

Orion sleuths solve the mystery of who 'murdered' Mr Godwin ...

In the last few weeks there has been further fun and rivalry between Andromeda, Orion and Pegasus.

Mr Davies announced the winners of the 'Design a House Shield' competition. Congratulations go to Ella Baker of Pegasus, Stella Streetman of Andromeda and Layla Jordan and Matilda Simonin of Orion for their stunning winning designs.

The shields are now being created by a team of budding Year 8 artists and will be displayed in the Hall soon for all to admire and be inspired by. The final creations will also be presented in a



Mr Godwin lies prostrate with the 'tell-tale' bottle of potassium cyanide and cup clearly displayed. Orion came out tops in this Cryptography Challenge



Mr Duke 'discovers' the body at the crime scene

future edition of the SWR Newsletter – so keep a look out for them!

Mr Duke announced the House winners of the Cryptography Challenge. Orion just scraped a win over Pegasus due to some extremely effective last-minute sleuthing by the Year 8s – perhaps determined to solve the murder of their Head of House!

Well done to all the Key Stage 3 students who took part with so much enthusiasm and commitment to team work. Mr Godwin has now been restored to full health and, thanks to his good nature, Mrs Jones and Dr Pullin have narrowly escaped trouble!

Mr Wagner has reported that our target of 100 shoeboxes destined for

Romania has almost been reached. This has been amazing work all round. The House numbers are extremely close and the last few boxes to come in will determine the winning House. But the real celebration is reserved for ALL – no matter which House – who contributed with so much kindness and generosity. Thank you!

Mrs Hancock has announced the launch of the inter-house music competition. Entries are numerous already with categories including individual and group options for both singing and the playing of a musical instrument. We look forward to a display of musical talent in the future. Will Mr Godwin play his trumpet?





⇒ Finally, the English Department is launching a Creative Writing Short Story competition on the theme of 'Spine Chillers'. Students from all years are invited to enter. There are some fantastic prizes to be won and all contributions will be entered into the national competition – but don't have nightmares! We look forward to sharing some of the entries with you in the near future.

• **Dr Pullin (Pegasus), Mrs Jones (Andromeda) and Mr Godwin (Orion)**

LEFT: Dr Pullin and Mrs Jones with 'the body'.

Developers on trial after earthquake!

As we have learnt from the news in the past month, there was a devastating earthquake in Taiwan in which an apartment building collapsed, killing over 40 people and with more than 100 missing.

The developers of the building have been arrested for negligence as they were aware that the building had been reinforced with tin cans and styrofoam.

In Years 9 and 10 we have been exploring our restless planet and have been busy designing our own earthquake-proof buildings.

Year 10 students went on to explore building strength by holding a mock trial of the developers. In the courtroom with the developers on trial backed by their defence barrister, Toby Clifford put across their argument for a not guilty verdict on negligible manslaughter.

This was avidly refuted by prosecution barrister Ben Watkins Davis, backed by the structural engineers Joe Noone, scientist Ruby Franklin Goddard and mayor Jimmie Bonestroom.

After all the points had been made

by the various individuals, the classroom trial came to an end and it was felt that the developers were guilty of negligence causing numerous counts of manslaughter.

We wonder if the ongoing trial in Taiwan will have the same outcome?

• **Miss Manifold and Mrs Lynham – Geography**

BELOW: The case for and against the developers in Taiwan



Living library of characters for World Book Day

On March 3, students and teachers got imaginative and came to school dressed as their favourite literary character in celebration of World Book Day.

The school's classrooms and corridors were filled with a living library of characters – from Toothless the Dragon to Miss Havisham and Katniss Everdeen.

As part of the day's celebrations, prizes were awarded to students for the most impressive costumes. Reaching a decision was extremely difficult, but a massive well done needs to go to all students (and staff) who put in so much effort.

Special congratulations should go to our winners: Tom Long and Hugh Chidley (joint third), Gabriella Boyle and Leah Smith (joint second) and Hattie Nixon who came first with her amazing Little Red Riding Hood costume – the fact she'd brought her PE kit in a picnic basket was truly commendable!

