



YEAR 7 - WEEK 7 SUMMER TERM

This 'Newsletter' is designed to give you key updates, celebrate your success and signpost you to any support you might need.

Dear all

A huge welcome back from half-term. We very much hope you have managed to have some time to relax and enjoy the good weather with your families. I want to apologise for the confusion this morning about whether today was an INSET day. We made the decision to continue to set work today for the children in order to support their education but my letter to you before half-term was not clear enough about this arrangement. I am very sorry that this has happened and any upset it may have caused. Please forgive this oversight.

There have continued to be a number of announcements over the half-term period with the Government now moving the date for secondary schools to commence some face to face contact with Year 10 and Year 12 to Monday 15th June onwards. I will write a more detailed letter to these year groups to give details of the arrangements.

We are enormously grateful for all the support you are giving to helping your children learn at home and we will continue to set and mark work for all year groups via our current systems of using Epraise, Sparx, Microsoft Teams and Skype as we have been doing last half-term.

We will continue to provide Years 9 and 10 with an enrichment hour to give them some breadth to their learning, and to encourage the development of their love for learning and curiosity and enthusiasm for discovery of new knowledge.

With best wishes

Suzannah Wharf





Welcome back Year 7. I hope you all managed to get out and enjoy the fantastic weather we have been having, even if it was in different ways than you may have done before.

You have now almost completed a year at Teign and it has been the strangest year I have ever known in teaching! We still do not know when or if you will be able to return to school before the end of this term so it is important that you continue to work in the mature and focused way you have been. Remember that your teachers are all here to help as much as they can but you must contact them if you are stuck.

Don't forget drop and read is during period 1 this week.

Have a great week, hopefully you will get to see a few other members of your family now some restrictions have been eased. Please remember that social distances guidelines still apply.

Stay safe

Mr Crispin

Stay Safe everyone
Thank you Jamie S for the artwork



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positive messages



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Pride through success

A love for learning

Ready
for the
world

Centre
of the
community

Celebrate
achievement
for all

Your
'Best'
mind-set

Support each other

Developing the whole person, ensuring everyone has the opportunities to access the best universities and career destinations

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both Android and
Apple formats and is
the best way to keep
on top of home
learning and keep in
touch

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'push notifications'**

PE Update

#DevonVirtualGames – Just before half-term all parents/carers were sent information on how you can sign up to the Devon Virtual Games. This is the next stage on from our own inter house competition where you will represent Teign School by completing numerous challenges and winning prizes.

First up is the walk – jog – run event (entries need to be submitted by Sunday 14th June at 5pm) and you are aiming to complete 40, 60 or 80 miles.

Every Monday at 10am a new challenge is released and continues through until July 13th. Other challenges include the 'Sportshall' Pentathlon, Dance, Boccia (Sock-ia) and the Andy Murray 100 Volley event. The last event will be a set of family-based challenges.

These will run throughout the summer holidays. Please click on the link for more details:

<https://www.activedevon.org/devonvirtualgames-is-virtually-the-devon-school-games/>



Science shout outs

Well done to the following for the great work they have been completing in science...

Maya F, Morgan C, Imogen S, Codie P, Connor L, Evie Mei S, Tilly P, Ben Q, Ruby M, Saffron M-H, Charlotte M, Harley W, Grace D, Hugh A and Ethan H.

English shout-outs

The English Department have been sending out lots of praise postcards over the last couple of weeks to you but they wanted to say an extra well done to...

Ben Q, Imogen S, Grace W and Harley W. Well done!

BVC

Mrs Roberts would like to say a huge well done to Erin T for her detailed, well thought out BVC work

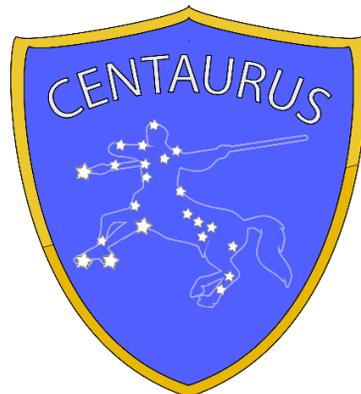


Stars of the week

Nominated by: the PE Department

For: Hard work in the virtual PE competition

Student: All of Centaurus house





Overall Results (all points collated from each year group)
 1st – Centaurus 609 points
 2nd – Orion 558 points
 3rd – Lyra 556 points
 4th – Phoenix 398 points
 5th – Pegasus 382 points

The top scorers for each challenge were.....

