

YEAR 7 NEWSLETTER



For many of us **Easter** is significant for the ultimate sacrifice made, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his holy resurrection. Sometimes this significant religious event gets drowned out by easter eggs, chocolate, and the latest block buster movie release. Christians use this time to reflect the ultimate sacrifice given and the message that is similar in many religions of care, thought and respect to all.

Alongside Easter, is the coincidence of the month of **Ramadan**. It is a holy Islamic event whereby Muslims fast every day between sunset and sunrise. This will take place at the start of April. Throughout the month Muslims dedicate their time and themselves to God - giving to charity, praying, and fasting. For many, it is also a time of personal reflection.

It is certainly a time of significance and common belief.

On another note, time certainly goes by quickly and another term will be successfully completed on **Friday 1 April (at 3.15pm)**.

The school will re-open on **Wednesday 20 April**, with two weeks until the formal examinations begin for Years 11-13.

I wish to thank you for your support over the last term and I hope that you all have some family time together.

**Mr Erwin
Principal**



As we welcome the Easter holidays, I wanted to take this opportunity to share all the positive news we in Year 7 have been doing.

INTeRFORM

Each half-term I hold Interform competitions against tutor groups. Last term we were doing dodgeball and this half-term we have been doing tug-of-war. All forms have really impressed me with their teamwork across Year 7. This term the winners were Miss Chalmers' and Mrs Chodor's form. Well done to all those taking part!



LEGO LEAGUE

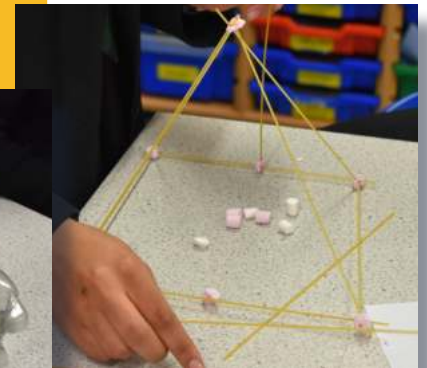
We were lucky enough to be part of Lego league competition! In January, Year 7 students **Oscar Overall** and **Bartosz Chichtowski** took part in the annual **FIRST® LEGO® League tournament**. The **FIRST® LEGO® club** is an opportunity for students to apply their **STEM** skills combined with critical thinking to work with a team, build a robot, and compete in an exciting, mission-based robotics game. This was the first year that Oscar and Bartosz, took part in the tournament and even with the time lost due to Covid they persevered and overall came 5th out of 8 schools in the area. They also won the trophy for core values as they demonstrated good teamwork, innovation, inclusion and understanding that even though it is a competition you can still work together and learn new skills! I am incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves and the effort that they put into practising and preparing for the tournament. Hopefully, we will perform well next year as well. If any students are interested in joining the Lego league robotics club and want to take part in the tournament next year, please see **Miss Farrell** in the science department. the club runs after school on Thursdays.

Mrs Farrell, Science Faculty.



SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week was thoroughly enjoyed by all, as you can see in the pictures above! Lots of chicks were hatched just in time for Easter which was a highlight - it really is amazing at how quickly this happens!



Principal: Mr B. Erwin | Chair of Governors: Mr T. French

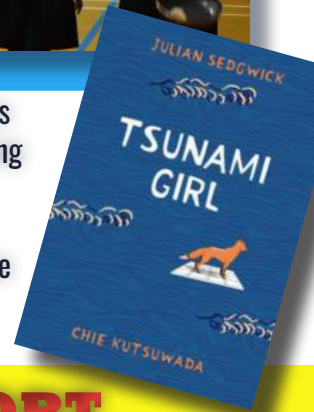


What a race to watch!
All students that were
involved had a great time
and we all really enjoyed
the pancakes afterwards!



Our **Non-Uniform Day** raised
£756.57
for charity!
Thank you for your
contribution!

We were lucky to have an author in school this half term. The students really enjoyed listening to **Julian Sedgwick** – some students even got the chance to have their books signed! It was fascinating to listen to him, talk about the impact the Tsunami has had on families in East Asia.



10 HOURS OF SPORT, 10 HOURS OF SUPPORT

10 Hours of Sport is, of course, more than just 10 Hours of Sport. The **Malcolm Whales Foundation 10 Hours of Sport** is many things: 10 hours of fun; 10 hours of fitness; 10 hours of fund raising; 10 hours of friendship; 10 hours of doing something different; 10 hours of feeling good about yourself and those around you. In every sense of the word, it is more like 10 hours of support. The 10 hours of sport at Ken Stimpson Community School happened to coincide with the loveliest day of the year so far. The doors of the sports hall were wide open, the sky was azure blue, and the bright sun lifted the mood of the 200 students taking part on the day. Netball, basketball, football, table tennis, trampolining, badminton, dodgeball: each area inside and out buzzed with enthusiasm and enjoyment. For hundreds of students, I don't think there's anywhere else they would rather have been on that day. And for some of them, I wouldn't mind betting that they'd get up the next day and do it all over again! What a great advert for the **TMWF Dorset Walk** taking place in July! A chance for younger students who can't go this year to look forward to the next. Members of staff and older students who popped into the sports hall were wearing an assortment of TMWF t-shirts from previous years which helped to promote a sense of shared purpose and group identity - the mainstay of any charitable organisation. It's wonderful that so many young people can aspire to a pursuit that is essentially so selfless and yet so self-helping. School can mean lots of different things for lots of different students at the same time. One way of looking at the 10 hours of sport is simply this: that for one day in the year, it can unify so many people in such a harmonious and joyful way. I for one certainly went home on Friday feeling uplifted and, if I'm honest, a little overwhelmed with happiness.



THANKS TO YOU WE RAISED: £4000!!

Mr Billson, English Faculty.

tmwf.co.uk/tmwf-lakeside-retreat/



I look forward to welcoming all students back on the 20th of April 2022, I wish you all a restful break.

Mrs Read, Head of Year 7