

THE PARK TIMES

MAY 2023





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OVERVIEW

Welcome back to a new edition of the Park Times! We are excited to introduce the first edition composed by J. Grigg and C. Williams as we transition to a new group of SLG members. This term has been bustling with the SLG handover and events such as charity weeks, House basketball and the King's Coronation!

SCOTT CHARITY WEEK

The new Scott House captains E. Gallagher and A. Pitts embraced a challenging start to their roles with the exciting first charity week held by our house captains. The week started with the SLG dressing up as animals to raise awareness for our international charity WWF. Break times were busy with cake sales and designing of warrior packs to continue our RPS tradition of donating these packs to cancer patients in our local area.

ECO WEEK

Eco week took place on the WC 27th of March as a way to encourage our green school lifestyle. A creative writing competition was held by the geography department. Congratulations to both J. Lee and E. Broadbent on their amazing winning entries, and to everyone else who submitted a piece. The canteen sold pancakes and as a part of our work with the local food bank, we collected donations. Many events such as a fair trade quiz, register and read about 'plastics', and plant club exploring different drought resistant plants helped to educate students on topical issues regarding the environment.

SCIENCE WEEK

To embrace British Science Week, the science department produced some amazing opportunities for students to embrace their inner scientist. These activities included dissections, wound stitching and external visitors to give enrichment sessions on aerospace, organ transplant, F1 and engineering.

KING'S CORONATION

RPS celebrated the King's Coronation in style with fish and chips being sold in the canteen during lunch. Thank you to all the amazing canteen staff who worked tirelessly to make the day successful!

Finally, we would like to wish the year 11 and year 13 leavers the best of luck in whatever their future may hold. Good luck with exams, we believe in you and know that you will be successful.

We can't wait to see what is in store for us this year!

Your new communications captains,
Caitlyn and Jess





MEET THE EDITORS



Jess



Caitlyn

"Hi, my name is Jess and I am in Grey-Thompson House. I take Business, Design and Technology and Psychology. My goal for the Park Times is to increase the variety of entries so there is something in there for everyone!"

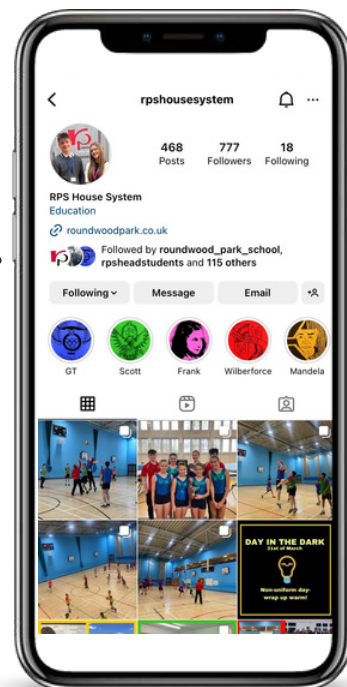
"Hi, I'm Caitlyn and I am in Wilberforce, I am also currently Deputy Head Student. I take Geography, English Literature and Sociology! I would love to promote subjects pages that allow us to commemorate the hard work within our school's community"

parktimes@roundwoodpark.co.uk

As Communication Captains we are responsible for writing and editing the Park Times. We are excited to carry on the amazing work Josie and Faith did last year in growing the magazine with our own twists along the way! If you have any ideas or are eager to get involved email us at the addresses above. We will be on the lookout for help throughout these articles so keep your eyes peeled for various competitions and input in the coming year! Along with this we oversee the RPS House System Instagram page, with regular House updates being posted from the House Captains. Be sure to give it a follow to stay up to date with the upcoming events and activities at Roundwood Park School!



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MEET THE SLG

Head Student: Caitlin
Deputy Head Student: Caitlyn

Head Student: Luke
Deputy Head Student: Alfie

Mandela House Captains: Evan & Paisley
Environmental Captains: Alex, Thomas, Sophia

Wilberforce House Captains:
Isabelle & Abdullah
Extra-Curricular Clubs:
Dylan, Daisy, Aaron

Owens House Captains: Hal
& Polly
Wellbeing Captains: Ife & Zoe



GT House Captains: Niamh & Will
Community & Events
Captains: Connie, Sienna,
Isabel

Scott House Captains: Esme, Alfie & Lauren
Communications Captains: Jess & Caitlyn

Cadbury House Captains: Katie & Luca
Charity Captains: Zara, Erin & Ella

Frank House Captains:
Clara & Leo
Learning and Diversity
Captains: Lilly & Jack

Curriculum Captains:
Alice
Emily
Mia
Jiya

CLUBS AND EVENTS

SCIENCE WEEK

RPS ENCOURAGED OUR BUDDING SCIENTISTS TO GET INVOLVED IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES DURING LUNCHTIMES. FROM DISSECTIONS TO WOUND STITCHING BANANAS TO F1 ENGINEERING, SCIENCE WEEK WAS WIDELY POPULAR WITH ALL PUPILS AND INTERESTS. UNDOUBTEDLY, THE TEACHERS ONCE AGAIN TOPPED THE WEEK WITH THEIR SCIENCE THEMED OUTFITS. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER MR CONNOR'S FLAMINGO OUTDID HIS DINOSAUR?



