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Spring Term

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My shout!



Dear Parents

Fuelled by unseasonably warm weather, I hope you all managed to enjoy a wonderful half term with your families.

We have all just witnessed the warmest February weather on record which has to be more than a little bit worrying in the context of climate change concerns.

It has certainly fooled my favourite tree in school who thinks spring has arrived. Our beautiful magnolia has started flowering. She'll be in her full glory late next week. Don't miss her beauty!

Following round three of the Six Nations Rugby championship, our proud Welsh families enjoyed a victorious return to school on Monday. Gethyn, Ben and Tom, and their even happier "tad" made a particular point of coming to find me, rubbing even more salt in my open wounds.

A rather over-confident English team went to the Principality Stadium determined to execute their kicking game that had served them so well against the French and Irish. Warren Gatland and his team had fully anticipated this and with no plan B up their sleeve the red roses perished.

Mrs T is a proud Cardiff girl and I have a whole host of proud Welshmen for in-laws. I've had to endure my fair share of flack this week. You have to die by the same sword you live by, so all's fair!

Top of the billing news in school this week has to undoubtedly go to Olivia. Olivia is a budding virtuosa of the French horn and we were thrilled to hear that all her hard work and many sacrifices had earned her a scholarship to Sherborne Girl's School in September. It has been some years since our school has had a music scholar and it is a great testimony of the strength of the music department right across the board, not to mention a very talented young lady too!



Staying within the creative arts, the Shakespeare Club extended their repertoire by visiting the Mayflower Theatre to see the play that mustn't be named (Macbeth). They seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

This will be followed up by welcoming a drama production company to school next week to help us perform a play in a day as part of our celebration of World Book Day. You are all very welcome to enjoy the end product with us at 2.30pm on Thursday in the Hall.

Staying with Music and Dance, the PTFA very much hope that you will sign up for their Barn Dance beginning at 7.00 pm on Friday 15th March. It was a fantastic inaugural event last year that I am certain will live up to the same high expectations this year.

Tickets will be on sale all next week in Compass Lobby or from Megan. Dust off your cowboy boots and let's all 'Yee Ha'!

Elsewhere in school, we received notice from the Department for Education this week that they were happy to find that their progress visit, before half term, found all our safeguarding policies and practices to be fully compliant and that we have been given a clean bill of health. The report has been

added to the inspection section of our website for you to read in full. I was very pleased to receive this news and would like to pay tribute to Mrs Akerman and Mrs Carr for their sterling work in this essential area.

Great excitement heralded the arrival of new hi-tech equipment in Design Technology this week. Over half term Mr Yates oversaw the commissioning of a laser cutter that will produce a whole range of designs that are generated from new computer software. It is a very exciting development that further incorporates technology into learning alongside iPads which are having a great impact on the quality of learning taking place.



Finally, excitement reached fever pitch this morning with the arrival of the "young guns" from the RNLI lifeguard and lifeboat team. The children were also quite looking forward to it too!



We watched an amazing “day in the life” of the lifeboat crew and also heard about the work done by the lifeguards on the beach.



All Junior Prep then tried on every single piece of kit that the RNLI team use and also took it in turns (loosely) to get in the 4x4 flood rescue vehicle. The teams had to be rescued by the oncoming rip tide of eager children (and teachers!).

Forms 8s mutinied from Geography to attend the gathering (I can't think why) and a brilliant time was had by all.

The RNLI are an amazing charity, almost solely run from donations from the public. On Friday 3rd May we are going to support their “Wear Your Wellies” charity day.

I must dash. I'm heading off to sign up for the RNLI and get my pager for the boat crew. If you come to school next week and I'm not here, I'm on “a shout!”

Have a brilliant weekend.

John Thorpe.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Nursery



On Wednesday, all of Nursery enjoyed a ballet/dance session with Miss Emilie. This week they were practicing being really tall, and really small, like a little ball! Everyone also had a go at moving in a variety of ways, such as hopping, tiptoeing and jumping!



