

# Rook News

14th June 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest edition of Rook News, celebrating the students' successes and the trips and events from the last few weeks. As ever, I am extremely grateful to the Rookwood teachers and support staff in providing such a wide range of opportunities to our students.

As the GCSE exams come to an end (the last one is on Monday), I would like to thank the outgoing Year 11. Not only for all of their hard work and determination with their studies, but also for being such positive role models and leaders for the whole school. I wish them all of the best with their future studies. They will be missed!

I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible at the upcoming Sports Day and Family Day.

With warmest wishes,

Mr A Kirk-Burgess

## YEARS R-2 SPORTS AFTERNOON



Despite the inclement weather forcing the Years R-2 Sports afternoon indoors, a fun and active afternoons' activities took place in the Sports Hall today assisted by Year 9 pupils.



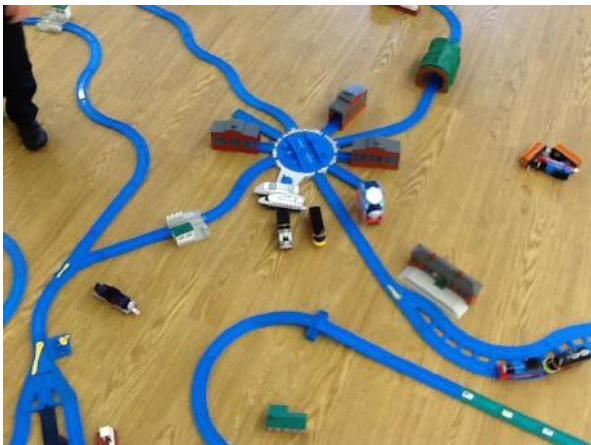
Well done to all who took part.



# Across the School

## LITTLE ROOKS

Trainmaster UK visited the Nursery children, they were able to play with working trains on the large track, climb in and out of Thomas, and ride on the larger engines.



## YEAR 3

Year 3 have been looking at Viking poetry in the form of Kennings.

Here is George's poem about his chicken, Flamey: -



### Flamey

Dog attacker  
Corn eater  
Grit muncher  
Vicious pecker  
Wing flapper  
Dust bather  
Claw scratcher  
Sunbather  
Fast runner  
Total escaper!

## YEAR 5

Year 5 have been looking at how much sugar there is in many foods during Food Technology and why we need to reduce our sugar consumption.

They also looked at the 'Change4Life' website (<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/>) for tips about healthy eating.

Mrs A Reeve-Howarth

Food Technology



## YEAR 9

On 7th June the Year 9 pupils had their Work Taster Day. Pupils went to work with their parents, family friends or pursued an interest.

Placements were varied from Primary School to Indoor Sky Diving, Banks & Insurance to Foot Clinics.

Millie had a great day at the Royal Courts of Justice. She did everything from making tea, photocopying, attending meetings, learning about copyright legal cases and technical product development in the legal and tax sector to attending Committal proceedings.

Pupils completed a Work Taster Day booklet and will follow up the day in PSHEE lessons.

A great day for the Year 9s and for the parents.



## YEARS 6-11—CENTURY LEARNING

Congratulations to students for their excellent usage of our Century intelligent learning platform.

There were 7,800 questions answered in the month of May - 1,000 of these being answered during Saturdays and Sundays, as well as during the half term break. The students are also engaging with their student dashboard and recommended learning path, which shows that they are being independent in monitoring their progress and performance. This progress is being maintained in June - last week there were 1400 questions answered!

The system is accessed at <https://app.century.tech> and is available to students in Years 6 to 11. Do please ask your children to show you around!

## YEARS 9 & 10

### GCSE DRAMA—COMMUNITY COLLABORATION!

On Wednesday 12th June Performing Arts students from Andover College joined forces with our Year 10 GCSE drama students and the Year 9's who have opted to take drama.