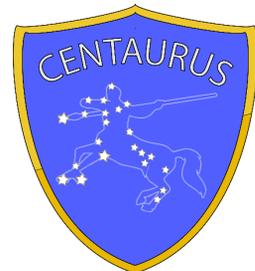
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| Star Jumps | Charlie H & Evie-Mei S |
| Speed Bounce | Joe W & Maya F |
| Burpees | George F & Saffron M-H |
| Catch & Clap | Harvey S & Saffron M-H |
| Tuck in & Tuck out | George F & Amelie C-M |
| Toilet Roll Keepie Uppies | Zico K, Jack M |

The following students also added an additional 50 points each for their house by submitting a video or picture of them completing a challenge

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| Centaurus | Hollie S, Erin P, Amelie C-M, Joshua G, Conni B |
| Lyra | Alannah B, Jayden B & Louis M |
| Orion | Joel M |
| Pegasus | Imogen S |
| Phoenix | Saffron M-H, Maya F & George F |

Overall results for year 7 are.....

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| 1 st | Centaurus (371) |
| 2 nd | Lyra (288)* |
| 3 rd | Phoenix (222) |
| 4 th | Pegasus (164) |
| 5 th | Orion (122) |



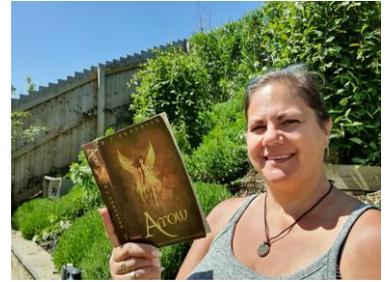
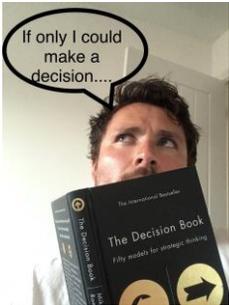
*Lyra would have won but the additional points for Centaurus for submitting photos/videos put them in 1st place





'Read for Relaxation' Selfies

This week we have been posting pictures of staff enjoying a good book on Facebook. Here are just a few of your teachers proving that there is nothing more relaxing than reading a good book! If you have run out of books at home remember you can all use our new ePlatform using the ePlatform (by wheelers) app or <https://teignschool.eplatform.co/> . Select Teign school then login using your username/email address and normal school password.



Maths

Maths would like to say well done for the following on their hard work in maths recently

Grace D, Idgy C, Isabella B, Eloise D, Riley E, Joseph F, Joshua G, Issac F, Machonna T, Jamie S, Charlotte M, Eve D, Daniel B, Charlotte C-t, Freddie B, Ethan H, Ruby Mole

Year 7 v Year 8

The results are in, the battle is won, and the YEAR 8s are victorious!!! A huge well done to everyone that competed. It's fantastic to see so many people in our community joining in! If you didn't join in with the fun this time then keep a look out for the next tournament.



The year 8s smashed their way to victory achieving an outstanding 34,297 points against the year 7's 24,288!!! A special mention goes out to our MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS who have certificates arriving by email (we look forward to presenting the real ones as soon as we can), in particular, Connor who topped the table with a massive 11,960 points. This is a staggering achievement! For those of you that don't know, you can use your points to buy upgrades for your Avatar. There are some pretty cool ones on there and more points mean better upgrades. Keep logging into Times Table Rock Stars to practise and earn points. You never know when the next battle will start – the Maths team have great plans!

Year 7 most valuable players are:

1st Connor L, 2nd Rosaya M, 3rd Kelsey A

Mrs Howard wanted to share the acrostic poems she has been working on with some students in English. After developing their skills and knowledge they produced these poems. She wants you to know how impressed she is with you, well done.

