



15th December 2022

Message from Mr O'Sullivan

I am hoping that lots of you read the newsletter a week ago and have taken the opportunity to ensure that Santa has been informed about dropping a book off at Christmas. I've been handed an early Christmas gift of a book by a member of staff which I will enjoy diving into in the new year. Reading will become a real drive in the school for 2023, so if parents have any ideas how to promote and support this further, please reach out and get in touch. During our quest to promote reading further we have encountered various studies which, to be honest, reflect the obvious; however, I have listed a few below in order to help you support the reluctant readers in your family.

- Students are less able to learn other curricula if they do not develop sufficient reading skills by the middle of primary school.
- Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background.
- 16-year-olds who choose to read books for pleasure outside of school are more likely to secure managerial or professional jobs in later life.
- Children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher

results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.

- Low levels of literacy cost the UK an estimated £81 billion a year in lost earnings and increased welfare spending, impacting on 'the success of the economy as a whole'.
- Per capita incomes are higher in countries where more adults reach the highest levels of literacy proficiency and fewer adults are at the lowest levels of literacy.
- Reading extensively and for pleasure can foster the development of stronger reading habits and increase literacy skills at a greater rate than through formal literacy lessons.
- 19% of readers say that reading stops them from feeling lonely. This is backed up by a study analysing social connectedness which found that reading books significantly reduces feelings of loneliness for people aged 18-64.
- Higher literacy skills are associated with a range of positive societal benefits, including having a stronger sense of belonging to society and being more likely to trust others.
- Studies have found that reading for pleasure enhances empathy, understanding of the self, and the ability to understand one's own and others' identities. For example, reading Harry Potter has been shown to improve children's attitudes toward stigmatized groups such as immigrants, refugees, and members of the LGBT community.

**Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.**

Dates for your diary:

Back to school - Wednesday 4th January

Sixth Form application deadline – 13th January

29th/30th March – We Will Rock You school show

And something that was quite humorous regarding the importance of a book.

BOOK is a revolutionary technological breakthrough: no wires, no electric currents, no batteries. Nothing to be connected or switched on. So easy to use, even a child can operate it! Compact, portable, it can be used anywhere -- even on a beach, yards from a power point. Yet it is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM disc! Here's how it works:

BOOK is constructed of literally hundreds of sequentially numbered sheets of paper (recyclable), each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. The pages are locked together with a custom fit device (a "binder") which maintains each sheet in its correct sequence.

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BOOK may be taken up at any time and used merely by opening it!

BOOK never crashes or requires rebooting. The "browse" feature permits you to move instantly to any single sheet AND move forward and backward as you wish. Forget scrolling arrows or multiple key commands! BOOK often comes with an "index" feature which pinpoints the exact sheet location of any selected information for instant retrieval.

An optional "BOOKmark" accessory allows you to open book at THE EXACT PLACE YOU LEFT IT IN A PREVIOUS SESSION ... even if BOOK has been closed! Best of all, BOOKmarks fit universal design standards ... any BOOKmark can be used in any BOOK by any manufacturer! A brand-new BOOKmark can even be used in a BOOK that predates it by months, even years!

Should you wish to store numerous views in a single book, multiple BOOKmarks can be used.

You also have the option to make personal notes next to BOOK text entries with an optional programming tool, Portable Erasable-Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Stylus (PENCILS).

Portable, durable, and affordable, BOOK is being hailed as the precursor of a new information-delivery wave. BOOK's appeal is so certain that thousands of self-employed content creators (like me) have committed to the platform, and edit technicians are evaluating their submissions.

Life is short. Information is dear. Forget the Internet.

When deciding to access information, think BOOK.

Happy Christmas everyone.

Remembering World War One

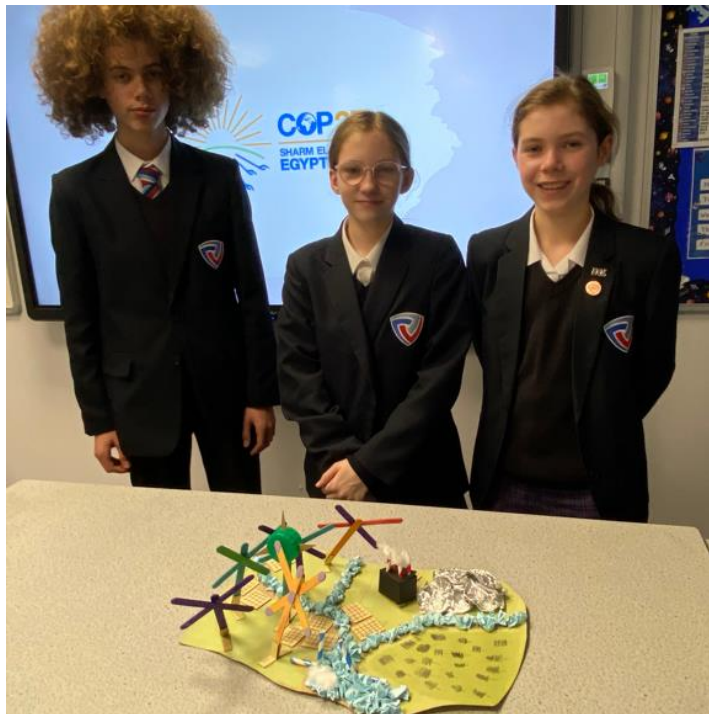
My Great, Great Grandfather was in World War One. His name was Harry Lander and he married Rosa Richman. In English with Ms Lewis we are learning about WW1 as we read 'Remembrance' by Theresa Breslin, so I brought in some postcards that Harry sent to his wife and children in 1915. It included the line, " Must also thank you for the gloves with fond love to you and the children."

by Caoimhe, Year 7

Stem Club Fun

With the ever-increasing concerns about Climate Change and Global Warming, STEM Club have been working with Miss Sabharwal over the past 5 weeks to create Moja Island! Moja Island is an island powered solely by renewable energy sources. Each group was responsible for a particular part of the island and had to use the natural resources available in that region to design energy resources. This week, the students presented their island models to each other at a COP27 style conference. The final islands were of an incredibly high standard and looked superb. Well done to all that

took part and especially to our winners: John, Alice and Demi!