ERIC MORECAMBE CONCERT

MANY TALENTED MUSICIANS TOOK PART IN THE HARPENDEN SCHOOLS MUSIC ASSOCIATION PLAYING ALONGSIDE OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS. THESE STUDENTS PERFORMED TO AN EXEMPLARY STANDARD AND REPRESENTED OUR MOST TALENTED MUSICIANS WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO TOOK PART!



HOUSE BASKETBALL

IN TRUE RPS STYLE, YEAR'S 7-10 COMPETED IN A HIGH STAKES BASKETBALL COMPETITION BETWEEN HOUSES. THROUGH MUCH HARD WORK AND SKILL, EACH TEAM PLAYED WITH ENTHUSIASM AND PASSION TO PRODUCE AN EXCITING VIEWER OPPORTUNITY. CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 10 WILBERFORCE, YEAR 8 SCOTT, YEAR 7 OWENS AND YEAR 9 GT. OF COURSE, WELL DONE TO ALL OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED!



NEW YORK TRIP

DURING THE FEBRUARY HALF TERM, OUR YEAR 12 AND 13 BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS TRAVELLED TO NEW YORK AS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO ENRICH THEIR LEARNING. THEY EXPERIENCED TOURS INCLUDING WALL STREET, MID TOWN AND BLOOMBERG AND OF COURSE COULDN'T MISS THE CLASSIC EMPIRE STATE BUILDING AND THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. TO SAY THEY MADE PEOPLE JEALOUS WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT!



TRAMPOLINING BSGA TOURNAMENT

UNDENIABLY, OUR TRAMPOLINING SQUAD YET AGAIN PERFORMED OUTSTANDINGLY AT THE BSGA NATIONAL TRAMPOLINE TOURNAMENT. EVERYONE ON THE SQUAD WORKED TIRELESSLY TO PERFECT THEIR ROUTINES AND CERTAINLY MADE THEMSELVES AND THE SCHOOL PROUD!



DESIGN AND TECH TRIP

BOTH THE A-LEVEL AND GCSE DESIGN AND TECH STUDENTS HEADED TO LONDON TO EXPERIENCE A LARGE-SCALE CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURAL SITE THEN TOOK A LOOK AT DIGITAL ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER DESIGN OPERATING IN REAL LIFE.



THANK A TEACHER WEEK

AS IT WAS YEAR 11 AND 13 LEAVERS WEEK, OUR STUDENTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO THANK THEIR FAVOURITE AND MOST SUPPORTIVE TEACHERS IN ORDER TO APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK OUR TEACHERS PUT IN TO THE STUDENTS. .



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RPS EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

