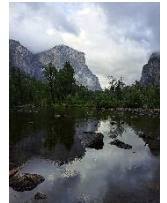


Just before the summer holidays we launched a photography competition called 'Here Comes The Sun'. Students were encouraged to look at Photographer Martin Parr's work who documents of British/abroad beaches and Brits abroad. We had lots of entries but narrowed it down to the following:
 Winners: Isabelle G Year 13; Cassie B Year 10; Dilara M Year 10; Harriet A Year 9
 Runners up: Isla M Year 8; Alice T Year 8 ; Grace A Year 8 ; Layla P Year 8 ; Banni S Year 8 ; Uma J Year 9
 Some examples of the winners and runners up can be seen on the Art and Photography corridor.
 Some beautiful images captured during the summer break. Well done to all who entered.



61 students were accompanied by Mrs Wilson, Mrs Kemp, Mr Orr, Miss McCormack, Dr Morris, Mr Gordon and Mrs Courtney on our long-awaited school tour to San Francisco. Students enjoyed cycling across the Golden Gate Bridge, visiting Alcatraz, riding the trolley buses in San Francisco and a baseball between San Francisco Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers. We then transferred to Yosemite National Park where we camped and enjoyed a valley tour to view extraordinary sights of Yosemite National Park. We look forward to viewing all the photographs in the coming days. Thank you to all staff for supporting this wonderful student experience. Thanks also to Mrs Ferrara who masterminded the planning.



Our new staff were welcomed to the school by Val Green, our Chair of Governors, on Friday 23rd September and enjoyed breakfast before school.

On Monday the 26th of September we are celebrating European Languages Day. The German officials have decided to mark this occasion with a Kahoot quiz with some questions about Europe and its languages. Ask your tutor to click the link in the email during tutor time this week and start the quiz.



Looking forward

Week of 26th September

Harvest event

Year 7 Academic tutoring

Monday 26th September

Year 10 Assembly in the Hall (MZR/JMT)

Year 8 Ceramics workshop

Tuesday 27th September

Year 11 Assembly in the Hall (TL/JMT)

Wednesday 28th September

Year 13 Assembly in the Hall (CWN/BST)

Thursday 29th September

“Speak Out” meeting, 1.45pm, Room MF08

Year 13 Biology trip to Shorne

Friday 30th September

Year 11 Geography field work

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Week of 3rd October

Years 7 & 12 Academic tutoring

Tuesday 4th October

Year 8 Learning to Learn

Wednesday 5th October

School photographs

Friday 7th October

Development Day

Assembly theme

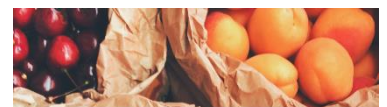
This week's

Assembly theme:

Harvest

Focus on the idea of receiving “Our Daily Bread”; giving thanks for what we have; thinking of those in poverty, hunger and need.

Please bring in all donations by Friday (see poster for details)



Gravesham Foodbank Harvest Appeal!

This year Mayfield will once again be supporting the Trussell Trust Foodbank Network. Over the last year, it distributed a record 2.1 million food parcels to people in need. With soaring costs of living and current energy crisis, more families will be tipped into crisis, and so the work of this charity is going to be needed more than ever.

We are asking everyone to please bring in all in-date, long-life, non-perishable food items in tins, jars, cartons and packets. Please see the below for the charity's most needed items. Donations can be left in the Orangery, by the Vending Machines, during the week commencing 26th September. Goods will be donated on Friday 30th September, so please ensure all items are left in the orangery before this date.