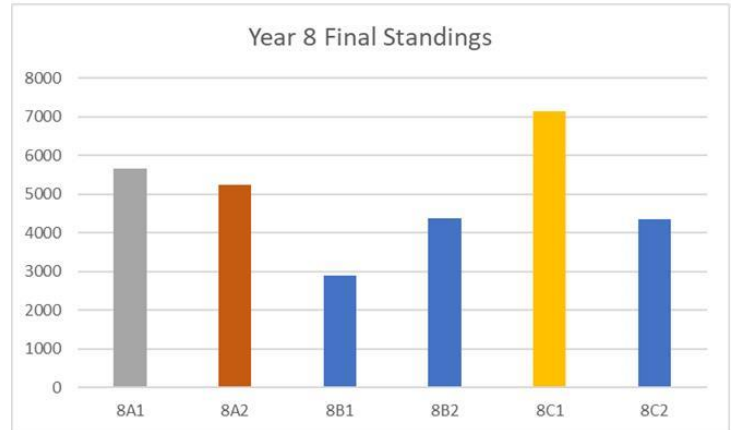
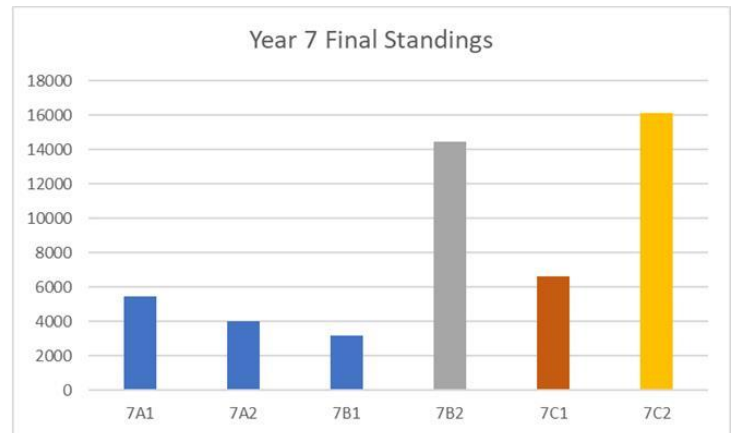


Dr Frost: Class Award

The competition for DrFrost points in Y7&8 has now ended and whilst it was a close fought contest, there had to be a winner! 7C2 and 8C1 were the victors

scoring very impressively over the 3 week period. With assessments having been returned for many year groups this week, it is a perfect time to be logging on and trying out the tasks associated with incorrectly answered questions. Please see the video linked for more info.

From the Maths Department



Year 9 English

9b1/En1 have been creating their own political parties, building on everything they learned from reading 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell. Teams of four presented their political manifestos to Ms Lewis and the class, culminating in an election. Excellent campaigning, Comrades.

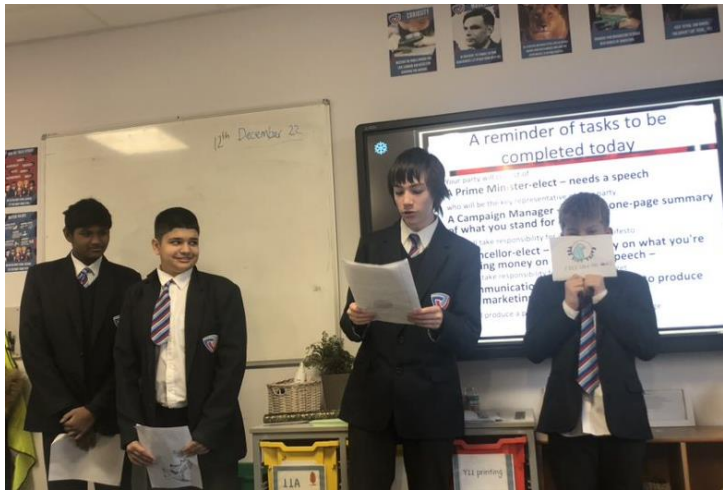


Further textile donations needed

A big thank you for all the donations to textiles - they have been great. If there are any more, please drop them into Reception.

Year 7 Castle Design

Well done to 7A1 who had an exciting lesson last week designing their own castles after learning about medieval castles. A particular favourite was the drawbridges designed by Olek, Max, Levi, Kai and Jude! Well done, all!



Knitting Club

This term Knitting Club felt very festive. Existing and new members got stuck in and created lovely woolly mini chocolate yule logs; some even managed to knit two in the six weeks we had. Our second project was mini woolly hats to put on a tree or to give as small gift. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Knitting Club.



Year 13 History Trip to Portsmouth

Year 13 had a brilliant trip to Portsmouth last week. Students were lucky enough to visit the HMS Victory and then the HMS Warrior as they learnt about changing up designs. Thank you to Mr Jones for helping us to drive there and making the day out possible!



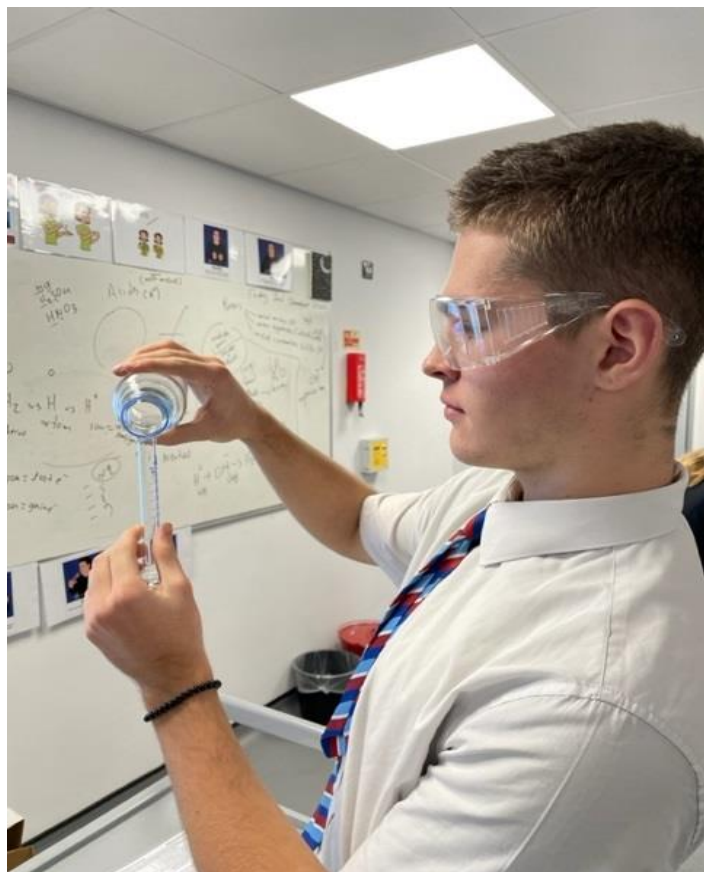
Lessons from Auschwitz Project

Due to the generosity of the Lessons From Auschwitz Project, we are lucky enough to have four Year 13 historians who will be visiting Auschwitz in February. They are really looking forward to this powerful learning opportunity.