It was lovely to see Lilia, Rosie and Benjamin walking along holding hands during gardening club today! We went for a walk to find our ‘plant of the week’ which was a wallflower.

This week we have had ‘dinosaur week’ and have made some salt dough to make dinosaur footprints in. The children have enjoyed doing this and were great at helping to mix all the ingredients into a dough!



Who would have thought that it would be hot enough to sunbathe and eat lunch on the beach in February.

When we arrived Chris talked to us about fossils and how they are formed. Most of the fossils found are around 200 million years old. He told us about the story of Mary Anning and how, despite the challenges of being an inspirational woman in the 1700's, she proved that she was very knowledgeable and determined.

Recently, Nursery has invested in some new outdoor toys, which the children have loved and been really engaged in! We have been so lucky with the weather this week, so have spent a lot of time playing in the sun and the children have been helping with making our garden look beautiful!



We looked at a variety of different fossils collected along the Jurassic coast, even fossilised dinosaur poo, and discovered that at the time of the dinosaurs Lyme Regis would have been under the sea and most of the skeletons found from this area were not dinosaurs but marine reptiles.



Form 1

What a great trip to Lyme Regis to the Mary Anning Fossil Museum.



It was a fascinating day finished off by an hour on the beach collecting our own fossils and crystals.

Quotes from the children;
Really fun, glorious day, a happy day,
Fantastic finding lots of fossils, incredible
because of the giant ammonite. Exciting.
Miss Jackson

The Art Department

Firstly a big thank you to the PTFA who very kindly bought an intaglio printing press for the Art department. Form 7 and 8 currently have explored the concept of the collograph and below are some examples of their blocks and prints.



Congratulations to a group of Form 8 pupils from last year who have recently achieved their Bronze Arts Award through Trinity College London. Hannah D, Joseph B, Ophelia, Eve and Tilly. The moderator to quote, "These are five excellent Bronze Arts

Award portfolios. Beautifully and creatively presented'.

Their certificates will arrive within the week.

Form 8

As part of the humanities creative curriculum, Form 8 pupils welcomed members of the Dorchester Islamic Centre who came and spoke to them about Islam and the role of the centre within the local community.



Notes From a Small Garden

'Fools Spring' in full swing in the garden today, we were not complaining! The compost was out and we started by sowing yet more delicious things. Carrots, beetroot and peas all expertly sown by our mini horticulturalists! Followed by a good mulching of our fruit trees, which are already showing signs of a fruitful season ahead, all covered in tiny buds.

Our green house is bursting with trays of seedlings at the moment and poor Liz has even had to fill her conservatory with sweet-

peas, in an attempt to save them from the resident mouse! Who seems quite partial to nibbling the delicate tops off as they appear!



challenges being sent which often start as something simple and fun but quickly escalate into much more serious requests, such as encouraging self-harm or even suicide. Users are also told that if they do not continue with the challenges then their family will be hurt. Although our immediate concern is for the young person's welfare and safety it should be noted that this is a hoax and the underlying purpose may be an attempt to gain personal data in order to use it for fraudulent purposes.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/>

Please contact Mrs Sewed or Mrs Carr if you need further information.

Safer Internet Day Winners!

Congratulations to Megan and Eleni, in Form 7 who won our Safer Internet Day competition. Their winning film highlighted how some apps track your location and record what you say without your permission. Mrs Sewed and Mrs Carr were pleased to present them with a £10 cinema voucher each. Thank you to everyone who entered. The uptake was so good this will become an annual competition.



Next week, it's all about raspberries and potatoes!

Jo Foote

E-Safety Update - Momo

There are some concerns in the media about the 'Momo Challenge' which is aimed at younger students and is popping up in the middle of games and videos on You Tube (which is blocked by our school filter). A particularly unpleasant character appears with an invitation to add a contact in WhatsApp which then leads to messages and



Music News

Good luck to all our pupils performing at the Weymouth Music Festival this weekend.

