

On Tuesday, Penfold celebrated Chinese New Year – the Year of the Rabbit – with activities, cakes, fortune cookies and Mrs Carr's famous Bubble Tea. The event was well turned out, raising £187.60 for Penfold's chosen charity, the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Service. This charity was chosen by the students three years ago to celebrate the achievements of Audrey Penfold as she trained medical staff to parachute in the war. Thank you all for your support in making this event the success it was.

Year 11 are welcome to come along to English Revision Club every Thursday lunchtime in FF08 (see attached poster).

You should all by now have received your entry cards for our new automated system. Please ensure you carry these with you at all times. If you lose your card, the process for obtaining a new one is:

- In the first instance students should report the lost card to their Pastoral Support Manager who will arrange for the card to be disabled.
- A payment of £3.50 must be made via Scopay. Once logged in, the option can be found in the Products section www.scopay.com/login
- The cards can then be collected from their Pastoral Support Manager where they will need to be signed for.

Looking forward

Monday 30th January

Year 10 Assembly in the Hall (CK)

Tuesday 31st January

Year 11 Assembly in the Hall (CK)

Wednesday 1st February

Year 13 Assembly in the Hall (CK)

Thursday 2nd February

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall (FC)

Thursday 2nd-Thursday 9th February

German exchange students here

Week of 6th February

CMHA week

Tuesday 7th February

Years 10+11 Tate Modern trip

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 8th February

Year 8 Learning to Learn

Wednesday 8th+Thursday 9th February

Year 11 Technology NEA2 Practicals

Thursday 9th February

Year 13 Parents' Evening

Friday 10th February

End of Term 3

Monday 20th February

Term 4 begins

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: LGBT History Month

This is for the whole of February and aims to promote tolerance and raise awareness of the prejudices faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Our School Environment

Please continue to ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 8W Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from Mrs Kemp's Office by 1.45pm and report to your Learning Leader and staff on the field at the end of lunchtime, 2.15pm.

Lost Property: 7D Please make sure lost property is sorted. Your Sixth Form Prefect should make contact with the form to arrange the day on which the duty will be done.

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.

The Mayfield Mindset

Yr 7 Learning to Learn: How are you getting on with trialling either your Cornell note taking, thinking maps to organise your ideas or have you tried to use De Bono in your discussion in a lesson or a written response? Be prepared to share this next week with your form.

Prep: Yr 12 - We have discussed the importance of opting into a pension as soon as you start your working life. A lot of young people feel that they would rather spend their money on activities, holidays or goods that they could not afford when they were still students. However, it is important to think about the future and to see pensions as a savings account. We have also discussed why it is important to know what a grievance procedure is and how this is linked to communication. Whether you are in school, at university or working, if a problem arises, it can alleviate a lot of stress and anxiety if you talk to someone that you can trust to prevent the situation from escalating.

Yr 13 - After the Mock examinations, students will receive feedback. In our lessons we are discussing why teachers give feedback and why it can be difficult for students to respond to feedback. We have concluded that even though it can be difficult to respond to feedback, we have to work on changing our mindsets as being open and ready to accept advice will be crucial to success in our final examinations.

Wills Library

Newest arrivals at the Wills Library, on the shelves now:

- Malorie Blackman's biography, Just Sayin'
- Lockwood & Co Collection, by Jonathan Stroud (The Screaming Staircase, The Whispering Skull, The Hollow Boy, The Creeping Shadow, The Empty Grave)
- Noughts and Crosses Series, by Malorie Blackman (Noughts and Crosses, Knife Edge, Checkmate, Double Cross, Cross Fire, End Game).
- Harry Potter, whole collection

The suggestions received during induction will be processed and ordered as soon as possible, watch this space! And keep your suggestions coming: email at glucksberg1@mgsg.kent.sch.uk, talk to the Librarian or use the suggestion box at the issue desk.

The Wills Library will host a creative writing club from Monday, at 1.50, for Y7,8 and 9. The English Club is a place for students who enjoy writing, would like inspiration for writing and/or need a place for their writing to be peer assessed. Each Monday in the Library, an optional creative writing prompt will be given to the participants. Should enough people enter, in the future the club may host weekly competitions (with a prize for the winner). If students have an existing piece of work they would like advice on, they should bring it along! The club will be run by a year 9 student you can reach at willslibrary@mgsg.kent.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Reminders

Canteen: Please could you make sure you have your new school I.D cards out of your bag and ready to use before you get to the tills. This will ensure everyone can be served on time.

Competition: We hope lots of Mandarin students will be getting involved in the inaugural MEP Song Writing Competition, details of which have been shared with students and parents via Edulink and in class. The deadline is 1st March so start writing and rehearsing now!

Library: Please remember that if you wish to use the Library in the afternoon, after school, you will need to sign yourself up to the Afterschool at the Library club, on Edulink. You will need to do this every week, to ensure all students get a chance to use this important resource for their learning.

Sleep helpline: see attached posters.

National Apprenticeship Week 6-12th February 2023

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation are proud to be supporting The Education People and Kent County Council's North Kent Apprenticeship Fair again this year, on Wednesday 8th February from 3- 5:30pm during National Apprenticeship Week. Apprenticeships offer an amazing career pathway for young people from Level 2 for aged 16 plus to Degree apprenticeships for 18 plus, and even Level 7 Masters degrees for graduates.

Students can book in advance using the link or QR code on the flier (which I have e-mailed to all students). here: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=xiE78Bg-Dkmya3mcWSPow-eDKYfKh1FMuLISXH5-z_hUMTVOQjdQNEtHNFdDR1QxTU1KM0I1S0NVQS4u

Come along and chat to national organisations employing apprentices locally including:

- Bellway
- Clarion Housing
- Countryside Properties
- Ebbsfleet Development Corporation
- Keepmoat Homes
- Kier
- Lower Thames Crossing
- UK Border Force

The event is at Northfleet Technology College from 3-5:30pm on Wednesday 3rd February. There is plenty of free parking, or the Fasttrack B route or 483 bus are within walking distance from Springhead Road.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	71	80	54
Chadwick	79	69	56
Darnley	62	88	76
Lynton	87	90	67
Penfold	73	63	67
Reekie	76	69	48
Westbrook	87	100	95

Autism Support

Autism South East is a family run and autistic led organisation, helping and supporting autistic adults and children and their families throughout the South East. They run events for autistic children and adults, and also organise social groups and Autism Cafes where families/parents can meet and find support. If you believe that this organisation might be of use to your family, please contact them directly at Autism South East <https://www.autismsoutheast.co.uk/>

Reader's Corner

Did you know that 30th January - 5th February is National Story-telling Week? National Story-telling Week takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of telling stories. Stories teach us about the world and allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy. They can help us to relax and escape from our everyday lives, in addition to developing our literacy and oracy skills.

This week you could:

- Share a story with a younger sibling or family member- you could read to them, or listen to them read to you
- Write your own story, in a genre of your choice, to share with your peers/class. You could write prose in the conventional way or maybe you could tell your story through a different medium; drama, dance or by using technology
- Listen to an audible story or podcast
- Ask your family and friends about their favourite childhood stories
- Visit the Wills Library for some story-telling inspiration!