SUMMER 2023

Day	Lunch Time				After School			
	Subject	Location	Year group	Run by:	Subject	Location	Year group	Run by:
Monday	Philosophy Club	Hum 2	Yrs 7, 8 & 9	PRE Dept	Youth Speaks	E6	By Invitation	English Dep
	Dance Club	Dance Studio	Yr 7	Year 9 Students				
	Bookclub	E3	Yrs 10 & 11	LMA				
	Tennis Club	Tennis Courts	KS3/4	CWI				
	Athletics: Track & Pole Vault	Field	Yrs 8/9 & 10	PE Dept				
	Glee Choir	MU2	All Years	Music Dept				
	Homework Club	Learning Support	All Years	M Elliott				
	KS4&5 Creative Writing	E4	Yrs 10-13	English Dept				
	Computer Science Club	IT2	Yrs 7 & 8	CS Dept				
	KS3 Creative Writing Club	E1	Yrs 7, 8 & 9	EBu				
Cubing Club	M1	All Years	Year 10s					
Economics Drop-in	BS2	Yr 13	EWI					
Tuesday	Book Babble	Library	Yr 7	K O'Brien	Fitness	Fitness Suite	KS3 & 4	-
	Flute Group	M2	All Years	Music Dept	Textiles GCSE Enrichment	Art2	Yrs 11 & 12	GJe
	Athletics: Field Inc. High Jump	Field	Yr/8/9/10	PE Dept	young enterprise	library and BS2	Y12	MDe
	Homework Club	Learning Support	All years	M Elliot				
	Animation club	IT2	all years	AGO				
	Textiles GCSE Enrichment	Art2	10	GJe				
	LGBTQ+ Pride Drop-in	Studio 8	All Years	G Bulpitt				
Wednesday	Artful Maths	M3	All Years	Maths Dept				
	Training Concert Band	MU2	All Years	Music Dept	Squad Trampolineing	Old Gym	Squad	PMO
	Trampolineing	Old Gym	All Years	PMO	Bookclub	Library	Yrs 7, 8 & 9	English Dep
	Board Games/Chess Club	M2	All Years	Maths Dept	KS3 Astro Club	SL6	KS3	JJA
	Squad Trampolineing	Old gym	Squad	PMO + ZMU	KS3 Book Club	E7	Yrs 7, 8 & 9	English Dep
	Drama Club	Studio 1	Yr 8	Y10 & MGA				
	Climate Action Group	HU9	All Years	Geography				
	Problem Solving Club	M3	Yrs 12&13	VPr				
	SPACE- Explore faith and life	HUM 2	All Years	A Davie				
	Spanish Club	ML7	All Years	MFL Dept				
Athletics (all events)	Field	Yr 7	PE Dept					
Thursday	Concert Band	MU2	All grades 3+	Music Dept	Art GCSE Enrichment	Art 3	11	EBA
	Homework Club	Learning Support	All Years	Music Dept	Dungeons & Dragons Club	Library	All years	s Humphrey & N
	Pokemon Club	Bus. 2	All Years	Keshav	Fitness	Fitness Suite	KS3 & 4	
	Rock School	Practice rooms 4,5,6	All Years	Music Dept				
	Badminton	Sports Hall	Yrs 8-10	PE Dept				
	French Club	MFL	KS3	MFL Dept				
	Kinoklub	MFL	KS4	MFL Dept				
	Trampolineing	Old Gym	Squad	PMO				
	D&T CAD/CAM	T1	Yr 8	SHI				
	Thursday Typing Club	E1	Invite Only	LS (EBU)				
	Open Studio	Art1	All Years	JDU				
	DofE Drop In	IT1	Yrs 10-13	LWI,MDe,jTh				
	Economics Drop-in	BS2	Year 12	EWI				
	GCSE PE Drop-in	PE1	GCSE	PE Dept				
	String Group	MU1	All Years	Music Dept				
	Warhammer Club	SL2	All Years	CRO				
	Friday	Cricket	Field	Yr 8	CWI			
Plant Club		HUM1	All years	PRE Dept				
Rounders		Field	Yrs 8 & 10	EEL				
Debating Club		E5	All Year	English Dept				
Drama National Theatre Connections		Dr1	Yr 9 & KS4	Drama Dept				
Science Club		SL8	Yrs 7, 8 & 9	Science Dept				
Bass Broup		MU1	All Years	Music Dept				
/	GCSE PE Trampolineing	Old Gym	GCSE	ZMU				
	German Club	MFL	KS3	MFL Dept				
	Music Theory Club	MU2	All Years	AGr				
	D+D Club	Tech	Yrs 7, 8 & 9	ALI				
	Warhammer Club	Art3	All Years	CRO				
	KS5 History Book Club	Hum 5	Yrs 12 & 13	KBA				
	Homework Club	Learning Support	All Years	M Elliot				
	Economics Drop-in	BS2	Yr 11	EWI				
	Cricket	Field	Yrs 7, 9 & 10	JCO / MHU				
	Rounders	Field	Yrs 7 & 9	EEL / VQU				

ENVIRONMENT AT OUR SCHOOL



With an ever changing world, it is important to keep the environment in the forefront of our minds. The RPS community focus exponentially on ensuring we follow a green school lifestyle and keep educating students on the importance of protecting the earth.

ECO- WEEK

Our geography department and sustainability captains ran an eco week at our school, with a range of events focusing on sustainability and environmental conservation. The week started with a geography quiz held at lunch. On Tuesday, we collected food bank donations to support our local charity and held an art and creative writing competition to encourage students' involvement. The week was full of educational activities and assemblies to resonate with students and encourage them to think green!

DAY IN THE DARK

We continued our successful campaign for limiting energy consumption through partaking in 'Day in the Dark' where lights, laptops and boards, where possible, were switched off in order to promote energy conservation!



Climate Action Group selling fair trade pancakes during break and lunch to promote making a conscious effort to buy Fair Trade!



New Sustainability Captains
Sofia, Thomas and Alex



Take a look at our winners of the creative writing competition on the next page!

MOTHER EARTH

BY E. BROADBENT

I have seen it all. I have seen the birth of the universe. I have seen the death of countless galaxies. I have seen the brightest days and the darkest nights. But I have never seen something quite so awful compared to what I am a witness to currently. Just the thought of it makes the lava burst from my volcanoes and storms whip up my oceans in an attempt to make you people realise. When I think about humans or, as I like to say, the wasters of life, a few words spring to mind: selfish, ignorant and destructive. Through the ages of my life, I have survived all of the loneliness of space, meteors and blackholes, but in the short amount of time it has taken you humans to settle, you have been killing off your fellow inhabitants. The animals, the fish, the insects, the fungi and the bacteria. You are like a bulldozer and everything that gets in your way is destined to be crushed underfoot, just so you get what you want. Maybe you do not understand? Maybe you do not want to understand? The questions perplex me as they swirl around my brain, however, they all boil down to a single word. Why? If you know the effects of your actions on the environment, then why are you sitting around in conference rooms talking about action, instead of taking action. It would be so simple to unite everyone to undo what they have done and make some small changes to everyone's life so that the ecosystem can live happily and freely whilst also protecting life. That being said, humans are not all bad and there are a few people who have some sense. It would be unfair to not mention those "good humans", the ones who know and can recognise others' actions and are prepared to speak out. There are a few, but they are not being listened to. To think that the entire human race is completely ignorant to the idea of life is shocking. The fact that life is not normal, it is an enigma and is so precious. I am one of trillions of planets that has been chosen to house life, yet my inhabitants wish for that to be taken away. Thrown in the bin, so to speak. How can you have so little feeling?



