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Next Week's Diary

TUESDAY

4.00pm Remote Years 1 and 2 Parents' Evening

WEDNESDAY

2.15pm House Cross Country Years 5 to 8

THURSDAY

4.00pm Remote Years 1 and 2 Parents' Evening

FRIDAY

9.15am Open Morning for Prospective Parents

After School Clubs

After school clubs and coaches are running next week except:

Monday: Language Puzzles Club, Music Practice Club

Tuesday: Ballet for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday: Years 5 and 6 STEM Club, Mindfulness Colouring

Thursday: Gymnastics

Years 7 & 8 Testing

We have completed the three in school tests for all our senior pupils and they now move to testing at home.

We have been so impressed with the attitude of all the Year 7 and 8 pupils with the testing. It is not the most comfortable procedure but they all dealt with it in an incredibly mature and conscientious way. The children were all positive, cheerful and polite throughout the process and we are very proud of them all.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is next Friday, 19th March, and we will, as usual, be marking the day.

On the day children may wear colourful socks and/or ties to school. We ask that children do not wear red noses because, as part of our Covid safety measures, children are discouraged from touching their noses.

Parents may wish to send in a donation of £2.00 towards Red Nose Day.

Yet Another Scholarship

Many congratulations to **Oliver Rowan** who has been awarded a sports scholarship for Year 9 at Reddam House. Very well done **Oliver**.

Welcome Back

We were delighted to welcome all our children back to school on Monday morning and judging by the smiles on their faces they are just as happy to be back. It is so lovely to hear the children's voices and laughter in the classrooms, corridors and outside on the fields.

Schools are nothing without the children and staff to bring them to life.



British Science Week 2021 at Yateley Manor

British Science week has sparked the imagination of the whole school.

Year 1 have been exploring amphibians and made some wonderful froggy faces alongside their studies. Year 2 took part in a Materials themed escape room.

It has been wonderful to get back into the laboratories this week and be able to engage the interest of the children on the theme of 'Innovating the Future'.

Year 4 have designed some amazing robobugs to carry out futuristic challenges – such as rescue missions, explorations, and construction tasks. (continued on page 5)



The Power of Community

Robert Upton's latest blog can be found on the School website. The following is a taster:

We have missed each other. Returning to school has been an emotional time for all of us. The recent Lockdown measures meant we were all forced apart, wrenched from our community in school. The last three months have really shown us how much community matters.

[To read the rest of this article click here.](#)

[To view other blog posts visit the Headmaster's Blog page of the school](#)



Headmaster's Commendations

Being a Superb Quizmaster for his Tutor Group During Lockdown Tutor Time:

Sam Poole

Pre-Prep Awards

Reception Smiles: Valentina Alexander,

Darcey Bilcliff, Charlie Love,

Pip Mason, Fleur Middleditch,

Amelia Patel, Edward Skerry

Book Week Book Orders

Books that were ordered in the World Book Week Sale will be given to the children next Friday to bring home.

Please keep an eye out for them.

Yateley Manor Cycle Club

Following the success of the Yateley to Paris cycle trip in 24 hours back in May 2019 the Headmaster would like to establish a Yateley Manor Cycling Club, which will be open to parents and staff. It will be a great opportunity to eventually run some events in person and celebrate the family ethos of the school.

The club has been set up within Strava, an online community where you can log your rides and pour over masses of data, if you wish, in relation to your efforts. You do not need to join with subscription – basic membership is free. Once a member you can join the Strava Yateley Manor Cycling Club by clicking on the magnifying glass at the top of the page and selecting clubs, then typing "Yateley Manor". Click on the club name and then "Request to join". [Alternatively click here.](#)

Once logged in and a member of the Club you will be able to see the rides of other members of the club and eventually it will be possible to set up group rides.

As a starting challenge, the Headmaster is proposing a "300 in 30" - to ride 300 miles in the 30 days of April. If you are a member of the Strava Yateley Manor Cycling Club your ride will automatically appear in the club and together you will be able to meet the challenge.

Robert Upton looks forward to welcoming you to the Yateley Manor Cycling Club.



Easter Holiday Clubs and Extended Nursery Provision.

The Holiday Club and Extended Nursery Provision will be open during the Easter holiday period as follows:

29th March - 1st April (4 days)	Holiday Club and Extended Nursery Provision
6th - 9th April (4 days)	Holiday Club and Extended Nursery Provision
12th - 15th April (4 days)	Holiday Club only

The Extended Nursery Provision is for Nursery aged children and the Holiday Club is open to children from Reception upwards. Please note that in the current situation holiday care is only open to Yateley Manor children.

