

Springwood Newsletter

November/December 2019



Remembrance Service at Springwood

On Friday 8th November, Springwood High School organised a Remembrance Service at the Flagpole memorial.

14 Cadets from 42F (Kings Lynn) Squadron Air Training corps and 4 Army Cadets marched down from reception under the command of Flight Sergeant White—a year 13 student at Springwood and also a cadet from 42F. They were then joined by Flt Lt Petch OC42F, Major Walker (retired), Gerry Tann from the British Legion and Governors of the Trust.

The whole of Year 7 and their teachers and staff were outside. The Rev. Canon Nash read the service and then two minutes silence was held whilst the Last Post was played on the bugle by Year 13 student Hannah Carter. Mr Johnson then laid a wreath in memory of those connected to the school lost in conflicts.



WNAT Primary Schools Remember



On the 12th November 2019, students from six schools within the *West Norfolk Academies Trust* marked the moment the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War as they presented a musical showcase.

The event, held in the Peter Hopkins Hall at Springwood High School, involved primary students from Walpole Cross Keys, Clenchwarton, West Lynn, Heacham, Snettisham and Gaywood schools. The students took to the stage at Springwood High School to present WW1 inspired songs and poetry as they remembered the fallen.

Not only did this event bring the students and parents from across the schools together, this event brought together many veterans and servicemen from across West Norfolk along with The Mayor of Kings Lynn, the High Sheriff of Norfolk, the CEO of Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, The Rotary Club and the Royal British Legion.



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TERM DATES 2019– 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 5th September (Year 7 & 12) only

Thursday 6th September (Years 8,9,10,11,13)

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Friday 20th December

Autumn Half Term Holiday 2019

Thursday 17th October

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Friday 25th October

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January

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Thursday 2nd April

Spring Half Term Holiday 2020

Monday 17th February

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Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April

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Friday 17th July

Summer Half Term Holiday 2020

Monday 25th May

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Friday 29th May

TRAINING DAYS/BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September 2019 - Training Days

Friday 18th October 2019 - Training Day

Wednesday 22nd January 2020 - Training Day

Friday 3rd April - Training Day

Friday 8th May 2020 - Bank Holiday

MESSAGES TO PUPILS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

We are aware that, occasionally, it is necessary for parents to telephone school during the working day to alter the usual arrangement for pupils leaving school at 3.25pm. Any such message can be left with the Year Manager. Sometimes pupils also need to be informed of last minute doctor or dentist appointments. Messages are passed to pupils as promptly as possible, but as this is often excessively time consuming we do ask that these be kept to a minimum. Time constraints on administrative staff can make message delivery very difficult, particularly at the end of the day. We know from experience that many calls to school could easily be avoided if arrangements were made at home before pupils leave in the morning. Please contact the school only in cases of emergency and be assured that urgent messages are forwarded as promptly as possible.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

There are occasions, fortunately very rare, when the school has to be closed at extremely short notice. This could happen because of severe weather conditions which make transport dangerous or because of a breakdown in the heating system.

Any emergency will be broadcast on local radio at regular intervals from about 7 am onwards. This is our only way to notify all of our pupils, parents and staff in time to prevent them coming into school, so we therefore advise everyone to listen to the early morning programmes on KL.FM (96.7) or BBC Radio Norfolk (95.1 or 104.1 FM and 873 or 855 MW) particularly if weather conditions are severe.

We will also post on our new Twitter & Instagram accounts if possible.

Moving house? Need to update your contact details?

Please contact the Data Team to advise.

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IS YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER LEAVING SPRINGWOOD THIS TERM?

If so then please advise their Pastoral Manager in writing, letting them know the following:

- the name and address of their new school.
- the last day they will be at Springwood.

We have to forward this information on to the Local Authority so that their records can follow them on to their new school.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL BY E-MAIL/LETTER

When contacting the school by email/mail please can you include the year and form of your child within the correspondence.

DATA PROTECTION ACT

The School is required to provide pupils and parents with details of the information it retains, concerning the purpose for which is used and of any third parties to whom the information may be passed.

For further information please visit www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk where you can find the school's full privacy notice.



Parent App

PARENT GATEWAY comes to an end.....

After several years of providing parents with pupil information this facility has now come to an end and you will no longer be able to access your child's details using Parent Gateway.

Parent Gateway has now been replaced with the Parent app. This app enables you to access achievement, progress, attendance and assessment information. You can also update personal information about your child using the data collection link. As a school this will enable us to improve how we engage with you and to assist you in supporting your child's progress.

Have you registered for the Parent app yet?