After some rather energetic and hilarious warm up exercises, students were placed into mixed groups and asked to create a piece of drama using a specific stimulus. Mrs Blackmore said; 'The level of work that was produced was exceptional given the hour time frame. It was wonderful to see the students working together for the first time to create interesting and thought provoking performances. Forging strong links with colleges in our area is paramount and Rookwood School very much looks forward to welcoming Andover College back in the near future.' George (Year 9) who took part in the devising workshop said; 'I loved working with the students from the college and especially enjoyed learning how to incorporate physical theatre skills into a performance.'



# School Trips

## YEAR 3 WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE

Year 3 spent a wonderful day at the Winchester Science Centre. They enjoyed all the interactive exhibits, such as the rowing test and lifting things with different pulleys.

Abigail found out how to play basketball in a wheelchair and Ayomide found the tunnel where waste passes through your body especially hilarious!

The new Explore Space section was very interesting and the children enjoyed trying out the space suit and discovering how heavy all the planets were.

They took part in an excellent workshop where they had to solve the question of what was causing all the fish in the ocean to die and then create a new cure to solve it, which made them feel like "proper scientists!"

They also enjoyed the Planetarium show, where we travelled to the outer regions of our solar system as well as visiting Mars and Neptune. George was particularly pleased to find that Uranus was previously known as Planet George!

Miss C Abraham



## YEARS 5 & 6

Years 5 and 6 visited Milestones Museum, Basingstoke, as part of their History topic.



### YEAR 5

Year 5 visited the Victoria era going back to school, learning about Taskers of Andover and eating Victorian sweets.



## YEAR 6

Year 6 travelled back to May 1940 at the start of the Blitz learning all about the Blitz, rationing and the role women played on the home front.



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## YEAR 10

Miss Brown and Miss Treasure took Ten Year 10 Art GCSE students to the Royal Academy to see and draw an exhibition of sculptures by Phyllida Barlow. They walked through St James' Park to Tate Britain to see 'Van Gogh in Britain' stopping on the way to eat their lunch in the beautiful sunshine. It was a very worthwhile and fun trip!



# Sporting News

## YEARS 3 & 4



Years 3 and 4 boys took part in a football festival organised by Andover College students as part of their BTEC level 3 sports course. The team played well finishing in 3rd place after losing in the Semi Final on Golden Goal.

Other Schools participating were Anton, Vigo, Wherwell, Grateley and Rookwood.

## YEAR 6 NETBALL

Mrs Hacker took the Year 6 girls High 5 Netball Team to the Primary Schools High5 Netball Tournament at John Hanson School.

Proud runners up with their medals:-



## ISA ATHLETICS

This year our squad of athletes travelled by mini bus to Thames Valley Stadium for the Regional ISA Athletics. We were off to a great start when Ellie in Year 7 won a Gold medal in the Shot Putt. Later in the day she won her second Gold medal in the Discus securing her a place in the national finals on June 19<sup>th</sup> in Birmingham. Grace (Year 6) was delighted with her Bronze in the Long Jump. Oliver (Year 10) was disappointed with his Silver in the Discus as he did not beat his PB. Myles (Year 10) ran a superb 800m picking off the opposition on the last 200m but unfortunately he was pipped to gold by another boy. Myles was thrilled with his Silver medal. Leshawn (Year 8) finished a respectable 6<sup>th</sup> in the very fast Year 9 800m giving him insight into the training he will have to put in to medal next year. Alya (Year 9: 100m and Relay) Theo (Year 9 : Javelin and Relay), Abi (Year 5: Rounders Ball) , Eleanor, Phoebe and Millie (Relay) and Charlie C, Zac , Gabe (Relay) - Year 9 - all gained Bronze medals. Kyrill (Year 10) also gained a place in the National finals with his Gold medal in the Shot Putt. Congratulations to all of the athletes who took part as part of Team Rookwood and best of luck to our National finalists.

