



17 December 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have entered our eight week and so far we have avoided any weather-related panic or disruption. Week seven proved to be as busy as ever as we hurtle towards the end of term.

Year 11 concluded their Mock Exams last week and now nervously await their results which will be received on Thursday 17 January. There will be a Year 11 Parents' Evening on the same day, to discuss the results and steps forward. Further details will be sent to parents upon our return in January.

Year 9 were introduced to the GCSE Options process and completed the Straw Poll activity. The next phase of this takes place at the start of Term 3 with the full student and parent launch.

The weekend has seen intense final rehearsals for the school's production of *Alice the Musical*. Tickets are still available on the school Gateway or from Reception if you haven't secured them yet.

On Friday 21 December students are reminded to wear a festive jumper with their school uniform, we will collect donations to support the charity 'Save the Children'. We are grateful to CESA for organising Krispy Kreme Doughnut Day where students will be able to purchase doughnuts during Friday break time. The term will end on a high as we welcome *Trinity Square* for another reward performance. Eligible students will be receiving their tickets early this week.

Have a great week,

Miss Moira Green
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

- '*Alice the Musical*' tickets available to buy from School Gateway, Reception or at the door on the day.
- Christmas Jumper Day **21 December** for more details, click on the link [Last day of term](#)
- Last day of term is **21 December**. School closes at 12:30pm

Ozobots

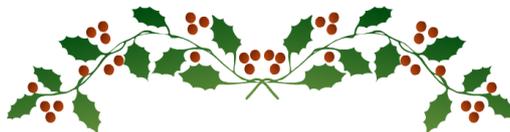
A group of 50 Year 7s took part in a workshop delivered by Thales using Ozobots to introduce them to the world of miniature robots. This was the first of a number of STEM activities calendared for the academic year.



Attendance

The following Year groups have attendance above 96% this term:

Year 7A, 7B, 7C, 8D and 10B



Christmas School Dinner

Christmas dinner is being served on Wednesday 19 December.

Main Meal	Trimmings	Dessert
Roast turkey or Quorn roast	Chipolata sausage Roast potatoes Sprouts Carrots Stuffing	Mince Pie and Custard or usual desserts

Lunch costs £2.20 or £2.50 with dessert.

Food Technology

This past week we have been catching up with completing all written work, ready for the end of the Food module.

KS3 students have been completing Assessment Trackers to monitor their progress and also giving feedback on the practicals they have liked, and the ones perhaps they didn't like so much! This really helps me look at topics and use student's opinions to review the scheme of work.

Year 9 did an amazing job with their mini NEA2 with two students, Ben and Rayan, achieving Chef of the Moment.



Year 11 will be embarking on their GCSE Non Exam Assessment after Christmas. Thank you so much for the containers that have been brought into school, these will be most useful in making sure our students creations make it home!

Mrs Ashley

Modern Foreign Language



To all keen linguists: Download the Duolingo App and practise whichever language you like!

www.duolingo.com. GCSE students are currently using it and would highly recommend it - just 10 minutes every day can make a huge difference.

After Christmas the following topics will be covered - you may like to get a head start on the vocabulary!

Year 7: Family

Year 8: Healthy Living

Year 9: Jobs and Future Plans

Year 10: Charity and Voluntary Work

Year 11: Preparation for speaking assessment

Ms Biddiss

SCIENCE NEWS

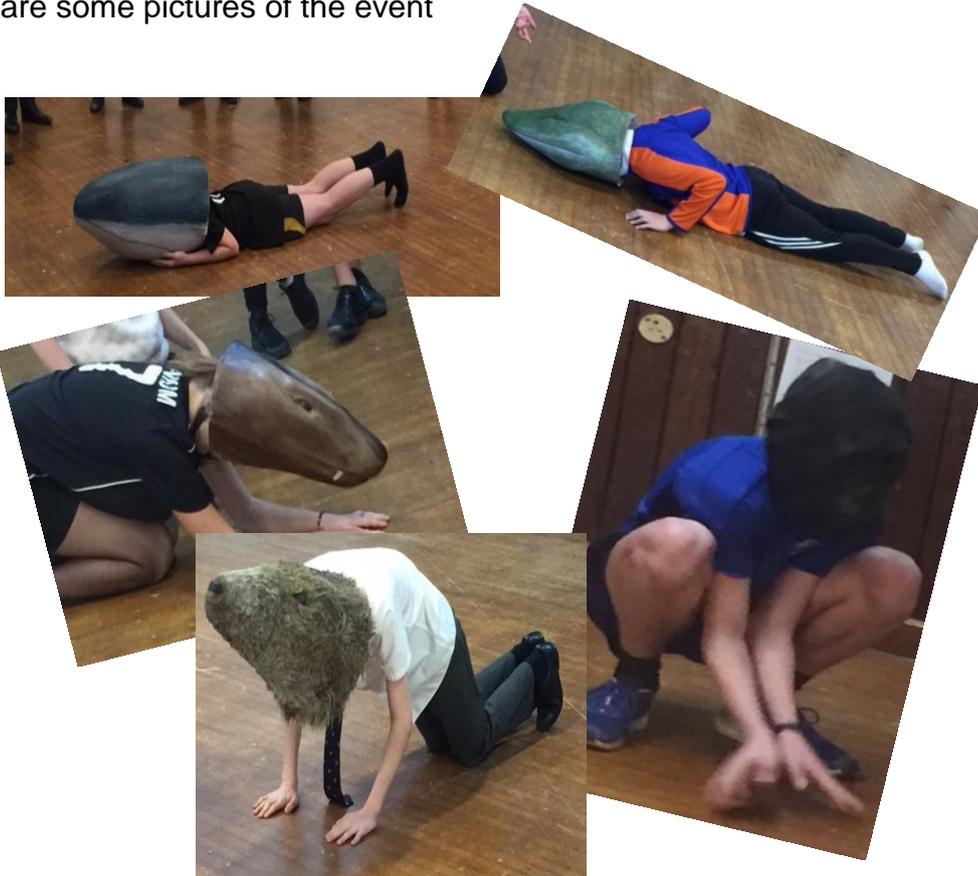
Hello everyone!