We have been actively encouraging parents to sign up to the Parent app over the past 2 years. An Expression of Interest form was also included in the Data Collection booklet sent to all year groups. If you have not returned your booklet yet please send to the Data Office as soon as possible ensuring you complete the Parent app form.

Once forms are returned we will arrange to invite you and enable you to track your child's progress on your smartphone or tablet.

If you have any queries regarding the Parent app or Data Collection booklets please contact data@springwoodhighschool.co.uk.



The long awaited Bookbuzz books arrived in November and went down a treat with the Year 7's! As you can see from the photos they were all very excited to receive their books from the school. The excitement has mounted over the coming weeks for these to arrive and now that they have the kids can't get enough!



Politics @ Springwood



An event organised by Springwood 6th Form student, Reuben Webster, proved to young people that politics is relevant.

A week before the general election on December 12th, the four local candidates, Jo Rust (Labour), Michael De Whalley (Green), Rob Colwell (Liberal Democrat) and James Wild (Conservative) visited Springwood High School to answer questions devised by the audience of pupils drawn from years 9 to 12. A range of subjects were covered, including the expense of student travel to and from 6th Form, Brexit, education, trust and climate change. Each candidate gave informative and interesting responses that triggered debate, showing the next generation of voters they have not been forgotten.

Following the questions, the audience, were given a ballot paper and their votes were tallied up - a crucial opportunity for the candidates to see where their policies aligned with young people. Whilst the votes were being counted up, it gave the candidates a chance to talk to students 1 on 1, meaning further questions could be asked to the candidates. Once the votes had been counted up and the room was once again quiet, the final result was announced. The Conservative and Green Party candidates were joint third, the Liberal Democrat candidate was placed second. The Labour party candidate came first having won 38.5% of the vote.

By Reuben Webster

Bridge Winners 2019

The winners of the bridge challenge on Super Learning day this year were the form 8F2, and their group consisted of; Katie, Freya, Kenzo and Arjun. They only just broke the record of how many 1kg weights you can fit on the bridge, without it breaking or falling to the ground, by 1kg.

They had to use a couple of materials to create a Straw bridge which included; only sellotape and straws. To get to this stage they had to plan out the structure of the bridge by choosing either a beam, arch or truss, the length of the bridge and how to make it strong enough withstand the weights.



All of the groups had to make a poster too, and include their planning for the bridges and present it. The winning group won that, and went onto the second round and competed against the winners of each form and won overall.

The winning group were very happy with the outcome and each of them won a box of Maltesers and a **'math' badge, they also won a bridge trophy.**

By Katie Etches

2018/19 Year 11

Presentation Evening



<i>Additional Maths</i>	<i>Amelia Spindler</i>
<i>Art</i>	<i>Gracie Gohn</i>
<i>Biology</i>	<i>Abi Simms</i>
<i>Business</i>	<i>Thomas Harmer-Borley</i>
<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Phoebe Claxton</i>
<i>Combined Science</i>	<i>Patrick Boon</i>
<i>Computer Science</i>	<i>Myles Russell</i>
<i>Creative Hair & Beauty</i>	<i>Amber Pedder-Smith</i>
<i>Drama</i>	<i>Erín O'Brien</i>
<i>Economics</i>	<i>Alfie Holmes</i>
<i>English Language</i>	<i>India Pacheco-Knights</i>
<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Jack Hanson</i>
<i>Food Preparation & Nutrition</i>	<i>Libby Carter</i>
<i>French</i>	<i>Chloe Castleton</i>
<i>Geography</i>	<i>Aaron Jackson</i>
<i>German</i>	<i>Euan Broughton</i>
<i>DT</i>	<i>Maddy Rayner</i>
<i>Health & Social Care</i>	<i>Jordan Jackson</i>
<i>History</i>	<i>Evelyn Perryman</i>

Mathematics	Miriam Massawi
Music	Ezra Nwobodo
Music Rock School	Cal Williams
Performing Arts	Liberty Russen
Photography	Dawid Peczkowski
Physical Education	Dongting Xu
Physics	Joshua Ampomah
Religious Education	Holly Clark
Sociology	Becky Williamson
Spanish	Nina Koulman
Statistics	Libbie Bray
Vocational Business	Casey Cross
Blickling House	Arushan Antony Vilvaraja
Felbrigg House	Anna Howlett
Holkham House	Ella Farnsworth
Oxburgh House	Riannon Venner
Sandringham House	Miriam Campbell
Award for Best Academic Results	Phoebe Claxton
Award for Most Improved Student Over KS4	Patrick Boon
Attendance Prize (Highest Attendance over 5 years)	Joshua Ampomah
Jessika-Mae Prior Shield (For Inspirational Courage)	Lily Edwards
Governors Plate (For Service to the School)	Dongting Xu

Holocaust Survivor

Eva Clarke



On Wednesday 30th October History students were lucky to have a visit and talk by
Holocaust Survivor Eva Clark.