Chemistry update

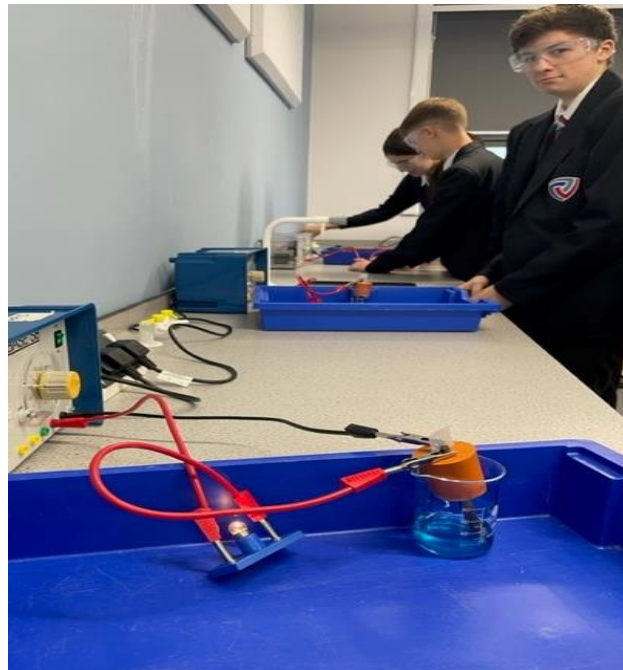
This week Y11 students revisited the practical of measuring the temperature changes of a neutralisation reaction. Having the experience and confidence of a Y11 student, they all followed the method to the letter



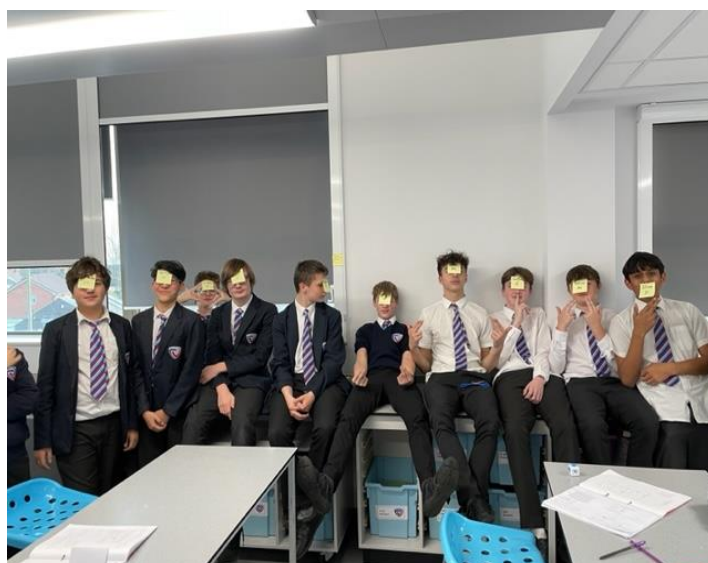
without any support, measured all reactant quantities with great precision and managed to get great results!

Year 10 experimented on electrolysis of copper chloride. Their task was to separate copper chloride and observe what is happening at the anode and cathode. In this investigation a small amount of toxic chlorine gas is produced so the room was well ventilated to keep everyone safe! Do you know why chlorine is added to drinking water? Drinking water is disinfected by adding tightly controlled amounts of chlorine (up to 4 milligrams per litre). A small amount of chlorine remains in water after treatment. This 'residual' amount of chlorine ensures that the water stays bacteriologically safe (harmful bacteria are killed) as it passes through long lengths of distribution mains.

In very long distribution networks, chlorine is added at strategic points (boosting) to make sure there is enough.



Year 9 students started learning about the periodic table and metals and non-metals. One of the key concepts in this unit, and often hard to remember, is ion formation. In this class activity each student was given randomly an element from the periodic table and had to figure out what type of ion would it form (positive or negative), based on the nature of the element and find the correct charge displayed around the room with post-it notes! All students were successful in identifying their correct charge, but some they were a bit shy when it came to showing their faces!



Christmas Hampers

Following an assembly focused on the cost of living crisis, Turing House wanted to do their bit in supporting families in our local community. Tutor groups pulled together to create beautiful hampers, bursting with non-perishable items and festive favourites, accompanied by homemade Christmas cards. On Friday 9th December, Mrs Curtis, Tom and Zoe (Lead Students) and members of the Charity and Community Student Council team delivered the boxes to the Whitton Community Association who were overwhelmed by your generosity. They were certain families would be appreciative of these extra care packages over the Christmas season.



Sixth Former for a Day

On Wednesday 7th December, Year 11 students took over the Sixth Form Common Room and spent the day experiencing the life of a Sixth Former. The aim of the day is to offer students the opportunity to trial subjects that they may opt to study at KS5 and to offer them some guidance beyond Post-18.

Evie H and Lucy F wrote the below reflections from their day:

Sixth Former for a Day was a great experience. We started our day off by meeting in the Common Room, where our current Sixth Formers spend their time at break and lunch, or their study periods. Each of our lessons informed me of what we would be learning during the course and expanded our knowledge of the

subject. Not only did attending these lessons indicate to me what I would enjoy taking for my A Levels, but also what I might not enjoy as much. The teachers for each subject were extremely helpful and answered all of the questions we asked with great detail. We also had a workshop with St. Mary's University students, introducing us to possible pathways and courses we can take part in after our A-Levels which was really useful. Sixth Former for a Day has really helped us get a feel for exactly what our Post-16 journey will look like.