All items donated should be in date
 All items need to be - long-life, tinned, dried, jar or packet

URGENTLY REQUIRED ITEMS:

Tinned vegetables - potatoes, carrots, peas, Instant & tinned potato, Tinned fruit & fruit jelly, Tinned meat - pies, mince and onions etc, Rice & pasta, Instant noodles, pasta, couscous, rice etc, Coffee, hot chocolate & tea, Pasta sauces, Biscuits & cereal bars, Tinned fish, Custard, Rice pudding (other tinned puddings), Spreads - jam, marmite, peanut butter, Longlife milk (no fridge), Toilet Roll, Longlife fruit juice/squash (no fridge), Oil, ketchup, mayonnaise, Toilettries of all types, Laundry tabs/washing up liquid

Any queries please contact 16northern@msgg.kent.sch.uk or 16rattat@msgg.kent.sch.uk

Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 10L Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from the Premises shed and report to your Learning Leader at the end of lunchtime.

Water: Please use the water stations around the school at break and lunchtime and remember to bring a bottle each day to minimise use of single use plastic bottles.

Reminders

Lost Property: If anyone loses a PE kit/blazer/coat/shoes, please look in the lost property bins at the bottom of the stairs by the staff room. Any valuables are held in the main office.

Coming prepared for lessons: Can we remind all students to look at timetables and pack bags with all equipment needed for the school day. Parents should not be bringing in items you have forgotten.

Lower School Uniform: Blazer is a compulsory uniform item which should be worn at all times, if you are too warm remove your jumper, not your blazer.

Please remind your parents that you may not be dropped off or collected on site without prior arrangement.

Parking on roads around the school: Please could we ask that parents/carers park considerately and safely on the roads around the school. There should be no parking directly outside or in the immediate vicinity of the school entrances to drop off or pick up children. We have recently received reports of parents blocking residents' access to their property – please can we ask that you be considerate to our neighbours.

MMSG Poetry Competition

Open to Years 7-9: We would like to invite you to write a poem about the Queen, following her death on the 8th September; it should be a reflection on her life, work and/or interests and reflect the impact that she had on our country and the wider world. Your poem can be any length or form that you choose. Present it thoughtfully, in any way that you wish and include a title.

You may find it useful to read the commemorative edition of First News, which was published on Friday 16th September- this will have lots of information about the Queen to inspire you. You can access this via the following link: digitaledition.firstnews.co.uk. Enter our school ID: LING0205

Deadline for entries is Monday 3rd October. You should email your entry to o'brien@mmsg.kent.sch.uk or hand in a copy to your English teacher. Make sure your name and form is on the poem. The best poems will be published in the bulletin and receive a prize.

Drama News

*From Wednesday 21st September Drama drop-ins begin for GCSE Drama pupils (Wednesday lunchtimes (1:50-2:25) and Friday after school (2:20 – 3:20)).

This is an opportunity to have time as a group in the studio space at Bainbridge where pupils can rehearse and consolidate classwork.

Remember to sign up ahead of time and let Mrs Quiros and Mrs Horne know if you wish to attend.

*Drama GCSE and A Level trip to see *Blood Brothers* at The Orchard Theatre, Dartford on the 9th of November 7:30 - remember to get your ticket!

*Drama Club for KS3 and KS4 will also be starting shortly, TBC.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	16	19	6
Chadwick	21	16	13
Darnley	18	17	10
Lynton	16	16	12
Penfold	6	14	13
Reekie	17	26	13
Westbrook	19	22	21

MMSG Reader's Corner

This is the first bulletin entry of the MMSG Reader's Corner; we hope to promote some enjoyable books for you to read over the coming months.

With the recent news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, we thought you may be interested in the following biographical works related to the life of the Queen:



Monarch, Robert Lacey



The Little Princesses, Marion Crawford



A Queen for All Seasons, Joanna Lumley



Elizabeth and Margaret: The Intimate World of the Windsor Sisters, Andrew Morton.



Queen of Our Times: The Life of Elizabeth II, Robert Hardman

There are also a wealth of documentaries available exploring the life of Queen Elizabeth II, for example:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-Nb5DwB8c>

Elizabeth: The Unseen Queen - BBC British Royal Documentary 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yS6KajxWRw>

Queen Elizabeth's life and legacy as the country's longest-reigning monarch | ITV News

We hope that some of you will enjoy our recommendations.