Standby

By J. Lee

I.

Can't.
Breathe.

It's their fault.

Mother nature tried to warn us, she raged and screamed
and...

But to no avail.
They didn't listen.
It's their fault.

They've had their chance,
but have they done anything yet?

No.
And they never will.
It's too late now.

It burns inside of me.
It boils and bubbles inside of me.
It churns in the furnace inside of me.
How it aches and throbs,
crying, screaming, shouting to break free.

I want to reach into them,
and shake them.
Shake them until they wake up.

Is it too much to ask?
Do I need to spell it out for you?
Is it not obvious?

Plastic blanketing the sea,
Wildfires raging,
Animals waking up to another day of torture.
It's their fault that the planet is destroyed.
There's no turning back now.

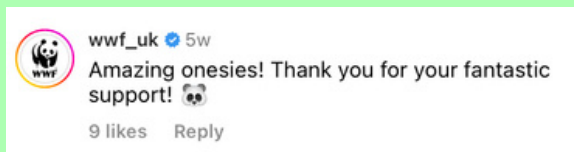
SCOTT HOUSE WEEK

Scott's House Week ran from the 13th-17th April, jam-packed with activities throughout the week!



The new SLG kicked off their first House Week in style, dressing up in endangered animal onesies, and raising awareness for endangered animals in support of the school's charity partner, World

Wildlife Fund. All involved carried fact files of endangered animals to spread the word. All in all a successful start to the week, receiving a reply from the WWF Instagram themselves!



Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime was spent decorating bags for Warrior Packs in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. 'Warrior Packs' are bags of donations to be distributed and hopefully brighten the day of local adults and children currently undergoing

cancer treatment. These were later filled with donations the following Monday and Tuesday due to teacher strike days. Thank you to all involved and keep your eyes peeled for The Chess Tournament Scott House Captains have coming up...



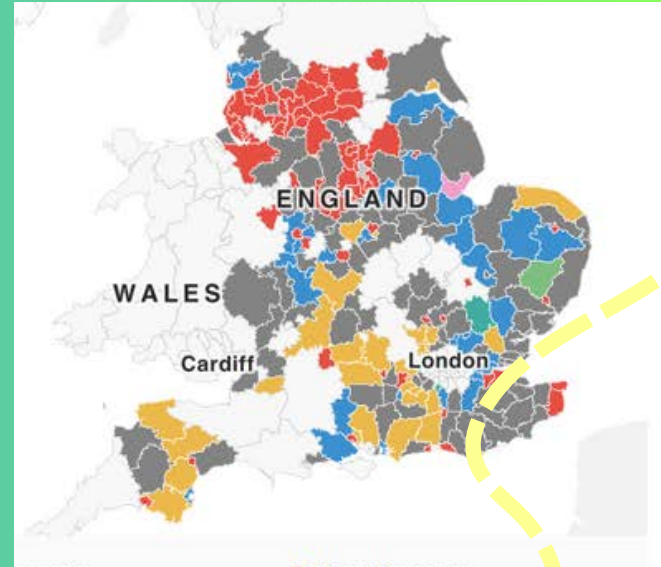
Finally, no charity week is complete without break time cake sales. A special thank you to Harvey (10S) who helped at all cake sales to help his House Captains.

Well done to Esmee and Alfie for putting together such a successful week, along with Mrs Tatts for helping as a Head of House during this time. Next, look forward to Wilberforce's charity week coming in June!



CYCLONE MOCHA HAS HIT THE COAST OF BANGLADESH AND MYANMAR. THE STORM IS REPORTED TO BE A CATEGORY 5 AND POSSIBLY THE MOST POWERFUL STORM SEEN IN TWO DECADES. STORM SURGES OF UP TO FOUR METRES COULD FLOOD LOW LYING VILLAGES WITH WIND SPEEDS OF UP TO 120 MPH.

WITH ALL OF THE RESULTS DECLARED, THE CONSERVATIVES HAVE LOST CONTROL OF MORE THAN 40 COUNCILS. LABOUR HAVE PICKED UP MORE THAN 500 SEATS. LEADER SIR KEIR STARMER CLAIMS THE PARTY'S PERFORMANCE SETS THEM "ON COURSE FOR A LABOUR MAJORITY AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION". LIBERAL DEMOCRATS HAVE WON 12 COUNCILS.