Miss E Brown,

Head of PE

## ISA ATHLETICS



YEAR 9 Relay team— Alya, Phoebe, Eleanor & Millie

Ellie—Mid throw—Discus

Kyrill—Shot Put success





## **NSEA EQUESTRIAN**

On Good Friday Jessica (Year 10) and her horse BG competed in her first event of the season in an NSEA ODE class representing Rookwood, she came 5th in her section she was only 1.8 lower than the winner and missed qualifying for the regionals by 0.2 .



## **WILTSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Ellie (Year 7) had an excellent weekend competing at the Wiltshire County Championships.

She entered 3 events (Shot, Discus and Hammer) and managed to win 3 gold medals with 3 personal bests, while breaking 3 Andover Athletic Club records and 3 County Championship Records!

The results should also see her retain a top 5 UK ranking in all 3 events. On the basis of her results she should be sitting 1st in the UK in Hammer and 3rd in Discus and Shot depending on how other athletes performed over the weekend.

## **SAINTS ACADEMY**

Congratulations to Lexie in Year 7 who has been given a place in the U14 Saints Football Academy.

This is a great achievement for Lexie who attended three trials before been given the good news. She will be training three times a week and play matches against other clubs. Well done to an amazing young lady!

Miss E Brown

## **COUNTY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS**

Millie (Year 9) had a great day at the County Schools Athletics coming first in her heat and joint third overall in the Junior 100m. She was registered for the England schools athletics event in July but was told she was only likely to be selected if the girls who came 1 and 2 were not able to participate.

# Duke of Edinburghs Award

## **SANDBANKS TO THE CLIFF TOPS OF EGMONT POINT**

Two Bronze DofE groups put their training into practice and walked a total of 30km with an overnight camp near Corfe Castle on the Isle of Purbeck.

After a quick ferry journey across from Sandbanks to South Haven Point, students started this exciting journey. Day one took them across heathland, wooded areas and National Nature Reserves to their picturesque campsite. Day two saw a contrast, and after passing the impressive Corfe Castle, both groups had to navigate across more open and exposed farmland before valleys leading to the magnificent Cliffs near to St Alban's Head.

The stunning photo shows Chapman's Pool, above which is the route the students walked along.

Although one group at times had their challenges, it was a very valuable experience and I feel very confident that this weekend both groups will complete the Final Expedition with flying colours.

Mr A Witcomb



# Good Causes



Our new crisp packet recycling bins are out in force. There are 5 in total and they are bright yellow so difficult to miss!!! All brands of crisp packet can be recycled... but only crisp packets.

Please recycle your crisp packets and ONLY use these bins for crisp packets and not general waste.

If you see a full bin please do let Mrs Willcox know!

Many thanks for everyone's support...

Mrs H Willcox

## UPDATE

I am really pleased to say that our first shipment of crisp packets has been collected and is currently being recycled into smaller, reusable plastics by TerraCycle. We sent a **massive 6.5kgs of crisp packets** so please keep using the yellow bins for any brand of crisp packets only and save any crisp packets from home as well.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs H Willcox



# Friends of Rookwood

## Quiz Night

This fun event will take place in the School Hall on Friday 13th September at 7.30pm. The quiz will include questions to challenge all abilities.

BYO food and drinks.

If you think you have the skills to take on the other teams, or just want a giggle, then put together a group of eight people, and come and join us for the evening. Don't worry if you are not part of a team – we can team you up with others.

**Price is just £5.00 per head.**

Please provide details of your team name and members and return it to any of the School Offices, c/o Friends, together with a cheque made payable to Friends of Rookwood School covering the cost of your table. Thank you and here's looking forward to a fun night.

Last entry date is Friday 6th September please.

### BAG2SCHOOL

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated bags for the Bag2School collection, the total raised was £176.40.

We plan to hold another collection sometime in the autumn/winter so please keep hold of any bits you no longer need between now and then!

Friends of Rookwood School