Connor L

Castles are my favourite building
Oranges are very healthy
Napping can do you good
Nice lunches are my favourite
Octopuses' rock
Racoons are food robbers

Thierry T

Ella is happy and likes to play bowling
Nothing
Gummy food is nice
Lamb is my favourite animal
Ibex are amazing animals
Shitsu's are amazing animals
Harry is my best friend

Codie P

Happy in the sun
Incredible
Plump
People attraction
On land or water



EMPATHY DAY
9 JUNE 2020

The Covid-19 crisis has made many people show kindness and understanding towards other people (which is what Empathy Day is all about). There is still a long way to go as you can see when you look at news of how black Americans are being treated in some cases. It is essential in this world that we tolerate each other and have the ability to step into someone else's shoes. It has been proven that through reading we learn empathy skills, which in turn makes us more able to deal with the world as we grow older.

On Tuesday 9th June, a large number of authors are running empathy sessions on this website <https://www.empathylib.uk/empathy-day> . Some events happen during the school day but will be recorded so you can watch them later in the day. Have a look at these online events and home based activities – it should provide something different to do at the end of the school day. Do ask your parents to show you Teign's Facebook account on Empathy Day (if you can) as we have various posts planned for the day.

Happy Birthday to you.....

This week:

Gus C and Kayden P-A



Virtual Science club!

The Science department are missing you all!

We are so impressed with your Science home learning. We know you are probably missing the practical work, so each week Science Club are going to set a fun Science activity or experiment on Facebook to try at home. We would love to see photos of your attempts, please send them to steph.cornish@teignschool.org.uk.

The best three each week will get a prize. Have fun!

COVID-CAMERA COMPETITION

Making the Best of Things - a free to enter drawing and painting competition for young readers with Amazon voucher prizes

WIN up to £25 in our fun competition



The Rotary Club of Newton Abbot and the Mid-Devon Advertiser have joined forces to provide a COVID-CAMERA free to enter fun competition for young readers and artists.

There are Amazon vouchers to be won for the best paintings or drawings which most reflect the theme of 'Making the Best of Things' to reflect how we're using our time in lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The key is the content and composition – image, painting or drawing – which does not require any words, but which captivates the subject and tells a story.

This is open to five age groups:

- 1) Under five years – a digital photograph of a drawing/painting by the entrant.
- 2) Five years to seven years – a digital photograph of a drawing/painting by the entrant.
- 3) Eight years to 11 years a digital photograph of a drawing/painting by the entrant.
- 4) 11 years to 14 years – a digital photograph or a photo of a drawing/painting by the entrant.



5) 15 years to 18 years – a digital photograph or a photo of a drawing/painting by the entrant.

Be creative, have fun. The competition will close on Friday, May 29, and the best submissions will be shown in the Mid-Devon Advertiser of June 5 so you must be quick.

Group prizes are Amazon vouchers 1st place £25, 2nd £15, 3rd & 4th £5 each. The prizes are the vouchers and no cash will be given out.

HOW TO ENTER:

Use the link to the Rotary Club of Newton Abbot website or the MDA website – you may then select your group and upload your entry.

You will need to include your name in full, age group you are entering and contact telephone number and email address so we can contact you.



AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

By submitting photographs, you represent and warrant that your photographs follow these official rules. All photographs will become the property of RCNA and will not be returned.

Your privacy is important to Rotary and the personal data you share with Rotary will only be used for official Rotary business.

This means that the personal data you provide will primarily be used for your participation in this competition, including sharing your name and photo submission in Rotary magazine, on www.rotarygbi.org and on Rotary's social media channels.

Personal data collected on the Form is subject to Rotary's Privacy Policy at <https://www.rotarygbi.org/privacypolicy/>.



REQUIREMENTS:

- Your photographs must be your original creation and entrants must be from Teignbridge.
- You must hold all rights to the photographs, including copyright.
- Only photographs saved in a .jpg or .jpeg format may be submitted.
- Photographs may be in colour or black and white.

■ Photographs must have been taken digitally since April 1st, 2020.

■ If your submission includes images or likenesses of people, you must receive permission from each subject of the photograph(s) and written permission from the parent or legal guardian of any minors appearing in the photograph(s).