Staff were so impressed with the maturity of the 'Sixth Formers' throughout the day, both through their responses to tasks in lessons but also their attitude and presentation. We really hope you all enjoyed the day; we certainly did!



Sixth Form Application Deadlines

Friday 13th January



Sixth Form Wellbeing and RS Day

On Thursday 8th December, Mrs Jones and Mr Wood organised a Wellbeing and Religious Studies dropdown day. For the first half of the day, students took part in workshops delivered by Mind, Richmond, in which they focused on self-esteem, anxiety and depression. In the afternoon, students attended a 'Question Time' inspired conference where a panel of local religious leaders discussed their faith's approach towards the topic of Sexuality. The panel was chaired by Tom P. and Oliver P., both controlling the pace of discussion but also directing pertinent questions. A huge thank you all students who participated in the day, asking relevant and thoughtful questions.

Sixth Form Christmas Social

Sixth Form students enjoyed a fantastic Christmas social to 'Glide' at Battersea Power Station on Monday 14th December. Come 11am, the ice rink was commandeered by a majority of Turing House Sixth Formers - some who looked like professional skaters, others who resonated more with Bambi! Despite this, fun was had by all... the snow helped us feel all the more Christmassy too! A definite trip to repeat!





UCAS Send Day

Good luck to all the Year 13 students who submitted their UCAS applications this side of Christmas! Let's wait for those offers to start rolling in!

Year 7 Boys Basketball Tournament

The Year 7 boys took part in the borough basketball tournament last week, hosted by Hampton School. There were several schools in attendance with two pools being played, so plenty of basketball for the boys to enjoy. Each game proved to be a very close encounter, but the closest match was against the tournament winners - the Turing team came agonisingly close to causing the biggest upset of the day as they were up on the scoreboard against Grey Court but lost by just one point in the end! An impressive effort, nonetheless. Well done to everyone involved!



Year 8 Boys Basketball v Green School

The Year 8 basketball team continued their Junior NBA league this week. They came up against Green School and Villiers in back-to-back basketball action. Both opposing teams have proven to be stiff competition on the Year 9's side of the league. This was again the case for the Year 8 boys, but despite best efforts, it seemed like the Turing team's relentless pace of attack - not to mention their ability to force long range shots when in defence - was unstoppable on this occasion as they cruised to not one but two victories that afternoon. Well done to all involved! The Year 7 team get their shot at kick-starting the Junior NBA league soon too as they take on Lampton and Twickenham - report to follow in the new year.



Year 7 Family Bingo night

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GAMES - FUN - PRIZES

Thursday 19th January, 7-9pm
 Adults £3.00, Children £2.00, Under 6's free
 Evening includes 3 games of Bingo with prizes.
 Tickets go on sale in January.
 Save the date in your diary.

Sports Clubs in the New Term

Most after-school sports clubs will resume in the second week of the new term (this is the week commencing 9th January). One or two clubs will also have moved to a different day of the week (such as judo club, which will be on a Wednesday and girls rugby club, which will be on a Tuesday), but an updated after-school club timetable will be confirmed and communicated home after the New Year. Well done to all students who have been involved with a sports club this year!

Water Safety

This [warning](#) from the Royal Life Saving Society about water safety is in response to the tragic news of four children who fell through frozen ice on a pond in the

West Midlands yesterday. Tragically, three children have lost their lives and the fourth is critically ill.

As we face a prolonged cold spell, which will go into the holiday period, please share the RLSS advice link with your families and talk to children about the dangers of frozen water.

Parental safeguards on devices

Setting parental safeguards on your child's devices

If you're viewing this on a screen, tap (or click) the appropriate icon below.
 If you're looking at this on paper, point your phone's camera at the appropriate QR code and tap the link that appears.

Follow the instructions on the website exactly, in particular setting the age of the child.
 We recommend you set the device not to allow any apps or games to be installed without your permission.
 Protect your settings with a strong password that is not known to the child.



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Friends of Bushy Park Newsletter



FROM THE CHAIR

It took a longer time for winter to arrive this year. It was 1 December before I noticed it had got colder. That says something about climate change to me, as did a meeting I attended in early October. It was a meeting which Phil Edwards, the Bushy Park manager, had organised. The meeting brought together around a dozen of The Royal Parks' experts in various specialisms to consider how to ensure the park and gardens can survive climate change over the next 50 years and more. These were experts in arboriculture, horticulture, ecology, hydrology, botany, wildlife, landscaping and planting. Their conversation fascinated me as the layman among them because it was both illuminating and even alarming to hear them. They agreed that none of them know what in nature will best survive, evolve, and cope with the effects of climate change. They are planning a variety of measures to address the effects, so far as they can, given best estimates and predictions, but they know that not all their plans will succeed. It was heartening that they are facing up to the known unknowns and doing their best for the long term. I recently met Alex Wigley, the new Head of Estates and Gardens for Historic Royal Palaces. His role will focus on the long term rather than the day-to-day, looking at 50 years or more, and how Home Park and his other historic estates and gardens will develop to cope with climate change. There is clear evidence that seasons are shifting, temperatures are rising, weather patterns are becoming damaging and wildlife is suffering from loss of both habitat and usual food sources. The Friends of Bushy and Home Parks charity exists to ensure the parks, and what lives in them, will be around for future generations. We share common interests with those experts who are facing up to the massive challenge.

Our plan to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee and, as it has turned out, the reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II, has



progressed. The glade in the Waterhouse Plantation is chosen, plants and trees selected and ordered. Delivery is awaited, along with dates for members to help with planting. Members' suggested locations for new benches around Bushy Park are with the park team. Expect to see new benches appearing. An electric buggy has arrived which will ferry visitors with mobility difficulties from the Diana car park to the Pheasantry Café. Once we have trained our volunteer drivers, the Friends can begin a limited service in the New Year and gauge demand. A start has been made on the reinstatement of Chestnut Sunday from 2024, with the Friends in partnership with The Royal Parks. It is intended to re-establish this in Bushy Park's calendar, as a community event, respecting the park environment, reflecting the event's history, and the park's heritage, and providing a fun day out.