Booking for these dates will open at 12.00 noon next Tuesday and can only be made for the full four day week.

We are still adhering to government coronavirus guidance and places are limited within the year group bubbles. Please visit the school [website for more details.](#)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Mrs Brundle and Mr Upton have had to take the very difficult and sad decision to cancel the production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The Headmaster mentioned in one of his letters to parents during lockdown that this was a likelihood and it is now clear that too much time has been lost to be able to successfully rehearse and perform the show in the remaining two weeks of this term. In addition, Covid restrictions would have forced many of the whole cast scenes, songs, costumes, and props to be removed from the show.

Mrs Brundle is, however, determined that there should be some form of dramatic performance for the children so has organised a drama showcase for the cast members which will take the form of a series of monologues, duologues, short sketches, and longer mini plays.

All children have been allocated parts and rehearsals are underway. Mrs Brundle would like everyone in the cast to attend drama club next Monday evening when scripts and a rehearsal schedule will be handed out.

Nelson Mandela Talk

The Headmaster has arranged a virtual visiting speaker for the evening of Monday 22nd March.

Christo Brand is a South African former prison guard who was one of several that were responsible for guarding Nelson Mandela when he was held, initially on Robben Island, and later in Pollsmoor Prison. Christo and Mandela developed a close friendship over the course of many years. Mandela was co-author of Christo's book, *Doing Life with Mandela: My Prisoner, My Friend* (2014). The Zoom presentation, which is suitable for children in Year 5 and above, will be available to children, their families and all staff. More details will be sent out nearer the day.

Nursery in Woodland Learning

The Nursery children visited the Woodland Learning area where they learnt how to use a potato peeler safely to sharpen the end of a stick. They then used this as a needle



to thread some leaves. The children very quickly discovered that it was easier to thread the green leaves as they were stronger than the brown leaves which were quick to crumble.

FYMS

FYMS Virtual Quiz: Thank you to everyone who participated in last weekend's virtual quiz. Fourteen teams took part in what was a highly enjoyable evening. A massive thank you to **Leanne MacIntyre** for organising such a fabulous event.

Barn Dance: We are still hopeful that we will hold our Barn Dance in person in late 2021. It is scheduled for Saturday 9th October at the Crown and Cushion in Minley. Tickets are £45 per person which includes entry, food and lots and lots of line dancing.

Please note that tickets are limited in number, so we encourage you to reserve yours [using this link](#). **You will need to register for our online events webpage, and tickets are fully refundable if the event is cancelled or the date moved**

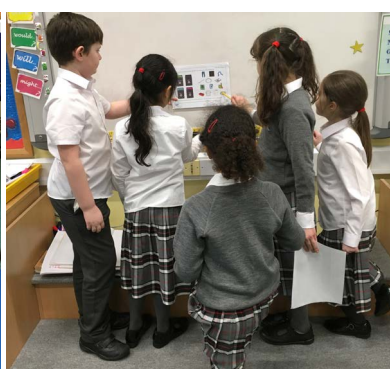
Smarties Challenge: Back in December, we set the Smarties Challenge! Buy a tube of smarties, eat the contents and then fill the tubes with 20p or £1 coins for each act of kindness completed.

Now that we are back at school, we will have drop off points out on Monday 15th March at each of the school entrances. If you would prefer to make a cashless smarties tube drop, then you can also do this via PayPal using FYMSDONATIONS@GMAIL.COM.

Pre-Prep Easter Egg Hunt: We are delighted to confirm that FYMS will be running the Easter Egg Hunt on the 26th March. This is a wonderful event that the children of Nursery and Pre-Prep love and we are thrilled that it can still go ahead. FYMS will not be able to be onsite for the event due to COVID restrictions so a massive thank you to Mrs Hendry and the Pre-Prep staff who have taken on the job of the Easter Bunnies this year. A huge thank you to **Liz Perry** for co-ordinating the event for FYMS.

Year 2 Science Escape Room

Year 2 celebrated Science Week with a Materials themed escape room. In small groups, the children had to use their knowledge of materials that they had learnt this term, to find the code for each clue.



A total of six clues were hidden around Pre-Prep. The groups had to work methodically and as a team to be successful. It was a great team building afternoon and a chance for scientific discussions. The winners were then given a materials based word search, which Year 2s just love!