Mrs Clarke was born in 1945 at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. She told the students about how close she came to death. She explained that at that time her mother was pregnant with her pregnancies were forbidden by the Nazi rule and were a crime punishable by death. When her mother was pregnant with her she also had a small child, Mrs Clarke's brother, if he had been found both he and their mother would have been killed. Sadly Mrs Clarke's brother died of pneumonia, although this was a tragedy his death meant Eva's life. Her mother's pregnancy was not found out and Eva was born. The harrowing story really reminded the students of the tragedies that befell many during World War 2 and showed just how thankful we all should be for the sacrifices of so many soldiers during World War 2 and all the wars before and after, because without those sacrifices we may not be able to enjoy the freedom we do today.

Mr Johnson told pupils they were very privileged to hear Eva's story. He described the talk as very powerful and encouraged pupils to tell others about it. He described the talk as very powerful and encouraged pupils to tell others about it.

GCSE Astronomy – Transit of Mercury

On Monday 11th November members of the Kings Lynn and District Astronomy Society brought their telescopes into Springwood High School to observe the planet Mercury as it passed in front of the sun. Despite cloudy conditions and cold weather, members of the Year 9 GCSE Astronomy class were able to see Mercury as a tiny black dot slowly making its way across the bright disc of the sun. This rare event only happens around thirteen times a century and the next opportunity will not be until 2032.



Science Core Knowledge – Year 7 & 8 Homework – Quiz Booklets

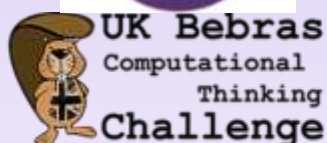
We have identified the core knowledge that we wish our students to learn and all our lessons are designed around ensuring students committing this knowledge to their long term memory.

Students will be issued with a booklet at the beginning of each term which will contain the core knowledge that we believe is the foundation of understanding for each of the topics taught in that term. Pupils are required to learn a selection of these questions each week for homework and fill in their quiz booklets. Students will be rewarded with achievement points for each booklet they complete. Their teacher will also carry out regular quizzes to check pupil progress.

Our assessment approach will be based around this core theoretical knowledge and questions in formal assessments will come directly from this booklet so that pupils who have applied themselves to revision will always be rewarded by predictable questions.

Every ½ term, the two students from each form who complete most quiz booklets will also receive a Science Knowledge Badge and the Science Cup of Knowledge will be awarded to the winning form in Year 7 & 8. The first of these were awarded late November. We thank parents for their support with these quiz booklets and we have been overwhelmed with the engagement of students. 7F2 & 8F2.





Computer Science students have been busy completing a challenge!! This is organised by Oxford University. The challenge is online problem solving in which students use computational thinking such as decomposition, abstraction, pattern matching to solve scenarios. The aim is to complete as many correctly in 40 minutes.

The university has awarded certificates graded Participation, Merit and Distinction to each age group. We also had a “Best in School” winner for each category.

The following students have been invited to participate in the next level so really need praising for their effort. Look out for their progress in March 2020 -

Domantas Valantiejus - pictured

Oscar Woods - pictured

Daniel Connolly - pictured

Jordan Judd-Holmes - pictured

Joseph George

Tony Sempuma Mbazi

Alex Billing

Jonathan Melynk-Mendes



How should we act towards others?

Year 7 have been looking at rules and behaviour. Following work on the Ten Commandments they looked at the Two Greatest Commandments – to love God and love your neighbour. We then considered how Mother Teresa followed these, and the baubles on the tree (produced by 7F1 and 7S2) look at this. 7F2 were asked to produce a handful of ways they could help others and show agape. We have also looked at human rights – and at human responsibilities.





As some of you may know Amelia Eaton, one of our fantastic year 10's, is a member of Royal Yachting Association UK Junior Squad—Topper. Amelia's selection for this squad shows her potential to progress within the British Sailing Team, with the aim of being selected for the UK Youth Squads and beyond into Olympic Development programmes. Amelia has been selected due to her amazing performance and huge commitment to a programme of training and competitions over a period of several years, and establishes her status as a UK Squad sailor who is pipped to represent Great Britain at major international events in the upcoming years.