There were also several other events throughout the day. Students were read a short, spooky story by Anthony Horowitz at the start of each lesson. They have also been seeing how much staff at the school enjoy a good book with a quiz in which they were tasked with matching teachers to their favourite novels.

Mr Skipp



All the winners in our World Book Day celebration



At SWR we believe in the importance of reading and regularly hold events in our library. Mr Skipp offers a reminder of some of the most recent:

Developing the authors of the future

Lots of students have entered the BBC 500 Words competition for short story writers. Teachers were impressed with the standard of work and we wait with baited breath to see if anyone from SWR is chosen to go through to the next stage.

Our Creative Writing Club have also been busy working on even shorter stories for a national 'Spine Chillers' competition where they need to get an engaging story written in no more than 100 words! The deadline for this has not yet passed, so any budding JK Rowlings or JRR Tolkien's should speak to their English teacher if they want to get involved.

Library Lovers

Last month students were given the opportunity of going on a 'Blind Date With a Book' and judging from the reviews submitted by students our librarian Miss Trowell has played cupid brilliantly – making some students fall in love with books they may never have thought to read themselves. One such student was Layla Jordan in Year 7 who read 'The Apple Tart of Hope' by Sarah Moore. In her review Layla says it, "holds a simple charm that will keep you absorbed for hours".



SCREEN SUPPORT GROUP

Out of a growing concern for children who choose gaming or screens over all other activities, I would like to start a support group for parents or carers who are also concerned about the overuse of screens in free time and its effect on their child's motivation, attention span and moods.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Rebecca Stapleford at rebeccakstapleford@live.co.uk.



Don't read this!

A good book has the power to change the way you think about something. This can be truly powerful, but for some it can also be a dangerous thing. What if a book teaches you something someone doesn't want you to know?

Before Christmas we had a 'banned books' display highlighting to students how, due to the power of a good book, throughout history many have been banned – even Roald Dahl's 'James and the Giant Peach'!

Don't miss our Scholastic Book Fair...

It's in the library from March 9 - 16. Students can choose from a wide range of books and will get £1 discount with their World Book Day tokens.

The library will also be open on March 9 for the Year 7 Parents Evening and parents are welcome to pop in and buy a book.

Please support this event as buying books from the Book Fair means free books for the school library!

Caretaker Vacancy

SWR wishes to appoint a full-time Caretaker

Salary Grade: E/F, Points: 13 - 22

Applications close on March 16, 2016

Full details are available on the school's website:

www.swr.gloucs.sch.uk

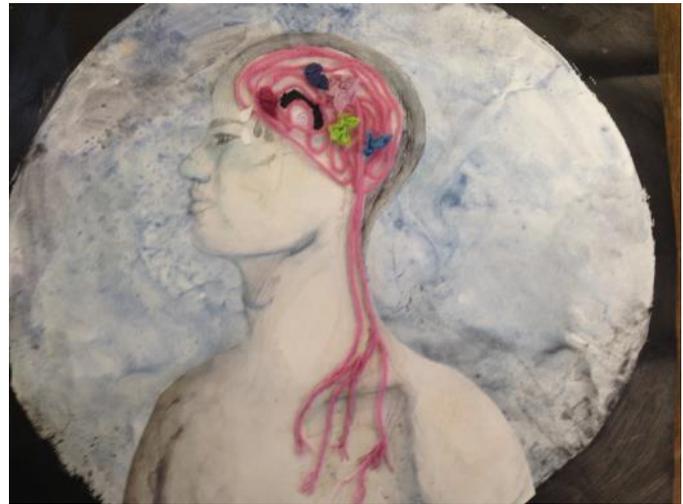
Charlotte's Brain Art vies for neuroscience prize

Good luck to Year 11 Charlotte Saturley who has been entered for the Bristol Neuroscience Festival Schools Brain Art Competition from work done in her Science class.