I take the opportunity at this time of year to thank our many volunteers, guests, members and trustees, for supporting the Friends. Thanks to the professional teams in both parks, too. In 2021 I looked forward to 2022 but didn't expect it to be quite so eventful. So I suggest we just try to keep calm and carry on...

Colin Muid

On the twelve days of Christmas
Bushy Park gave to me—by Rebecca Harvey



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NEW MEMBERSHIP RATES COMING SOON

This year at the annual AGM in March, the membership voted in favour of a proposal for an increase in membership rates. The increase has come about due to rising costs. Membership fees cover our operating costs, such as charges for hiring, printing, equipment and insurance. Our membership fees have remained the same since our foundation in 1990!

We are simplifying and increasing membership to £10 single membership and £15 for a couple. This will apply to **NEW** members joining us from 1 January 2023.

Existing members will still be able to renew their membership on their due date at their old rate. However, we would ask that if you can see yourself able to contribute at the new higher rate this will be an option you can choose and will be appreciated. The renewal forms, either on the on-line method to renew or on the paperwork sent out to you, will clearly show your various options both old and new.

Thank you to all our members old and new. We value and appreciate your continued support.

DIGITAL AND PAPER FORMAT

We know that many of our members like to have a paper version of the newsletter, and we will happily continue to provide it. However, if you currently receive a paper copy you will be kept up to date with the newsletter but you will not receive some of the information as quickly as those with email addresses do. We send out emails to members if there is something that is time critical or important that they need to know. We therefore encourage members to let us know their email address if they have one to ensure they are getting any special announcements we send out. If you are able to receive the newsletter electronically instead please drop a line to the membership secretary who will make that change for you. This small change can make a big difference to the costs for the organisation.

Membership secretary: membersec@fbhp.org.uk
Susan Hugill

VISITOR CENTRE

Christmas gifts and souvenirs of the parks



The Visitor Centre next to the Pheasantry Café in Bushy Park is a great place to look for small gifts and souvenirs as Christmas presents.

As well as the calendar and Christmas cards with views of the parks

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and their wildlife, we also stock tea towels, bags, soft toys, stationery and, when available, local honey. All proceeds go towards funding projects in Bushy Park and Home Park.

The 2023 calendar has been on sale since September and is selling well, as is our new range of Christmas cards. These can be purchased in the Visitor Centre or from the online shop <https://fbhp.org.uk>.



The Visitor Centre is open 11am to 3pm at weekends, and from 16 December we hope to open during the week also, until the end of the month, depending on volunteers being available.



Once again you can see and experience an enchanting seasonal carriage ride drawn by majestic shire horses. Enjoy the sounds of hoofs and bells, revel in the crisp air and watch the wildlife up close while you snuggle under a blanket... and have some seasonal refreshments to truly get into the festive spirit! Proceeds will help fund sustainable conservation initiatives with the working shire horses in the Royal Parks.

The carriage rides with the shire horses will be run in Bushy Park from 17 to 24 December plus Boxing Day, by the Operation Centaur charity starting off from the Pheasantry. Rides will start from 10.30am and leave every half hour to the last booking at 2pm.

Operation Centaur keeps the art of working with rare breed heavy horses alive, through estate conservation, heritage, community projects and equine therapy. You can find out more about Operation Centaur [here](http://www.operationcentaur.org.uk). Want to book a carriage ride? Find out more [here](http://www.operationcentaur.org.uk) or go to <https://www.seetickets.com/event/christmas-shires-carriage-rides-bushy-park/bushy-park/2186278>

Operation Centaur are looking for volunteers to marshal people who have been booked onto the rides. Shifts will be either 10-12 or 12-2 over the nine day period. Everyone who volunteers with Operation Centaur will be offered a free carriage ride as a thank you. If you would like to help, please contact: info@operationcentaur.com

BENCHES

Members of the Friends of Bushy and Home Parks were asked by Phil Edwards, the Bushy Park manager, to submit suggestions for the placement of benches. The suggestions came in by email and via the Visitor Centre, and then were collated and mapped to be sent for review.



We had 46 people who suggested 55 bench placements. From the text accompanying most of the suggestions, it has been possible to categorise the requests; tranquility and mobility were by far the most popular reasons. The most popular areas were Hampton Hill, Leg of Mutton Pond, Water-house Pond, and while other areas were named individually, it's clear that locations near water are very popular, and considered tranquil.

Mobility drove many suggestions that included the gates to the park where people can rest having just arrived, and long stretches such as Chestnut Avenue, Lime Avenue and the path leading from the Hampton Wick Gate to the playground, were also chosen. Wild life enjoyment of skylarks, waterfowl and bats was also popular.

Many thanks to those who participated, and we look forward to seeing the first few benches placed in the coming year.

LONGFORD RIVER HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

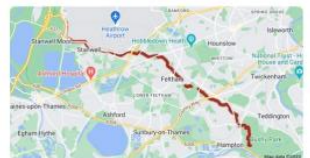
The Royal Parks is clearing aquatic vegetation along sections of the Longford River, to maintain river flow and reduce the risk of flooding. Vegetation is being removed within the centre of the river channel only, retaining plants on the river edges and banks.

The Longford River feeds many ponds and streams in Bushy Park, and between 1649 and 1658 the river flow was redirected to the Heron and Leg of Mutton ponds. It was created in 1637 by Charles I to bring water to Hampton Court Palace. Dug by hand, it now stretches from north of Heathrow Airport to Hampton Court, flowing through the villages of Bedford, Feltham and Hampton before reaching the park.

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This careful approach to river maintenance will enable the continued provision of vital wildlife habitat, while improving flow through the centre of the river. The works will also help reduce the amount of silt accumulating on the riverbed and improve water oxygenation. This will in turn benefit invertebrates, fish and other aquatic wildlife. The work will largely be delivered manually by volunteers and contractors, except along the Queen's River where a long-reach digger will be used.

Once removed, aquatic vegetation will be placed by the water's edge for 24 hours to allow any wildlife caught up in it to return to the river; it will then be collected and composted. Appropriate ecological surveys and site inspections have been undertaken in preparation for the works. The works began on 5 December and are expected to last around three weeks.