GLOBAL CURRENT AFFAIRS



THE SUDANESE ARMY AND THE PARAMILITARY RSF HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR 29 DAYS, KILLING MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE AND INJURING OVER 4,000. THE UN ESTIMATES 50,000 PEOPLE HAVE FLED SUDAN, AND THE NUMBER INTERNALLY DISPLACED IS YET TO BE REPORTED.

SWEDISH EUROVISION CONTESTANT, LOREEN WINS THE 2023 SONG CONTEST WITH 583 POINTS AS SHE PERFORMED HER SONG 'TATTOO' WHICH GAINED POPULARITY FROM THE AUDIENCE. FINLAND CAME A CLOSE 2ND AND WAS THE UK'S HIGHEST VOTED CONTESTANT.



KING'S CORONATION



ON THE 6TH OF MAY, THE UK CELEBRATED THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III. THE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY, WITH THE KING BECOMING THE 40TH REIGNING MONARCH SINCE 1066.

THE UK IS, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL FAMILY WEBSITE, THE ONLY EUROPEAN COUNTRY THAT STILL USES REGALIA - THE SYMBOLS OF ROYALTY LIKE THE CROWN, ORB AND SCEPTRES IN CORONATIONS. THE INDIVIDUAL OBJECTS SYMBOLISE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE SERVICE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MONARCH.



WE AT RPS CELEBRATED THE CORONATION IN TRUE BRITISH FASHION BY ENJOYING FISH AND CHIPS IN THE CANTEEN DURING OUR CORONATION STREET PARTY.

THE STAFF WERE TREATED WITH SCONES BAKED BY OUR WONDERFUL WELL-BEING TEAM TO BOOST SPIRITS WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

SPRING/SUMMER 2023

Abbotts Funfair

Thurston Funfair returns to Harpenden Common with exciting rides for all ages.

25TH – 29TH MAY

17TH JUNE

Larks in the Park

Currently waiting for confirmation due to funding, this popular event is scheduled at Batford Springs and includes a variety of activities and entertainment for all ages, bringing together the community to enjoy outdoor fun! Enjoy food and drinks from the stalls or bring a picnic to one of Harpenden's most treasured green spaces

17TH – 18TH JUNE

Highland Gathering

A Scottish-themed family fun day out and fundraisers for charities including Marching Pipe Bands, Highland Dancing and Games, Arena Displays, Stage Performances, Children's Races, and Live Music. Haggis Hurling, Archery, Go Karts, Stalls, Food, Bars, and more!

9TH JULY

26TH JULY

Be sure to check out what your local community has to offer!

Summer Carnival

Harpenden's exciting Summer Carnival, hosted by Harpenden Town Council and Harpenden Round Table, brings exciting action-packed program of entertainment and activities, with musical performances, food and drink, and an unrivalled atmosphere.

18TH JUNE

Art on the Common

Established over 30 years ago, Art on the Common is Hertfordshire's premier outdoor art event, welcoming more than 50 local artists. It is a wonderful opportunity to view and purchase incredible artwork including paintings, ceramic, fine art photography, jewelry, sculptures and more!

Classics on the Common

A spectacular array of over 1,000 classic cars, scooters, and motorbikes on Harpenden Common for one of the UK's largest classic car events! Visitors can expect a variety of cars from 1913 model T Ford and a 1916 Stanley Steamer, to Rolls Royce and Maserati making appearances in past years. The event is free to attend, although donations are encouraged!

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Young enterprise is a national charity that allows young people to start and run their own business, equipping them with team working and problem solving skills for life. Each year, Roundwood Park is lucky enough to have two teams partaking in this battle of business!

NEPTUNE



'We are Neptune; a branch of Young Enterprise. We are focused on providing sustainable greeting cards both throughout Hertfordshire and online. A huge priority of ours is to ensure that we produce greeting cards for large and small holidays alike, to ensure that all events are properly celebrated - from International Women's Day to Christmas!' - *Zara M (Managing Director)*

"Our product is eco-friendly, seeded greeting cards that, once they have been enjoyed, can further serve our environment. After the holiday or occasion has passed, our cards can be planted, and blossom into a variety of different flowers - you really do 'Grow your Greetings!'. Our team has placed focus on ensuring that sustainability is at the forefront of our principles, using recycled envelopes, QR codes at trade fairs, and scrap materials from our school art department that otherwise would have been discarded."



Visit their [website](#) to find out more!

LAVAL



'Hello, we are Laval and we have created an award-winning children's language book, aiming to teach children ages 4-7 about the wonders of different languages using song'



On Wednesday 10th May the Area Final for South and West Hertfordshire was held in the Fielder Centre in Hatfield, where both of our teams bought home awards. Neptune were awarded 'Best Presentation and 'Overall Winner', and Laval was awarded 'Most Creative' and 'Overall Runner Up'. These awards mean they both progress to Regional Final at the end of this month. Congratulations to both teams!