As Amelia progresses through this incredible opportunity, the expectations and necessary commitment required to progress and achieve all objectives ahead of her increase significantly. Training weekends are very intense and involve a range of activities that include time on the water, fitness training, classroom based theory sessions and work with specialist support staff and coaches.

Balancing education and professional sport often comes with several challenges that might include: Time restrictions due to regular training and competition, a lot of travelling, the mental distractions of upcoming events or recent results, times where a sailing event or competition clashes with exams or revision time and missing out socially with peers and other extracurricular activities

The association greatly value the contribution of our school in Amelia's continued development as an individual and a talented athlete, and would like to reinforce their intent to provide not only Amelia but each sailor with opportunities designed to develop the skills, qualities and experiences required to succeed in all parts of their lives in the future. As Amelia may tell you sailing promotes a range of transferable skills related like communication, organisation and leadership and planning.

This is an absolutely wonderful opportunity and I am sure we can all agree we will support Amelia in this journey and provide all the support she needs now and will need in the future!

Congratulations Amelia!

RAF STEM Engagement – Year 9



We were very fortunate to have the RAF Stem Engagement Team deliver an excellent session to 50 of our Year 9 students. The students had to create a catapult using specialist STEM construction kits using practical applications of mathematics and physics alongside fundamental engineering principles, which could deliver a projectile to the required position. The



6th Form Y.E.S

The Youth Endeavour Society committee here at 6th Form have raised a massive £169.82 for the East Anglian Children's Hospices with a recent bake sale. Here they are picture on the right presenting the cheque to them. Thank you to everyone involved and for all donations. The Y.E.S Committee hopes that future events do just as well.



Sixth Form Futures Lecture Program



We were delighted that we had Simon Cotton, an Honorary Senior Lecturer in Chemistry at Birmingham University, visit Springwood High School. He has written seven books, four as sole author. The two latest are 'Every Molecule Tells a Story' and (with Paul May) 'Molecules That Amaze Us'. He has published extensively in the chemistry of the d- and f-block metals. He has taught for some 30 years in state and independent secondary schools including teaching our very own head teacher, Mr. Johnson. He delivered 2 lectures to our Sixth Form Scientists on Making natural medicines better, including the first antibiotics & The Chemistry of Cheese.



We have now registered West Norfolk Academies Trust with Easyfundraising, which means that over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them.

Please use the site when making those last minute Christmas purchases, these donations will help SO much. Please sign up to support us and encourage friends and family to sign up too - Its completely free and doesn't take long.

Please go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk



We now have a Twitter & Instagram accounts for the school. Please follow our accounts. We have up to date news and information posted on there.



WANTED...



When you have finished with your Christmas sweets/biscuits tubs over the festive period, the Food Technology Department would be delighted to receive any unwanted empty (or full) containers, as pupils often forget containers to take their products home in.

If your son/daughter has to borrow a container, please could you ensure that it is returned.

Thanks, Mrs Beech

Message from Mr Johnson

As ever, the Autumn term has been a very busy a productive one! As a school with a strong focus on both the main curriculum and extra curricular activities our students have had a rich and vibrant experience at school. Our new teaching and learning approaches are really having an impact in ensuring our students remember their learning over time. Similarly, our students are reporting that they feel the new behaviour routines are improving their learning in lessons.

Our new year 7 students have settled in incredibly well. Mrs Williams and Mrs Saxby have worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition from Primary School. It was a pleasure to hear such positive feedback when we met our year 7 parents this term. The students tell us that they like having their own space and feel safe at school .

The end of this term saw our Year 11 and Year 13 students take their pre public exams (PPEs or "Mocks" in old money terms). The feedback so far has been incredibly positive. If this hard work continues we could be in for a bumper year in terms of the all important life changing qualifications for our students.

This term has been absolutely epic for both Sports and the Arts. Our Sports teams have succeeded across a whole host of events. Similarly our school Arts productions have been prolific in terms of quantity and quality both in school and as part of high profile national events such as Music for Youth. I feel that the Year 7 choir deserves a particular mention as the sheer number of students involved has been amazing. Well done to Ms Ashby for inspiring our new year 7 cohort to take part!

We are in the final week now. I am looking forward to seeing this out with our superb carol concert. A time to reflect on all the hard work this term. The final event of the term is our Year 13 presentation evening on Thursday. I look forward to meeting with them again and hearing of their first few months out in the big wide world!

Season's greetings to you all!

Andy Johnson

Executive Headteacher

West Norfolk Academies Trust

