

THE GRYPHON



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope this message finds you well as we conclude another productive week at school. It has been a week filled with hard work, resilience, and moments that remind us why we are so proud of our school community.

First and foremost, I want to take a moment to commend our Year 11 students for their exemplary attitude towards their mock exams this week. Their dedication to preparation, focus during the assessments, and the maturity they've displayed have been truly commendable. These exams are an important stepping stone in their academic journey, and the way they've risen to the challenge fills me with great confidence for their future. Well done, Year 11!

I'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our teaching and support staff who have worked tirelessly to support the students during this critical time. Their efforts in providing guidance, encouragement, and well-structured lessons have been invaluable.

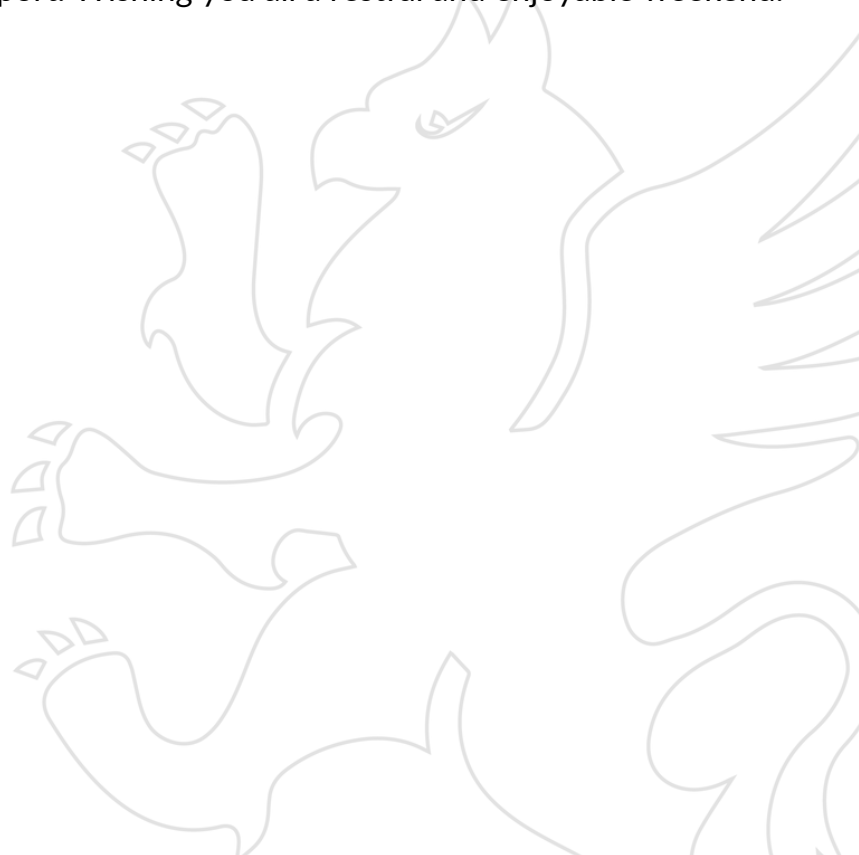
Finally, a reminder to all students to continue upholding our school values of respect, responsibility, and resilience in all that you do. Together, we create a positive and supportive environment where everyone can thrive.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Jackson".

Paul Jackson



Recap

Junior School Assembly

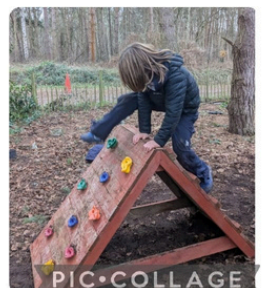
This weeks assembly theme was "Thinkers" the students had to solve a variety of puzzles, riddles or dingbats.

Everyone's brains (including the teachers!) were definitely working hard.



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Year 3/4 made Bronze age cookies
Year 5/6 made some WW2 cheese dumplings



Pupils enjoyed playing 'Floor is Lava' competing against each other in time trials
Even Miss Nightingale and Miss Mimi had a go

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The children in Bluebell Class are really enjoying their new topic and showed great ingenuity when building their castle. It was wonderful hearing them talk so knowledgeably about 'drawbridges' and 'keeps' as well as William the Conqueror, after only a week of beginning our new topic.



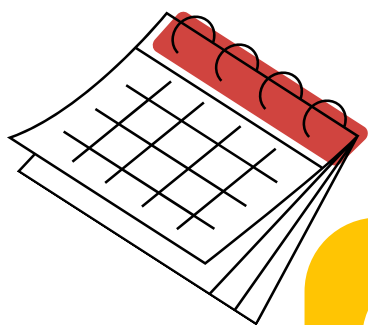
IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS.

Dear Parents

'Mini' shin guards are now being worn by some professional players in football and we have recently had some students asking if they would be allowed to wear them in school PE lessons and football fixtures.

The English Football Association and the UK PE Association have made statements that 'mini' shin guards are not advised as they give much reduced protection from injury to the lower legs compared to standard sized shin guards. We are therefore strongly advising all students to wear standard sized shin guards. For those students who would like to wear 'mini' shin guards, we would ask their parents to write an email to Mr Ellis giving their consent for their son or daughter to wear 'mini' shin guards and to acknowledge that they offer less protection from injury.

Best wishes,
Graham Ellis
PE Subject Lead



UPCOMING EVENTS

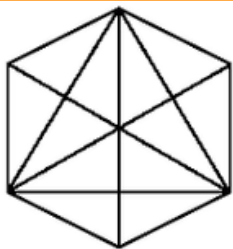
- 3rd Feb. Young Voices**
- 14th Feb. Half Term**
- 24th Feb. Term Commences**
- 26th Feb. Parent Meeting with Mr King - 6:00pm**

Stars of the Week

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LAST WEEKS BRAIN TEASER ANSWER



how many triangles in this hexagon

35



THIS WEEKS BRAIN TEASER

Which glass contains the most water?

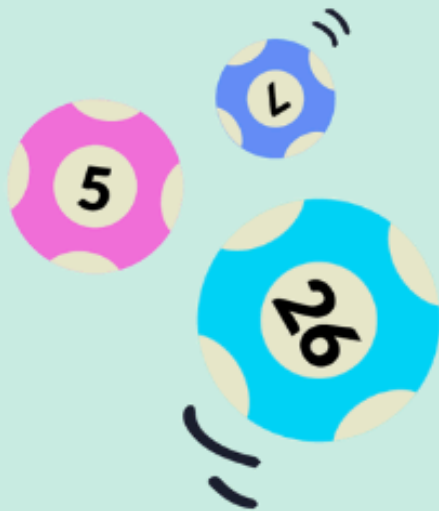




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