To enter visit either website below:

VISIT OUR WEBSITES AND ENTER THE COMPETITION

www.middevonadvertiser.co.uk
or
www.rotarynewtonabbot.co.uk

Summer Term 2

Year 7 Curriculum and Learning Platforms during School Closure due to Covid-19

| Subject | Summary of learning for this half term | Online platforms being used to set work (apart from Epraise) |
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| English | Shakespeare's Villains | Teams |
| Maths | Solving equations with fractions, Area of circles Sequences Ratio Rearranging | SPARX and teams |
| Science | Forces and Ecosystems | Microsoft Teams and BBC bitesize |
| Geography | Rivers and Coasts | Microsoft Teams and Epraise |
| History | The impact of the Renaissance and exploration: Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Galileo Exploration, Advances in medicine | Microsoft Teams |
| MFL- French | Local Area | Quizlet (and Seneca or Language Gym) |
| MFL- Spanish | Home town and eating out | Quizlet (and Seneca or Language Gym) |
| Art | Still Life Project Observational drawing, collage and monoprint. | Microsoft Teams |
| Drama | Understanding Drama and Theatre – Theatre roles, Characteristics, Staging, Stage positioning. Performing Characters – Physical and vocal. | BBC Bitesize and quiz file linked on epraise. |
| Music | General music single lesson tasks based on skills, elements of music and optional practical tasks. | Teams/ Focus on Sound |
| Technology - Food | Revision on healthy eating. Macro-nutrients and Micro-nutrients | Teams |
| Technology - DT | Sustainability/Resources and Environmental issues | Microsoft Teams |
| PE | 1 x Fitness based lesson 1 x Skill based lesson Weekly challenges Warming Up & Effects of Exercise KO | Microsoft Teams miMove |
| BVC | PSHE – Health and wellbeing | Microsoft Teams BBC Bitesize |
| ICT | KS3 Computer Science Revision KS3 ICT Kodu / Photoshop | Seneca Learning and Mind Maps Epraise / Microsoft Teams |

Wellbeing top tips

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| 1 | Stay connected with others | Maintaining relationships is important: stay in touch with your friends and family through phone calls, messages and social media. There are lots of apps where you can video call multiple people at the same time, like Zoom, House Party, Skype and WhatsApp. Try a group video chat with several of your friends or family – on House Party you can play games and do quizzes at the same time. |
| 2 | Stay physically active | Current government advice says that you can leave the house for one form of exercise a day, e.g. a run, walk, or cycle, so make the most of it and get out of the house once a day. Don't want to leave the house? Join Joe Wicks every morning at 9am on YouTube for 'PE with Joe', an easy 30-minute workout you can do in front of your TV - you could video call your friends at the same time! |
| 3 | Talk about your worries | It's totally normal to feel a bit worried, scared or helpless about the current situation. It's important to talk to people you trust; doing so may help them just as much as you. If you don't feel you can speak to your friends or family, there are lots of helplines you can access. Your school may have more information on their own website with wellbeing suggestions. |
| 4 | Look after your sleep | Try and go to bed at the same time you would normally – it's important to maintain regular sleeping patterns. Avoid screens an hour before bed, don't drink anything with caffeine and create a restful environment. For more ideas on how to get a good night's sleep, visit the NHS Every Mind Matters |
| 5 | Manage your media | 24-hour news and constant social media updates can make you more worried. Try and limit the information (e.g. only once a day) and make sure you are getting the facts from a reliable source. For example www.gov.uk or the NHS website. |
| 6 | Take time to relax | Taking time to relax and to clear your mind can help you manage your emotions and improve your wellbeing. Try downloading a mindfulness app like ThinkNinja, start a new book or have a bath. |
| 7 | Make a new daily routine | Life is different for all of us at the moment and will be this way for a while. It's important to establish a new daily routine. Try to set a time to get up and a time to go to bed. During the day, engage in useful and meaningful activities like schoolwork, cooking, exercise, helping around the house, or phoning a friend. It might help you to write it down. |
| 8 | Do things you enjoy | You are being set schoolwork to do by your teachers, but it's just as important to spend time doing things you enjoy. Adapt your hobbies so you can still do them inside. You may like to post your ideas on social media or video sharing websites so other people can try them too. For example: like football? Try toilet roll keepie-uppies! |
| 9 | Set yourself goals | Setting goals and achieving them gives a sense of control and purpose. Think about things you want to do that you can still do at home: watching a film, reading a book or learning something online. You could keep a lockdown diary or write a blog, or learn a new language using an app like Memrise or Duolingo. |
| 10 | Keep your mind active | Try not to just stare at a screen all day. Keep your brain active by reading, writing, playing board games, doing crossword puzzles, number puzzles, jigsaws, drawing, painting, gardening – find something that works for you! |