Mrs Nolan-Stone

Fencing

Henry spent the afternoon fighting with a group of GB fencing veterans, most of them competed at several Olympics, and one let him wear his gold medals (commonwealth games and world fencing championships).



Joseph Weld Craft Fair

Please see attached poster for further details. There will be a variety of crafts available to purchase, children's activities including face painting and an Easter trail with prizes, and refreshments too! It comes as a conclusion to a craft workshop week we are running here in Dorchester, the website link is <https://www.weld-hospice.org.uk/craft-for-care-workshops/>

Emily Fisher
Community Engagement Fundraiser
[Weld-hospice.org.uk](https://www.weld-hospice.org.uk)

Lost & Found

Found – a small red Chinese purse – please see Megan if you think it is yours.

Megan

Sports News

Team: U10 Netball v Castle Court
Venue: Redlands
Result: 1 – 1 Draw

An even 1st quarter with both teams having a few attempts on goal. Amelia was marking really well and made some great interceptions. A lovely passing move in the 2nd quarter and a terrific shot by Polina thrust us into the lead. Katie moved well to receive the ball in space and we had some good moves down the court. Castle Court scored their equalizer in the 3rd, and the 4th quarter was a nail biting affair but neither team could clinch the victory.

Contribution Award: *Amelia for some great defending.*

Team: U11 Netball v Castle Court
Venue: Redlands
Result: 7 – 5 Win

We dominated the first quarter with some good dodging and use of space on the court. Zuzanna shot 3 really good goals to catapult us into the lead. Pushing on in the second quarter with both Zuzanna and Holly scoring but we let Castle Court back in with a goal before half time. The opposition came out firing in the 3rd quarter scoring 3 quick goals to make it 5 – 3 and we were struggling to get the ball. Georgie moved really well linking with Iola and our shooters and gave some lovely passes into the circle. Both teams scored again to make it 6 -4 going into the last quarter. Exciting times! We then really upped our game with some determined play and real enthusiasm to win the ball. It was a very deserving 7 – 5 victory and a great effort from everyone playing as a team.

Contribution Award: *Georgie for some excellent play in attack and Zuzanna for some great movement in the circle and scoring 5 goals.*

Team: *U12 Netball*
Venue: *Castle Court*

The first quarter of the match is best skipped over! The second quarter the girls began to move around the court better, linked passes and had some shots on goal. An outsider would perhaps suggest that break time was an excellent chance to practice shooting☺. After a couple of position changes in the third the play of Erin at centre and Freya at goal attack scoring three began to tell and the score was even in this quarter. The injury toll looked like we wouldn't play the last quarter but the girls rallied and Freya added a couple more in the fourth with Castle Court just ahead. Megan was most improved player and the Castle Court girls voted her one of the best with Sophia.

Contribution Award: *Erin and to Freya who literally gave blood (looked like half a pint!) but still returned to score all our goals.*

Team: *U13 Netball*
Venue: *Castle Court*
Result: *14 – 4 loss*

Castle Court were at full speed right from the first whistle. Sunninghill struggled to keep up with the pace and just couldn't keep possession of the ball. With Castle Court 8-0 up at the end of the first quarter a mix up players was called for. Sunninghill looked ahead to the next quarter with a target of timing their moves more effectively and maintaining a positive attitude. The second quarter started well but tall shooters kept Olivia and Tallulah very busy in the defending circle and unfortunately were just a split second faster, which got them underneath the post for some easy shots.

However, play was progressing down to the opposite end and the Sunninghill girls were giving more shooting opportunities to Poppy and Jessie who were working well against the defenders in the shooting circle. Some great interceptions in the centre court by Lily stopped the Castle Court flow at times and Lea was there as support and making herself available for the next pass. Castle Court only managed to lead this quarter by 1 goal.

The third half got under way and another change in positions from the Castle Court team kept the Sunninghill girls on their toes. The Sunninghill girls were tiring which wasn't helped by the extortionate temperatures radiating off the court for a February afternoon. This didn't stop their efforts though and with Amelia as chief cheerleader from the side spirits remained high.