SPOTLIGHT

ON A HISTORICAL FIGURE



**"SCIENCE, FOR ME, GIVES A PARTIAL EXPLANATION FOR LIFE. IN SO FAR AS IT GOES, IT IS BASED ON FACT, EXPERIENCE AND EXPERIMENT."
-ROSALIND FRANKLIN**

ROSALIND FRANKLIN

In recognition of Science Week we wanted to dedicate the 'Spotlight on a Historical Figure' to Rosalind Franklin who was a British Chemist that changed the understanding of DNA. Franklin attended St. Paul's Girls' School before studying Physical Chemistry at Newnham College, University of Cambridge. After graduating in 1941, she received a fellowship to conduct research in Physical Chemistry at Cambridge.

From 1953 to 1958 Franklin worked in the Crystallography Laboratory at Birkbeck College, London. While there she completed her work on coals and DNA and began a project on the molecular structure of the Tobacco Mosaic Virus. She collaborated on studies showing that the Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) in that virus was embedded in its protein rather than in its central cavity and that this RNA was a single-strand helix, rather than the double helix found in the DNA of bacterial viruses and higher organisms.



Franklin's work was central to the understanding the molecular structures of DNA, RNA and viruses. Her research was used without her consent by Watson and Crick and went without acknowledgment in the breakthrough paper.

Sadly, Franklin died aged 37 of ovarian cancer and she missed out on the Nobel prize shared by Watson, Crick and her boss, Wilkins.

Despite her work being pivotal in the world of science she was never credited, her work until now being recognised as not her own.

CELEBRATION

SCHOLARS

Some of our students who have been awarded their Scholars Badge from the Headteacher himself!

At RPS, celebrating students' achievements is a core focus. We have further commemorated this with a page dedicated to celebrating these achievements, this edition honouring all those who have achieved their Scholar Badge.



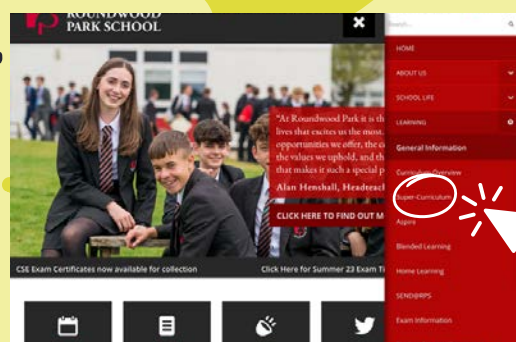
The Scholars cohort led by Mrs Martin is ever growing, with new students being awarded the badge each term. It shows your commitment and passion to your subject teacher and can even be used when applying to the SLG and University in the future!

A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO...

E. Wooldridge	C. Richards	R. Godwin	O. Latson	S. Basquille	I. Turner
O. Lawes	A. Kirk	L. Cheung	C. Oates	A. Kajkowski	N. Vicente
I. Wright	A. Khaliq	A. Yip	L. Townsend	S. Nadiger	I. Shaikh
D. Chamberlain	J. Singer	O. Gaches	S. Riche	S. Ram	A. Thorpe
J. Dawson	S. Nadiger	E. Broadbent	I. Thorpe		
B. Taylor	M. Fountain	E. Wright	D. Stacy St Roas		
A. Scholey	A. Al-taan	O. Broadbent	J. Elgarhy		
A. Farnhill	L. Duncan	J. Lee	M. Scholey		
R. Robinson	A. Dam-Capel	S. Flaxbeard	G. Jackson		
T. Delvin	C. Egan	S. Khan	O. Hedge		
S. Dyer	L. Hykaj	R. Patil	W. Johnson		
	R. Morales				



Visit the super curriculum section on the RPS website. If you complete all the challenges in one subject, or five challenges in three subjects, you too can become an RPS scholar and receive your scholars badge! Check out an example of the amazing work the Scholars have been up to on Page 22!



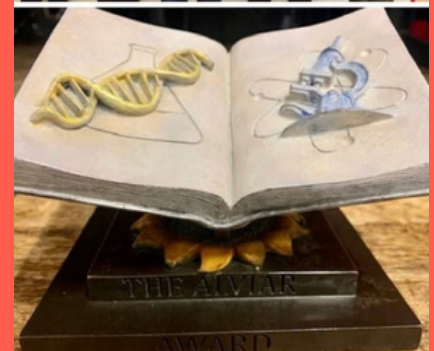
ALVIAR COHEN AWARD

ALVIAR IS RPS ALUMNI, HIGHLY RESPECTED AND LOVED AT THE SCHOOL. HE HAD A PASSION FOR SCIENCE AND DREAMED OF STUDYING AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY. ALVIAR TOOK HIGH VALUE IN HIS EDUCATION AND SUCCESSFULLY WENT ON TO ACHIEVE HIS DREAM OF STUDYING AT OXFORD. UNFORTUNATELY, ALVIAR DEVELOPED LEUKAEMIA WHICH HE BATTLED COURAGEOUSLY WITH FOR AN EXTENSIVE PERIOD OF TIME. HE SADLY PASSED IN 2021. OUR SCHOOL HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH ALVIAR'S WONDERFUL PARENTS TO PRODUCE THE ALVIAR AWARD TO HONOUR THIS OUTSTANDING BOY WHO CONTINUES TO INSPIRE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT OUR SCHOOL TODAY.