The competition coincides with the second Bristol Neuroscience Festival to be held on March 18 and 19 at the Wills Memorial Building, University of Bristol and is being run in conjunction with the Royal West of England Academy.

All prize-winning and highly commended pieces of work will be displayed by the RWA in the Fedden Gallery from March 22 to April 17, where members of the public can view the work for free.

First prize winners receive £100 and the runners-up £50.



Barn Dance
In
Horsley Village Hall
with a **HOG ROAST**
and **REAL ALE BAR**
7 til 11 PM
on
Saturday 4th June
HOP ALONG
and enjoy the fun!
With Local 4 Piece Band
FINNEGAN'S WOK

£20
per ticket (includes full hog roast,
veggie option on request)

SWR Students fundraising for a volunteer trip to borneo
Saving the wildlife!

For tickets email riferrier@waitrose.com or
pop into Armed and Gorgeous in Nailsworth

BBC Microbit goes 'live'

Year 7 spent two lessons in the hall for the live launch of the BBC Microbit in February.

The MicroBit is a pocket-sized codeable computer with motion detection, a built-in compass and Bluetooth technology which is to be given free to every child in Year 7 or equivalent across the UK.

Working in teams, students started the event by improving their problem-solving skills in completing a number of puzzles. They then watched the live BBC lesson that was broadcast to schools across the UK.

After the live lesson students were fully engaged in different coding challenges and the feedback was that it was a fantastic event!

We are expecting to receive our batch of MicroBits in the next few weeks and students will then use their ICT lessons to code the devices.

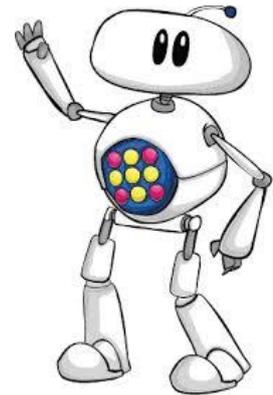
• **Mr Duke**

It all adds up with MyMaths

Mrs Manser has started a lunchtime maths club on Thursdays in IT3. The club, open to all students, focuses on revision, homework or general maths-boosting using MyMaths.

MyMaths is an interactive online teaching and homework subscription website for schools that builds pupil engagement and consolidates maths knowledge. It is used in over 70 countries by approximately four million students each year.

SWR students can also access MyMaths from home using the login 'romney' and password 'prime'. Go to: www.mymaths.co.uk



90 shoeboxes ... and still counting!



Pictured above: Just some of our students who have given a gift with love to Romania. From left: Josie McMeeking, Luc Platts, Elsie Heslop and Luke Moss

Our Shoebox Appeal has been an amazing success with 90 gift boxes ready to be collected by Rotary for transportation to Eastern Europe.

Last year's total of 62 shoeboxes has been surpassed with ease and at the time of going to press with this newsletter, Mr Wagner, SWR's Design Technology Curriculum Coordinator, was still rallying everyone to hit the 100-box target!

He commented: "A massive thank-you to everyone who has contributed to our Shoebox Appeal. As always, the generosity and empathy of our students has been incredible.

"I am still confident we can hit our 100 target - that's 100 young people who will receive a box which may well be the only gifts they get all year."

From the PTFA chair ...

Hello, my name is Sarah Davis-Berry and I have just taken on the role of chair of SWR's PTFA. My daughter Kara is in her final year and my son Sam has just started in Year 7.

I am really looking forward to continuing to support the teachers, creating some fun social events for students and raising money for equipment.

Recently we handed over a cheque for £2 500 which will help buy much-needed items for lots of departments in the school. It's great to think the students – and the teachers – are now starting to benefit from the time we have given over the last three years.

The PTFA is a small group of parents who get together once a month to discuss how we can best support the school. We understand that not everyone wants to attend meetings, but would like to help out when they can (for example, serving refreshments at parents' evenings or the tuck bar at one of our Movie Nights for example).

