



The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

10TH DECEMBER 2021

Headteacher's Roundup

We are all now in the festive spirit after a wonderful Christmas Concert last night. It was magical and uplifting to be able to invite parents, friends and family members to listen to, and see our amazing musicians in action.

My thanks to all those involved, including Mr Hackett and Mr Homer. It was evident that so much work had gone in behind the scenes and we are immensely proud of our students and their musical talents.

It was particularly special to welcome back Morgan Hart, who was a student here a few years ago. He entertained us brilliantly with his tuba playing.

PHSEC days have been excellent this week. Year 9s have been working on how to manage their finances, discussing banter and

bullying, as well as considering what equality really means. Year 10 have started looking at the magna carta, trade unions, and equality as well.

Food items are still coming in for our food bank donations. This will be closed on Wednesday 15th December. Thank you to all those who have donated.

Staff have had a Christmas jumper day today, raising money for Save the Children and next Friday will be a non-uniform day for everyone as a reward for all the hard work that has gone into this term.

I am very much looking forward to the talent show final next week.

Please do take a look at my letter regarding the changes to the start of next term to complete the on-

site lateral flow testing. Thank you for your support with this. If any parents of students in KS3 are struggling with arrangements for the start of term, please get in touch. Students will also be given another set of lateral flow tests to take home for the Christmas holidays.

Wishing you a peaceful and safe weekend.

Annette Kramlin

Word of the Week

FOCUS

Verb: To focus your attention/mind/efforts on something.

She tried to **focus** her mind on her work.

Noun: The centre of interest or activity.

The main **focus** of interest at the Christmas Fayre was the food stall.

House Points Totals

The running totals for number of house points so far are:

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Year 8 Basketball

A massive well done to our Year 8 Basketball who won 21 – 18 against Lode Heath this week. Congratulations to Enoch L who was our star performer.



Diary Reminders

All Years:

- Friday 17th December – Non uniform day for all students
- Friday 17th December – School closes for Christmas at 12.30pm
- Wednesday 5th January – Lateral Flow Testing in School for all students with consent
- Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th January – Flu Vaccinations

Year 7:

- Thursday 6th January – School starts for Year 7
- Tuesday 18th January - Year 7 Netball (A) v Coleshill – Return by 5.45pm
- Monday 31st January – Year 7 Netball (H) v St Peters

Year 8:

- Wednesday 15th December – Year 8 Basketball (A) v John Henry Newman CC – 5.30pm return
- Thursday 6th January – School starts for Year 8
- Tuesday 11th January – Year 8 Basketball Playoffs Round 1 – Opposition and venue TBC
- Thursday 25th January – Year 8 Basketball Playoffs Round 2 – Opposition and venue TBC
- Wednesday 26th January – Year 8 Netball (A) v Grace Academy

Year 9:

- Thursday 16th December – Year 9 Basketball (H) v Arden – 5.00pm finish
- Thursday 6th January – School starts for Year 9
- Thursday 20th January – Year 9 Basketball (H) v Park Hall – 5.15pm – 5.30pm finish
- Wednesday 26th January – Year 8 Netball (A) v Grace Academy
- Thursday 27th January – Year 9 Basketball (A) v Alderbrook – 5.15pm return

Year 10:

- Wednesday 5th January – School starts for Year 10 8.40am
- Monday 10th January – Friday 14th January – Year 10 mid-year exams
- Thursday 20th January – Year 10 Basketball (H) v Park Hall – 5.15pm – 5.30pm finish
- Thursday 27th January – Year 10 Basketball (A) v Alderbrook – 5.15pm return

Year 11:

- Monday 13th December – Friday 17th December – Year 11 art mock exams and catch up
- Wednesday 15th December – Year 11 PSHEC Day
- Wednesday 5th January – School starts for Year 11 8.40am
- Wednesday 12th January – Year 11 Photographs

Year 11 Mock Assessments

Year 11 Assessments

Assessments completed in Art classrooms and MFL classrooms – details TBC

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| Monday 13th December | Art Practical Exam/MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams | MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams |
| Tuesday 14th December | Art Practical Exam/MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams | MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams |
| Wednesday 15th December | Art Practical Exam/MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams | MFL Speaking/ Catch-up Exams |

Thought of the week

Celebrating Inspirational People: aviator Emelia Earhart Wright Brothers Day 17th December

One important day that changed the world was the day when a man was able to fly through the air in the style of a bird! Not only was this unprecedented, but it set the stage for a whole host of other ideas and inventions that have contributed to the advancement of technology as well as the adventure into space. The airplane has certainly made the globe a much smaller, more accessible place for humans. And right at the beginning of it all were two brothers from the US state of Ohio, Orville and Wilbur Wright.

History of Wright Brothers' Day

On September 24, 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared the anniversary of the Wright Flyer's maiden flight in 1903 to be a codified holiday (it is a commemorative day on government calendars, but is not technically a government holiday). It has been observed annually ever since that time, both in honor of the pioneering experiments of the Wrights as well as to focus on the history and future of aviation technologies.

It is widely accepted among many laypeople and historians that the Wright Brothers were the ones who first invented the airplane. However, there are several competing claims that make it difficult to determine whether or not they were actually the first to accomplish heavier-than-air powered flight.

Regardless of those competing claims, the Wright Flyer was the first aircraft that was patented in the United States. Orville and Wilbur Wright made further experiments during the first decade of the 20th century, which would prove indispensable to the development of the airplane. Quite simply, while we may never know if anyone flew before the Wrights, there is no doubt that they contributed significantly to the history of aviation.

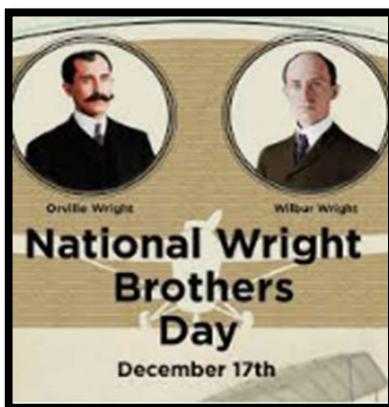
While some people may look at photos of the Wright Flyer today and think that it seems to be old-fashioned, it is important to remember that it was actually the cutting edge of aviation technology back in 1903.

Each year, the president of the United States makes an annual proclamation inviting Americans to observe Wright Brothers Day with activities and ceremonies in honor of two rather important people in the history of the world. Official observances for this day

include the annual Wright Brothers Dinner in Washington D.C., where the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy is awarded.

In addition, there are planned celebrations in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, where the Wright Flyer had its maiden flight, as well as in Dayton, Ohio, the hometown of the Wright brothers. Other activities include various luncheons in honor of the Wright brothers, school activities focused on aviation, and field trips to aviation museums or airports.

And that is why it's time to celebrate and enjoy Wright Brothers' Day!



The Food Bank



*Help feed local people
in crisis*

**If you would like to donate non-perishable items,
there will be a collection box in reception until
Thursday 16th December**

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

UHT/POWDERED MILK
RICE PUDDING
TINNED FRUIT & FRUIT JUICE
TINNED VEGETABLES, TOMATOES &
SOUP
TINNED MEAT
BISCUITS

OTHER FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

INSTANT COFFEE
JAM
COOKING OIL
FISH
SUGAR (500G)
SPONGE PUDDING (TINNED)