It has been an interesting week in Science, not only at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge but also the Solar System! You may have noticed that the Geminid Meteor shower happened on Friday!

The Geminid meteor shower is considered to be one of the best displays in the night sky, and this year peaked during the early hours of Friday. Long, glowing arcs of white, yellow, blue, red and green streaked across the Northern Hemisphere sky.

Year 10 had a wonderful evolution experience this past week. The Science and Performing Arts departments took part in a project called “Evolution through Masks”. The Evolution of Mask workshop is a movement theatre-based 60 minute workshop, exploring 6 animals’ species through masks. The workshop is a physical theatre event where we studied animal movement and the evolution of anatomy and physiology through millions of years!

Below are some pictures of the event



Ms Hardman, Head of Science

Performing Arts

For the past 2 weeks, Year 9 Drama students have been using the *Commedia Dell'Arte* masks that CESA bought for the Performing Arts Department. Thank you CESA. The masks are great!



All Year 9s have been working so INCREDIBLY well in Dance this term! Their topic is the Roaring 20's; they have been looking at popular styles such as the Lindy Hop and the Charleston, as well as political and the economics aspects of the era. All of their assessments looked amazing, a big well done from Miss Gardner.

English

Year 8 have completed assessed pieces on *Much Ado about Nothing* and have written a persuasive text for a tourist brochure. I have been thoroughly impressed by the way in which they have approached this work and with the quality of their answers.

Year 9 have finished their assessment on *Romeo and Juliet* which was based on a GCSE style question. They tackled the work with a real sense of commitment and it is clear that their confidence is growing. The classes have also written speeches around the topic of voting for 16 year olds which has sparked some great debate in the classroom! It is a real pleasure seeing the students develop their ability to express their opinions confidently and with clarity and enthusiasm. Well done Year 9. **Ms. Quinn**

Year 10 are working on English Language paper 1 skills and English Literature 'power and conflict' poetry. The poem this week has been *My Last Duchess* by Percy Shelley. The students have been exploring the aspects of inner conflict in the poem. They also continue to have weekly spelling tests. Homework is published on ShowMyHomework.

Year 11 are now be preparing for their Spoken Language study which they will complete next week. Weekly spelling tests are also completed. All homework, useful free revision guides and links to suitable revision/study guides for every area of English Language and Literature have been published on ShowMyHomework. **Mr. Ford**

Physical Education

Sports Captains

Thank you to all students who took the time to apply for the sports captains roles for each year group. Potential interviews will be held today during the school day with the final Sports Captains being announced in assemblies this week.

Fixture update:



Anaïs and Joachim competed for Henley Swimming Club in Leichlingen twinned town near Cologne against 10 other German swimming clubs over the weekend of the 8 and 9 December. Anaïs brought back two silver and a gold medal while Joachim won three gold medals, more importantly they retained the Friendship Club. They also got the chance to spend time with the German families and Anaïs, as team captain, did a speech in German.

Awesome achievement well done guys!



On Wednesday 23 January the school will be looking to enter the South Oxfordshire School Sports Partnerships swimming gala at Radley College. If any students are currently swimming for swimming clubs and would like to represent the school please come and register your interest with the PE department for this event or email Mr Hunter dhunter@maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk

Year 7 Girls Football

On Tuesday the Year 7 girls' football team played in the finals of the competition at Bohunt School. In the semi-final we played Denefield who had finished top of the group. After a very nervy start both teams got stuck in and it looked like a tight battle until one of their players rounded Keeley to make it 1-0. The girls never gave up and kept going with Sajunae having a couple of shots that went past the post. In the end the quality of 2 Reading academy girls on the other team showed and they managed to make it 3-0 with only a few minutes left. The girls showed a lot of heart and never gave up and carried on battling for the whole game, unfortunately whilst throwing people forward to get back into the game Denefield scored one final goal on the counter. This meant we had to settle for the 3rd place play off rather than the final.

In the 3rd place play-off we played hosts, Bohunt. The nerves were definitely out of the girls systems by this point and started very brightly. It was a game that was about who could take their chances. Even though we started a lot stronger than Bohunt we couldn't score and use that momentum to keep going, with many chances just going past the post or being saved. The girls never gave up and their determination was to come third, unfortunately this determination cost the game as the girls threw themselves forward and left the defence exposed for Bohunt to go and score. We battled on to find an equaliser but with the last kick of the game Bohunt made it 2-0. It was an undeserved result as MECE were by far the better team.



We couldn't be prouder of the team, they are the first girls football team from MECE that has ever made the finals and they deserved to be there. Well done to everyone who represented the team, Keeley, Sajunae, Gemma, Summer, Amy, Hettie, Carys, Jess, Jess and Frankie. Hettie and Sajunae being our players of the tournament.
The PE Department @ChilternEdgePE



Thought for the week:

What is the use of a book,' thought Alice, 'without pictures or conversations?'"

Lewis Carroll