Happy Birthday

Sam Barnes 9
Jack Cantelo 12
Finn Cater 3
Maia Cella Walker 9
Varun Ganesh 7
Farrah Knight 9
Tvisha Nair 7
Bunny Salvage 10
Ella Walley 10



Thank you to ...

The Gorvin Family (Grace and Zach) for their donation of books for Nursery and Pre-Prep.

The Smee Family (George and Evelyn) for their donation of books and toys for the Nursery.

Menu week commencing 12th March

PALMER & HOWELLS

Yateley Manor

Monday

Pork & Leek Sausage
Quorn Sausage

Jacket Potato
Choice of Toppings

Creamed Mash
Gravy
Savory Cabbage

Salad Bar

Dessert of the Day

Tuesday

Tandoori Lamb
Vegetable Curry

Jacket Potato
Choice of Toppings

Brown Rice
Naan Bread
Seasonal Veg

Salad Bar

Dessert of the Day

Wednesday

Roasted Pork Loin
Vegetable Roast

Jacket Potato
Choice Of Toppings

Herb Roasted Potato
Kale & Cabbage
Gravy

Salad Bar

Dessert of the Day

Thursday

Puff Pastry Topped
Chicken Pie
Puff Pastry Topped
Cheese Pie

Jacket Potato
Choice Of Toppings

Buttered New Potato
Carrot Batons
Fine Beans

Salad Bar

Dessert of the Day

Friday

Chicken Kiev
Quorn Dippers

Jacket Potato
Choice of Toppings

Wedges
Garden Peas
Dipping Sauces

Salad Bar

Dessert of the Day

Freshly Baked Bread, Seasonal Salads, Fresh Fruit are available daily



PALMER & HOWELLS
Independent School Caterers

Year 7 English

Some of Year 7 also took advantage of the lovely weather in the early part of the week to practise the opening scene from Macbeth on the outdoor stage.



Years 3 and 4 Matisse Art

During their enrichment session some of Years 3 and 4 have been looking at the style of Matisse. This week they created 'Icarus' cut outs in his style.



Year 4 Science

As part of Science Week Year 4 have been talking about inventions and designed their own Robo-Bugs. They thought carefully about the purpose of their Robo-Bug and then designed them on paper before making them out of clay.



Year 5 English

One Year 5 group spent a lesson investigating the features of a newspaper. They were asked to find interesting and eye catching headlines and explain why they found them persuasive to read.



Years 5 and 6 STEM Club

This week in STEM club, some of our Year 6 pupils were investigating the chemical properties of tea. Here they are extracting a sample of cold tea solution to see what effect it might have upon a dot of black ink on a blotter. Later, they investigated the effectiveness of tea as a coin cleaning agent.



Years 3 and 4 Enrichment

Mrs Hayter has been delighted to welcome children back to the cookery room this week. On Wednesday afternoon a group of Year 3 and 4 children made crumpet pizzas during their enrichment session.



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They researched the abilities of certain insects, clearly identified the tasks most suited to each robot version, adding their creative flair to bring them to life. Year 5 have been thinking about classrooms of the future; Year 6 have been looking at the changes to food brought about by selective breeding; and Year 7 have analysed claims made by some companies regarding the health benefits of chemicals like Epsom salts.

Across the years, we have investigated the way artists in the past created their paint pigments and compared them to the paint colours available today in the topic of Who Invented Blue. We have designed rockets of the future and tested them to see which shapes and styles can travel furthest – questions that space scientists, such as aerospace engineers who are planning trips to Mars will be considering. Finally, we have looked at innovation in crime fighting sciences – testing out methods for collecting fingerprints and thinking about the use of DNA to catch the criminals.

This has been a fabulous way to get back into Science after lockdown and welcome the children back to Yateley Manor.



Year 3 Cookery

Year 3 have been busy baking and icing colourful biscuits for Mothers' Day.



Years 5 to 8 Sport

Despite it being a wet and miserable afternoon on Wednesday the children in Years 5 to 8 took part in a range of sporting activities. Years 7 and 8 were in the cricket nets in the Fyson Blum Hall working on their batting and bowling. Year 6 had one session of fitness and played dodgeball and Year 5 spent half the afternoon in the swimming pool and the other half playing table tennis.

In their games lessons the children have been enjoying playing mixed tag rugby.