DEER CULL

The deer cull is ongoing, and we know that some people are distressed at the practice, believing it to be callous and unnecessary. Such opinions are respected, but it is necessary to avoid malnutrition and disease from overcrowding, as the carrying capacity of the park is limited. This carrying capacity ensures that the deer have enough food and grazing to survive and thrive. If anyone wants to know more they can click [here](https://www.operationcentaur.org.uk) or go to 980065_v_r-info-on-trp-deer-cull.pdf (info@operationcentaur.com)

AVIAN FLU

The Royal Parks (TRP) remains very concerned about the current UK wide outbreak of avian influenza and is carrying out enhanced monitoring of its waterbodies to check for signs of illness and to ensure that any carcasses are removed immediately. TRP is following all instructions issued by the Animal Plant and Health Agency. The public can assist TRP's efforts by not feeding or touching wildlife, and reporting any sick or dead birds seen in the Royal Parks to 0300 061 2000 or via email hb@royalparks.org.uk

For more information on avian flu visit AvianInfluenza.gov.uk (www.gov.uk)

CHESTNUT SUNDAY



The Royal Parks has made an announcement regarding Chestnut Sunday, and Phil Edwards, the park manager of Bushy Park has said:

"Due to staffing issues, Chestnut Sunday will not take place in Bushy Park in May 2023. For decades, Chestnut Sunday has been a hugely popular event in Bushy Park, and we are absolutely committed to its return in 2024.

Previously this event has been organised and delivered by our small inhouse park team. In the last few years, it was suspended due to the pandemic but also due to the significant improvement works that have taken place in Bushy Park and the staffing resource this requires. Works have included a restoration project to restore paths and grasslands, and now our focus is firmly on the Woodland Gardens restoration project.

We have been in discussions with the Friends of Bushy Park, and we will partner with them to bring back this much-loved community event in 2024. The aim is to deliver a community event that is kind to the park environment, reflects the origins of Chestnut Sunday, showcases Bushy Park's heritage and provides a fun day out for everyone.

We wish to invite representatives from local associations, community groups and individuals, who will bring ideas, resources and enthusiasm to participate in planning and organising the event for 2024. Please email chestnuts@fbhp.org.uk if you are interested."

If you would like to know more, please follow the link [here](https://www.fbhp.org.uk)

PERMANENT CLOSURE OF CHESTNUT AVENUE

The Royal Parks charity will retain measures to reduce the impact of cut-through traffic in Richmond, Bushy and Greenwich Parks on a permanent basis.

This follows the completion of a two-year trial, a comprehensive park visitor engagement exercise and a detailed traffic analysis, monitoring and evaluation programme. In Bushy Park, Chestnut Avenue will remain permanently closed to vehicle traffic between Teddington and Hampton Court Gates. Consultation responses from across the parks indicated that a majority of respondents supported the proposals. With the closure of the roads, The Royal Parks will look to explore how the space will be repurposed, engaging with the local communities and park visi-

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tors on measures that help to improve the parks.

Tom Jarvis, Director of Parks said: "As custodians of some of London's finest green spaces, we're delighted to announce that the successful trials to reduce cut-through traffic in our outer parks will be made permanent. The decision is a key part of ensuring The Royal Parks is delivering on its charitable objects.

We'd like to thank all those who have been involved in the project since it was launched in July 2020, particularly those who responded to our public consultations.

We're looking forward to engaging with our stakeholders and the local communities to see how we may repurpose the spaces available, now that certain roads are closed permanently to vehicles."



If you would like to know more about how these decisions will improve the park visitor experience and open new spaces for park visitors to enjoy, click [here](https://www.royalparks.org.uk/managing-the-parks/park-strategies/the-royal-parks-transport-and-movement-strategy) or follow this link: <https://www.royalparks.org.uk/managing-the-parks/park-strategies/the-royal-parks-transport-and-movement-strategy>

MOBILITY BUGGY SERVICE



The Friends will be trialling a mobility buggy service around Easter 2023; it will be available at weekends and bank holidays initially.

The intent is to provide the service between the Pheasantry and the Diana car park and back, prioritising those with mobility issues. Depending on the success and the usage, this may be extended in terms of times and routes. There is much to think about including volunteers, and the service of the vehicle, but we will be able to give you more information in due course.

WALKS AND TALKS PROGRAMME FOR 2023

I'm excited to share with you our walks and talks schedule for next year. There are a few regular items and some different new ones too. Not every event is confirmed yet, and I expect more events will be added. I will therefore be keeping you updated throughout the year via the newsletters, email and on posters outside the Visitor Centre.

We continue to have high demand for our walks and talks, and to make sure things are safe and enjoyable for all we will continue to use our on-line booking system, with members having priority. If you struggle with the booking system, you can email walksandtalks@fbhp.org.uk. Those without internet or computer access are being contacted separately with alternative arrangements. If events are not filled by members, they will be advertised to non-members via posters in the parks and other marketing methods.

Friday 20 January 2023 - doors open 7pm
Deer of the UK, a talk from Derek Stimpson of the British Deer Society
Normansfield Theatre, Teddington

Saturday 4 February 2023 - 11am
Looking after Home Park and its deer, a walk with the estates team
Lion Gate, Hampton Court

Friday 24 February 2023 - doors open 7pm
Hedgehogs – The ZSL Hog Survey, a talk from Chris Carbone
Normansfield Theatre, Teddington

Friday 24 March 2023 - doors open 7pm
My career remembered through the garden projects I managed for HRP, a talk by Dr Terry Gough, plus AGM
Normansfield Theatre, Teddington

Saturday 22 April 2023 - 11am
Forest bathing, a mindful nature walk, with Amanda Christie
Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

Friday 28 April 2023 - doors open 7pm
Bushy House and the NPL – a talk by Andrew Hanson from the National Physical Laboratory
Normansfield Theatre, Teddington

Saturday 20 May 2023 - 11am
Rare and interesting trees of the Pheasantry and Woodland Gardens, a walk with Ian Rodger (from The Royal Parks)
Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

Saturday 17 June 2023 - 11am
Beetles and invertebrates, a walk with Connor Butler (from The Royal Parks)
Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

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Saturday 15 July 2023 - 11am
Nature walk around the ponds of Bushy Park, with Pippa Hyde
Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

Saturday 5 August 2023 - 11am
Butterflies of Bushy Park, a walk with May Webber (from The Royal Parks)
Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