STUDENTS IN YEAR 13 WERE ENCOURAGED TO WRITE A REPORT ON ANY TOPIC WITHIN SCIENCE THAT THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT. THERE WERE SOME INCREDIBLE ENTRIES BUT THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARDED DENIZ B. THE AWARD FOR HIS PIECE ENTITLED 'IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY' THAT EXPLORED THE TREATMENT OF CANCER USING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM! CONGRATULATION TO DENIZ FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ENTRY!

MOREOVER, THE AWARD ITSELF WAS DESIGNED BY A GROUP OF STUDENTS, FROM WHICH THEIR IDEAS WERE MOULDED TOGETHER TO PRODUCE THIS BEAUTIFUL PHYSICAL AWARD.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 3 RUNNERS UP:

F. FRANCIS WITH 'OXIDATIVE STRESS',

B. BAYRAK WITH 'REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE',

AND J. HARDEN WITH 'LAVENDER- THE ANTI-ANXIETY MASTERMIND'

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THESE AMAZING ENTRIES FROM OUR TALENTED STUDENTS BY CLICKING THE LINKS BELOW...

[IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY](#)

[OXIDATIVE STRESS](#)

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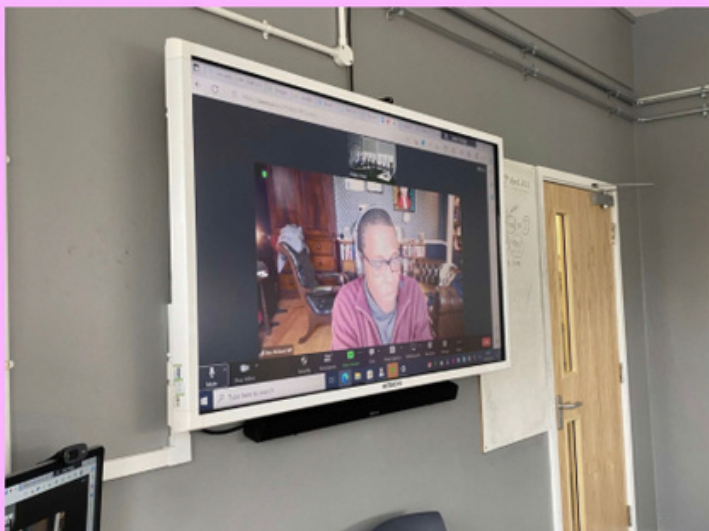


BIM AFOLAMI

INTERVIEW WITH HITCHIN AND HARPENDEN MP

OUTLINE WHAT YOUR JOB CONSISTS OF

'THE WAY I WOULD ANSWER THIS IS IN TWO PARTS. FIRST, AS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT YOU HAVE 3 THINGS YOU NEED TO JUGGLE. ONE BEING YOUR CONSTITUENCY- EVERY PLACE HAS A DIFFERENT CONSTITUENCY- WITHIN THIS CONSTITUENCY, MY ROLE IS THE MOST SENIOR ELECTED ROLE. WHETHER THAT BE INTERVIEWS LIKE THIS OR GOING OUT, MEETING COUNSELLORS AND OTHER THINGS ALIKE, YOU ARE THE MOST SENIOR PERSON ELECTED. PARLIAMENT MAINLY SITS ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS. THE SECOND THING IS YOUR ROLE IN WESTMINSTER. SO THAT IS IF YOU HAVE A POST IN GOVERNMENT OR AN OFFICIAL PLACE IN THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, SO I SERVED IN GOVERNMENT- I WAS A VICE CHAIR IN THE PARTY, AT THE MOMENT I'M NOT, I'M IN A SELECT COMMITTEE. WHATEVER YOU DO IN PARLIAMENT, THAT'S WHERE YOU SPEND HALF YOUR TIME IN PARLIAMENT. THE THIRD IS THE POLITICAL JOB YOU OBTAIN IN YOUR PARTY. THAT IS EVERYTHING FROM BEING A POLITICAL LEADER OF YOUR ASSOCIATION, LEADING ELECTIONS AND CREATING STRATEGY, HOSTING EVENTS FOR YOUR PARTY, RAISING MONEY AND BOOSTING ENTHUSIASM. I OFTEN GET INVOLVED IN MEETING PEOPLE AND IDENTIFYING WITH THEM.'



WE WERE FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO SET UP A VIRTUAL INTERVIEW WITH OUR LOCAL MP BIM AFOLAMI WITH A GROUP OF STUDENTS KEEN ON POLITICS. WE ARE AMBITIOUS ON GETTING INVOLVED IN A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS AT RPS, AND ALTHOUGH POLITICS IS NOT A SET SUBJECT WITHIN OUR SCHOOL, MANY OF OUR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ARE POLITICS CONSORTIUM STUDENTS AT SJL AND POLITICAL ELEMENTS ARE INTEGRATED WITHIN MANY OF OUR SUBJECT CURRICULUMS THROUGHOUT ALL YEARS.