The final quarter and Poppy was keen to swap into Centre, she worked hard against the opposing speedy player. It was great to see the WA players Verity and Clara controlling their game more and not rushing passes. This did mean however, the Castle Court girls could read the play and intercept our passes, particularly when taking backline and side-line throw ins. The final quarter and Castle Court again won by 1 goal. A tricky 8 points to make up from the first quarter but the girls didn't give up and should be commended for their positive attitude.

Contribution Award: *Lea for timing her dodges and being a supportive centre court player and Jessie for her work effort in the shooting circle.*

Team: *U8 Hockey*
Venue: *BCS*
Result: *4 – 0 Win*

The form 3 boys thoroughly deserved the victory this afternoon. They were pressing high and keen to regain the ball when the lost possession. Rex and Gregory showed displayed their strong stick skills and Freddie put physical pressure on BCS all afternoon. Oliver and William controlled the midfield well and cleared any danger by using the sides which was brilliant. Charlie continues his quest to be the all-time year 3 goal scorer with some excellent finishes. The team now needs to develop their ability to control the ball, look up and move the ball in a controlled manner.

Contribution Award: *Oliver for improving his passing and controlling skills.*

Team: *U9 Hockey*
Venue: *BCS*
Result: *3 – 0 Win*

The U9's played BCS at Chapel Gate on Tuesday in beautiful weather conditions. The passing and individual stick skills on show were great and the team are clearly trying to spread out more. BCS were relentless at attacking and tried hard to get back in the match but Sunninghill fought hard together and defended very well as a unit. Charlie improved his ball control and Mark created some excellent chances. Great goals were scores from great play by Oscar, Felix and Max. Freddie improved his tactical awareness by using more width of the pitch.

Contribution Award: *Mark for getting into great positions in front of goal. Well done.*

Team: *U10/11A Hockey v BCS*
Venue: *SPS*
Result: *3 – 2 Loss*

After losing convincingly to BCS side at the start of term the boys were determined to show their improvements. The team moved the ball much quicker around the pitch and showed more tactical awareness. Theo, William and James were astute in defence whilst Orlando and Harri showed their class on the wings. The match was very tight and Valentine created nice passages of play in midfield. Gethyn scored excellent goals but was unfortunate not to score the third. The boys played like a real team and are developing well!

Contribution Award: *Gethyn for his excellent goals and individual skill.*

Team: *U10/11B Hockey v BCS*
Venue: *SPS*
Result: *1 – 1 Draw*

Sunninghill started strong with excellent pressing from Aaron, Thomas and Samuel. William and Henry showed an improvement

in their tactical awareness as they explored life on the wings. William B-K was solid in goal and kept the team out of danger a number of times. In the second half both teams were pushing for a goal and it was Sunninghill who struck first with an amazing goal from Archie. The visitors worked hard and managed to equalise late on so the match finished 1-1.

Contribution Award: *Eddie for his hard work in defence.*

New Clubs starting after Half Term

Lacrosse - Tuesdays
Forms 3 & 4 – 4.00 – 4.30 pm
Forms 5 – 8 – 4.30 – 5.15 pm

Easter Holiday Club

We are now taking bookings for our Easter Holiday Club that will be running for almost two weeks over the Easter holidays. We welcome children aged 3 to 13 as well as children from other schools.



Further information and booking forms are available on the school website at <https://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>

Please ensure that your forms and payment are with us by Friday 22nd March to secure your place. If you have any queries do contact us at school on 01305 262306.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Spring Term

Head Boy - Tom

Head Girl - Poppy

Sports Captains - Lawrence & Tallulah

Prefects:

ICT - Lawrence & Olivia

Art - Jessie

M&D - Clara & Lily

Outdoor Ed - Atlanta & Frida

STEM - Verity & Poppy

Languages - Lea & Amalia

Humanities - Olivia

Eco - Jessie & Verity

Publicity - Clara

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Mandy: registrar@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

Megan: receptionist@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

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Prep Club Mobile: 07437 891994