September 2023 TBC - 6.30pm
Evening Bat walk with Philip Briggs
Teddington Gate, Bushy Park

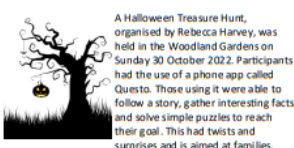
October 2023 TBC - 11am
Fungi walk with Brian Spooner
Visitor Centre, Bushy Park

Friday 27 October 2023 - doors open 7pm
History of the paintings and the painters of Bushy Park TBC
Normansfield Theatre, Teddington

Friday 1 December 2023 - doors open 7pm
Anne Boleyn & Elizabeth I: The Mother and Daughter Who Made History, a talk by Tracy Borman (author)
Normansfield Theatre, Teddington

Thank you everyone and see you soon,
Rebecca Harvey
Walks and Talks organiser

HALLOWEEN TREASURE HUNT



A Halloween Treasure Hunt, organised by Rebecca Harvey, was held in the Woodland Gardens on Sunday 30 October 2022. Participants had the use of a phone app called Questo. Those using it were able to follow a story, gather interesting facts and solve simple puzzles to reach their goal. This had twists and surprises and is aimed at families. People experienced the sights, smells and sounds of picturesque Bushy Park and enjoyed themselves at the same time. Feedback from participants indicated that by answering the questions in Questo, people learned about the park, in a fun way, involving all the family. It was fascinating to see children in control of the app, guiding their parents on the treasure hunt to find the clues. The occasion was enhanced by FBHP marshals dressed in Halloween costumes.

It should be noted that the Questo app is a commercial product, and does not receive endorsement from The Royal Parks.

FBHP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

To be held on Friday, 24 March 2023 at 7pm

at the Normansfield Theatre, Langdon Centre, 2A Langdon Park, Teddington, TW11 9PC.

The meeting will be preceded by a talk from Dr Terry Gough MVO, the former Head of Gardens & Estates for Historic Royal Palaces: *My career remembered through the garden projects I managed for HRP.*

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held 25 March 2022
3. Matters arising
4. Annual Report for 2022
5. Financial Report and adoption of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner
7. Election of the Committee of Trustees comprising the Officers and other Committee Members*
8. Any other business

* If anyone is interested in becoming a Trustee, Colin Muid, our Chair, chair@fbhp.org.uk is happy to provide more information. Nominations for Trustees and Officers are invited. We would prefer to receive nominations in advance of the meeting, preferably by 10 March 2023.

Merry Christmas to The Friends of Bushy and Home Parks



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Electronic newsletter

We would encourage as many Friends as possible to sign up to receive the quarterly newsletter electronically. Please email your request to membership@fbhp.org.uk

If you have any comments about this newsletter or information you would like to share with us you can email edjor@fbhp.org.uk

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Girls Football Opportunities - Christmas

Please see some opportunities on the next page for girls to play football for FREE over Christmas.



Community Sports Trust

SQUAD
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

NEW Squad Sessions
Springwest Academy **FREE**

Age: 12-16 years old

When: Fridays (excluding Friday 28th October)

Time: 16.00-17.00

Location: Springwest Academy
Feltham Community College, Browell's Lane
Feltham, TW13 7EF



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Community Sports Trust





Girls Only Football Camp
Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub

Come and join us for our girls' football camp at Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub, delivered by our experienced football coaches.

Date: 21st December

Time: 10.30-14.00

Age: 6-16 year olds

Cost: £10 deposit (refunded if your daughter attends)

Location: Gunnersbury Park Sports Hub
Popes Lane, London, W3 8LQ

Scan the QR code above to register



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Squads – 12-16 year olds

The aim of this new and exciting programme is to provide girls between the ages of 12-16 with a fun, relevant and engaging recreational offer that allows them to develop themselves as much as their football skills in a safe, inclusive environment.

To Register:

<http://faevents.thefa.com/bookevent?eventID=5886>

Girls Only Holiday Camp – Gunnersbury Park

Come and join us for our **FREE** girls' football Christmas Camp at Gunnersbury Park. Our football camp is delivered by our experienced football coaches who have expert knowledge of girls' football.

The camp will include learning new football skills, playing matches, and having fun in a safe environment. No prior football experience is required. Please supply your daughter with a packed lunch on the day (no nuts are allowed as a safety precaution). We will not be providing food on the day.

To Register:

<https://www.brentfordfcst.com/event/gunnersbury-girls-camp-22/>

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Amber Llyod, Football Development Manager on 07436 335938.

WHITTON YOUTH ZONE WINTER ACTIVITIES

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 11 TO 19 YEARS OLD

MONDAY 19 TO THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER



PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MATT ROACH
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Whitton Youth Zone
 1 Britannia Lane, Twickenham TW2 7JX



HOW TO JOIN AND WHAT HAPPENS ON YOUR FIRST DAY

Due to the nature of COVID-19, we are currently running a booking system on [Event Brite \(whittonyouthzone.eventbrite.co.uk\)](https://whittonyouthzone.eventbrite.co.uk).

Make sure to book your place before turning up to the youth centre.

Any new young people who attend the youth centre for the first time will be asked to fill in a membership form with emergency contact details etc. We ideally want a parent or guardian to fill this in for young people under the age of 16, however young people 13+ can fill in their own forms and will contact parents to check the details. Young people under the age of 13 without a membership form filled in from a parent or guardian can not remain onsite. Membership is free and sessions are free unless otherwise stated.

Membership forms can be emailed to parents if requested.

Once you have booked your place and filled in a membership form you are ready to go and take part in a wide range of activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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MONDAY 19 TO THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER	THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER
OPEN DROP IN	OPEN DROP IN	OPEN DROP IN	OPEN DROP IN
Art, cooking, gym, music production, and photography 11.00am to 3.00pm	Art, cooking, gym, music production, and photography 11.00am to 3.00pm	Art, cooking, gym, music production, and photography 11.00am to 3.00pm	Art, cooking, gym, music production, and photography 11.00am to 3.00pm

ACTIVITIES

ART

Come and take part in a different art activity each day, ranging from card making, painting, fabric art and much more.

We ask that young people bring a top that they don't mind getting dirty. We will try to keep everything clean however sometimes accidents happen and we don't want young people to ruin their clothes.

