve to support the school. If you haven't already done so, please do register your interest at the PTFA section of the school's website—you would be welcome however much or little you are able to support us with.

Or email PTFA@frewencollege.co.uk

POP-UP UNIFORM SHOP

Are you sorting out spring and summer uniform over the Easter holidays?
... don't forget the new PTFA Pop-Up Uniform Shop.

Frewen College PTFA welcomes all donations* of any school uniform that you no longer need. Items need to be in good condition, clean and ironed.

(* no underwear or footwear please)

Please bring or send any donation items to the school office by Wed 26th April.

Our PTFA Pop-Up Uniform shop will be open –

Date: Fri 28th April
Time: 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm
Venue: Frewen College Drawing Room

Alternatively for boarders or if you can't come along in person...You can email your order to PTFA@frewencollege.co.uk by Thurs 27th April and we will process your order the next day! See the school website for the order form and more details (<http://www.frewencollege.co.uk/page/?title=Pop-Up+Uniform+Shop&pid=114>)

All profits raised will benefit Frewen College students / school community.

Thank you for your support.

Next Meeting

Our next PTFA Meeting is in the School Drawing Room at 10.00am on Friday 28 April

Coming Soon...Dates for your Diary

Staff Inset Day	Monday 24 April
Students return after Easter Holiday	Tuesday 25 April
Open Morning	Thursday 27 April
PTFA Uniform Pop Up Shop	Friday 28 April
Bank Holiday—School Closed	Monday 1 May
Prep School—Visit to Battle Abbey	Wednesday 3 May
Theatre Trip—'Showstoppers—The Improvised Musical' - Years 9-14	Thursday 4 May
Open Morning	Saturday 6 May
Theatre Trip—'Best of Barmy Britain' - Year 7	Thursday 11 May
Parents Evening—Years 7 and 8	Friday 12 May
Duke of Edinburgh Expedition	Saturday 13 May— Sunday 14 May
Prep School—Visit to Windmill Hill	Monday 22 May— Wednesday 24 May
Half Term Holiday Starts at 4pm	Friday 26 May