SUNNINGHILL PTFA BARN DANCE



**DECLARED BY PARENTS AND STAFF TO BE THE BEST
PTFA SOCIAL EVENT EVER HELD AT THE SCHOOL!**

ROOTIN' TOOTIN' BARN DANCE

Join us for amazing music, a delicious Western Hog Roast, fabulous accompaniments and bar

WHERE & WHEN

Sunninghill Community Hall, Friday 15th March 2019 from 7pm - 11pm

ENTERTAINMENT

Live Music By The Black Sheep Band so wear your best boot scootin' gear

TICKETS

Tickets available from Megan, Class Reps, PTFA committee members, from ptfa@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk and in Compass Lobby at pick up



Craft Fair

Saturday
6TH
April

Sunninghill
Prep School
Dorchester

10am -
3pm

Parking on site!

Variety of crafts to buy!

Interactive stalls for all ages!

Refreshments Available!

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1st - 6th APRIL

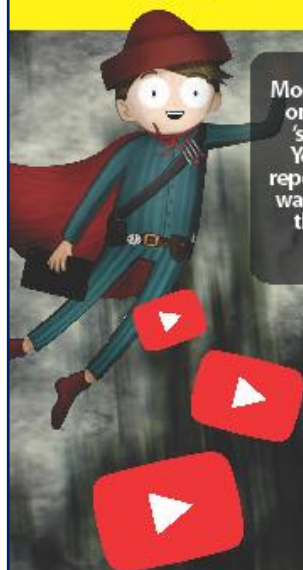


Keep Updated with the event at
our facebook page:

www.facebook.co.uk/craftforcare



It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.



Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.



What parents need to know about

MOMO

CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until halfway through the video.

DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



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Top Tips for Parents

TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in; no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is
0800 1111.



SOURCES:
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<https://www.bbc.co.uk>
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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL	4th	Form 8 Lulworth Cove trip 9.40 - 1.00 pm
DIARY OF EVENTS		Forms 5 & 6 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 11.00 am
		Forms 7 & 8 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 2.30 pm
	5th	6 x Form 7 pupils Model United Nations, Bryanston 9.00 - 4.00 pm
		Form 7 trip to Biodigester, Martinstown 2.00 pm
		U8 & U9 Netball v Leweston (A) 2.15 pm
		U8 & U9 Hockey v Leweston (H) 2.15 pm
		Form 6 Parents' Evening 4.45 - 7.00 pm
	6th	Form 2 Forest School
		Form 4 Forest School
		U13/12A & U12/13B Netball v Sherborne Girls (A) 2.30 pm
		U10 Netball v Sherborne Prep @ Redlands 2.00 pm
		U11 Netball v Sherborne Prep @ Redlands 2.45 pm
		U13/12 Hockey v Sherborne (H) 2.30 pm
		U11 Hockey v Sherborne (A) 2.30 pm
		U10 Hockey v Sherborne (A) 2.30 pm
	7th	Nursery children - World Book Day dressing up day
		Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610
		Rec - Form 6 Shakespeare Workshop
		Shakespeare performance for parents 2.25 pm
		After School Skiing & Bouldering
	8th	Reception Assembly - all parents welcome 8.30 am
		<i>please let Megan know if you would like breakfast</i>
		Form 3 Stokewater Meadows Trip
		Form 6 STEM trip 9.30 - 2.30 pm
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am
		Reception Forest School 10.00 - 12.15 pm
		Form 1 Skiing 1.30 pm
		Forms 5 - 8 Sports Afternoon
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Music Timetable- Week 8	
	Menu - Week 8	
	Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets	
	SSCT Online E-Safety magazine - Spring 2019	
	MOMO helpsheet	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	World Book Day	
Form 1	World Book Day	
Form 2	World Book Day	
Form 3	World Book Day	
Form 4	World Book Day	
Form 5	World Book Day	
Form 6	World Book Day	
Form 7	Model United Nations/Martinstown trip/Shakespeare trip	
Form 8	Lulworth Cove	