COOKING

Come and learn some amazing cooking skills from our amazing youth workers. Some call us 'Jamie Oliver' and 'Mary Berry' but we are looking to help young people create their own healthy meals and snacks.

DROP IN

A daily drop-in session for young people that provides a safe space for them to come and chat to youth workers and take part in activities. Young people will have access to activities such as cooking sessions, music production, art workshops, gardening, healthy relationship and lifestyle discussions, fitness and the gym, and more.

Young people also have the chance to speak to youth workers about their problems, college life, friendships, relationships, lifestyle choices, university planning, and more.

GYM

Come and improve your fitness, our youth workers are also personal trainers and will put you through your paces in a some fun workshops. Bring a bottle of water and dress appropriately.

MUSIC PRODUCTION

Have an ear for music and want to explore it a bit more? Get down to our studio and learn how to build a song from start to finish, music production, beats, rap, singing, rehearsing and learn some new skills.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Do you have a creative flare for photography? Come down and show us how it's done. We will have a photographer coming down to give some hints and tips to get the best photographs possible.

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE YOUTH SERVICE

Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on everything that is happening.

Instagram

- @afc_whittonyouthzone
- @afc_heathamhouse
- @afc_hamyouthcentre
- @afc_powerstation
- @afc_southsideyouth
- @youth_outloud
- @albany.outdoors
- @thelighthouseproject_afc

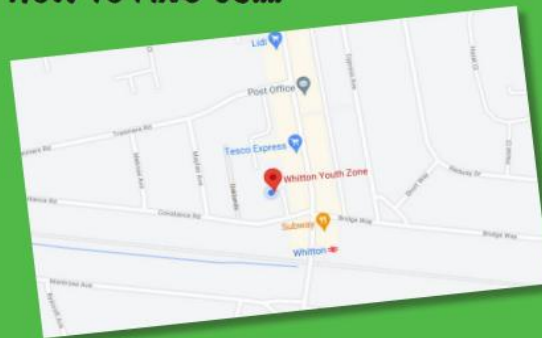
TikTok

- @afc_youthservice

Website

- https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/young_people

HOW TO FIND US....



Nearest train stations:
 One minute walk from Whitton Station

Whitton Youth Zone
 1 Britannia Lane TW2 7JX



Innovate

DON'T MISS OUT ON FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES EVERY DAY!

Innovate provide delicious, nutritious meals every day in your school. Our chefs cook everything fresh each day with a huge choice at break and lunch.

Amazing food with loads of choice and an exciting modern twist is what we're all about. Don't just take our word for it, have a look at the sample menu overleaf!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - WHY YOU SHOULD USE IT

Free school meal funding can bring over £400 a year of fantastic fresh food.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, the allowance means that they can choose one of our **GREAT MEAL DEALS** at breaktime or lunchtime. This will be completely **FREE OF CHARGE** up to the free meal allowance with no extra to pay. We only ask that their choices consist of a balanced meal.

Confidentiality is ensured as the allowance is automatically loaded onto your child's account. They then use their balance in same way as all our customers with their card or the biometric system. You can also add extra money on to their account, if you wish, which does not impact on the funding at all.

IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE, DON'T MISS OUT! IT'S A COMPLETELY SAFE AND DISCREET WAY FOR YOUR CHILD TO ENJOY A DELICIOUS LUNCH EVERYDAY

To find out if you are entitled then visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



SO MUCH CHOICE +

You can **choose from a great range** from modern and traditional main meals from roasts and curries to international street foods with stir fries, noodles pastas, burritos and wraps all made from fresh ingredients every day. There's a great selection of vegetarian and vegan meals plus a tempting salad bar and hearty fresh soups.

You can choose from our wide range of fresh, tasty meal deals up to the free school meal allowance at break or lunch **free of charge.**

All we ask is that they are nutritionally balanced **e.g., Main meal and dessert, hot wrap and flapjack or a baguette and a drink.**



AWESOME THEME DAYS COMING UP THIS SPRING

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
ASIA JAN 11 TH - FEB 2 ND	CHINESE NEW YEAR 1 ST FEB	BOOK 2 ND MARCH
VEGANUARY 7 TH - 20 TH JAN	Valentine's! 6 TH - 10 TH FEB	AFRICA 7 TH - 9 TH MARCH
	Pancake Day 11 TH FEB	EASTER Specials 10 TH - 11 TH MARCH

ASIA

CONSISTS OF:
China, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Japan, Vietnam, The Philippines, Bangladesh, Thailand, Nepal

AFRICA

CONSISTS OF:
Nigeria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Tanzania, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, Algeria, Morocco, Angola

OUR MENU

	Classic Favourites MONDAY	SOUTHERN STYLE TUESDAY	Great British Roast WEDNESDAY	KURRY THURSDAY	Fish & Chips FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	CLASSIC BEEF BOLOGNAISE 30/50 Pasta	HOUSE RUBBED JERK CHICKEN Rice & Peas	ROAST TURKEY Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy	THAI RED CHICKEN CURRY	BATTERED FISH/ SALMON FISHCAKES Chips
VEGETARIAN MEAL	ROASTED PEPPER & QUORN MOUSSAKA	MIXED BEAN ENCHILADA Rice & Peas	CAULIFLOWER CHEESE & GREENS PASTA BAKE	VEGETABLE BALTI	BEAN BURGER Chips
VEGETABLE	SWEETCORN MIXED SALAD	SWEET CHILLI SLAW	SEASONAL VEGETABLES MIXED SALAD	LIME & CORIANDER SLAW	BEANS GARDEN SALAD PEAS
PASTA POTS	QUORN BOLOGNAISE	CARBONARA	PESTO	ARRABIATA	CHEESE SAUCE
JACKET POTATO	TOMATO & BASIL TOPPED WITH A CHOICE OF CHEESE, TUNA OR BEANS				
DESSERT	APPLE & BERRY PIE Vanilla Sauce	WARM CHOCOLATE BROUWIE Chocolate Sauce	JAM SPONGE Custard	PANCAKE BAR Fruit Toppings	BANANA BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING Custard
FRUIT	SELECTION OF FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY				
YOGHURT POTS	SELECTION OF YOGHURT POTS AVAILABLE DAILY				