If you can spare some time, please get in touch with me at: sarahdavisberry@googlemail.com or 07979848280



The PTFA's Sarah Davis-Berry, Catherine Chidley, Debbie Powell, Andrea Glover and Jo Brown present a cheque for £2 500 to Mr Mackay. The school purchases will include support to the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, a router table for Technology and tablets to be used in Humanities. Thank you to parents for all your support!

Trip reminders ...

Y10 Iceland Trip – please send in any outstanding money along with the completed Code of Conduct and Medical forms

Y7 Normandy Trip – monthly payments of £50 continue

Y8 Bude Trip – monthly payments of £55 continue

Payments can be made via cheque or online using the SIMS Agora online payment system. If you require a new activation code please contact the main office or email: s.jones@swr.gloucs.sch.uk

Bude places ...

We still have a few places available for the Bude trip from July 3 – 8.

Please contact Mr Dorber for more information.

Seeds needed ...

Can anyone help with the donation of seeds and plants for our allotment? We also need an old bath tub to make a small pond.

If you can help, please contact Mr Courtice.

At SWR we offer a regular drop-in service with our school nurse, Mrs



Byrne. She is available every Monday between 1.20 and 2.20 pm in LSI.

The school nurse is able to provide information and advice on many health issues and can refer on to other agencies if necessary. All meetings are confidential unless it is felt that a student may be at risk.

Some of the areas in which she can help are:

- Emotional Wellbeing
- Physical Health
- Sexual Health
- Bullying
- Relationships

Referrals can also be made to the school nurse through Phoenix via Mrs Phillips and Mrs Bannatyne.

Police Point Meeting Times held at Tetbury Town Council

March

Tuesday 8 th March	10am – 11am
Tuesday 15 th March	Noon – 1pm
Tuesday 22 nd March	2pm – 3pm
Wednesday 30 th March	9am – 10am

April

Thursday 7 th April	1pm – 2pm
Monday 11 th April	2pm – 3pm
Tuesday 19 th April	Noon – 1pm
Friday 29 th April	9am – 10am

Please come along and speak to a local officer.

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Do you have some news?

All contributions are considered for inclusion in this newsletter.

Please email the editor



Christian Club

SWR has launched a Christian Club, open to Christians and non-Christians alike.

The club, which runs every Wednesday lunchtime in H5, will explore Christian values and help to support young people with their faith as they progress through school.

For more information, please contact Mr Duke.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

DAY	YEAR	WHAT	WHERE
Monday	All Years	Orchestra	MU1
	Years 10 & 11	Multigym	Sports Hall
	All Years	FutureTechGirls (Week A) Coding Club (Week B)	IT1 IT1
Tuesday	Year 7	Football	Outside
		Hockey	Sports Hall
	All Years	Creative Writing (1.30 - 2pm)	Library
	Year 7	German Club	H1
Wednesday	All Years	Ukulele	MU2
	All Years	Freeball and Multigym	Sports Hall
	All Years	Christian Club	H5
		Graphics	AR2
Thursday	All Years girls & boys	Badminton	Sports Hall
	All Years	Maths Club	IT3
Friday		Keyboards Breaktime	MU2
		Recorder Lunch	MU2
	Year 10 & 11	Multigym	Gym
	KS4 Boys	Indoor Football	Sports Hall

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday	All Years	English Support (4.20pm)	EN3
	All Years	Creative Writing (3.30 - 4.30pm)	Library
Tuesday	KS3	Senior Choir	MU1
	KS3	Football and Hockey	Outside
	All Years	Maths drop-in sessions (4.20pm)	MA3
	All Years	Tech Club	
	GCSE	ICT	IT1
	All Years	Homework Club	Library
	All Years	Girls Football	Starts 1 Dec Courts
Wednesday	Year 7	Pottery Club (3.20 - 4.40pm)	AR2
	KS4 Girls	Aerobics/Circuits	Gym
	KS4	Tech Club	
	Year 8	Year 8 Club	EN4
Thursday	Years 10 and 11	Graphics Freehand /Tech Drawing	DT
	All Years	Homework Club	Library