THE STUDENTS ASKED BIM A RANGE OF QUESTIONS TO GAIN AN INSIGHT ON WHAT HIS MP ROLE ENTAILS. THE QUESTIONS RANGED FROM BUDDING POLITICAL ISSUES, TO ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS, TO BASIC HOT TOPICS AFFECTING OUR WORLD CURRENTLY. THANK YOU TO THE ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENTS WHO AGREED TO TAKE PART AND PRESENTED THEMSELVES AMAZINGLY. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY AND WANT TO THANK BIM FOR GIVING UP HIS TIME FOR US.

HERE IS THE LINK TO THE FULL WRITTEN INTERVIEW: [CLICK HERE](#)

PUZZLE PAGE

In recognition of Eco Week, this edition's puzzles are all things Green!

RIDDLES

1. I have a mouth but can't chew. What am I?
2. I fly without wings, I cry without eyes.
What am I?
3. At night I come without being fetched. By day I'm lost, without being stolen. What am I?
4. My rings are not worth much, but they do tell my age. What am I?
5. I am begged to come. But I make people hide when I finally arrive. What am I?

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Recycling
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Answers to be revealed in the next edition of the Park Times...

Should the purpose of charities be to make themselves redundant?

Charity is an innate desire in humans and deep down there is a good samaritan inside every one of us. That desire does not stop once you have helped one person, instead it magnifies. Society is a team and charity is the team spirit that binds us together and brings out our best qualities.

In England and Wales there are 180,000 charities, with over 6 million volunteers, all trying to improve the lives of others. These charities have different goals and purposes, some aim to cure heart disease or stop cancer and others have ongoing commitments like education or building conservation. There is a diverse and vibrant array of problems that these charities provide services to the public in order to solve.

The Charitable Commission in England and Wales was set up by the government to manage all charities and keeps a record of the charities' governing documents, which include their stated aims and purposes, known as 'The Charity's Objects'. For example, the ninth largest charity in England and Wales is Cardiff University, spending £604 million a year. Cardiff University has six Objects and their major one is 'To Advance Knowledge And Education By Teaching and Research'. Advancing knowledge is a purpose more than an aim as the University can conduct research to build knowledge and create new ideas and technology but it is not possible to complete all potential research. There are so many ideas to research that there is no way to conduct every possible avenue. Teaching is similar, especially as the amount of knowledge that needs to be taught grows. There will always be new students to teach and educate, so the University will not complete that purpose but they will be able to fulfil it on an ongoing basis. Therefore, Cardiff University has an ongoing purpose rather than a specific goal and should never become redundant.

Conversely, one of Cancer Research UK's Objects is an achievable goal 'To Research Into The Nature, Causes, Diagnosis, Prevention, Treatment And Cure of All Forms of Cancer'. There are many types of cancer and many different causes of cancer, though theoretically, it could be possible to cure all forms of cancer and if that objective is achieved, then the charity could be dissolved. In this case, the aim of Cancer Research UK should be to make themselves redundant.

Culturally, redundancy is an interesting concept, because it is commonly seen as 'unsuccessful', yet if a charity completes its objective, and makes itself redundant, it would be a success. If we saw redundancy more as a victory in different walks of life, rather than a failure, then society could take great leaps forward, because people would plan to finish their task, rather than contribute to its slow progress.

For me, if I was a scientist working for Cancer Research UK, and my goal was 'To Cure All Cancer', then I would be inspired to work harder towards it. Even if the Object is not immediately achievable, I could say that my job was to cure cancer. Perhaps all charities should consider making their Objects inspiring rather than attainable. In practice a Charity could have a mix of inspiring and achievable objectives.

Now the question arises: why is there such a difference between the future of the two charities? An aim is a goal that can be achieved and with a good plan will be completed. For instance an achievable aim could be to vaccinate everyone in the world against polio. This is an aim of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and it is achievable, because since 1988, the incidence of polio has decreased by 99%. By comparison, the largest charity in England and Wales is the Charities Aid Foundation, whose Objects are 'To Benefit Any Charitable Institution, To Use Its Funds For Any Charitable Purposes Wheresoever In The World', they support all charities in managing their finances. That Object is a purpose rather than an aim. The Charities Aid Foundation should never aim to make itself redundant because it is instrumental in supporting other charities with their finance.

The very best Objects for a charity should include a combination of the achievable and the inspirational, creating a working environment that is focused and driven. Some charities should have Objects that plan to make themselves redundant, but other Objects support ongoing purposes.

Lastly, the fire in the core of all our beings is charity. As you feed it more fuel it burns stronger and inspirational aims are the oxygen lifeline to it that make it burn brighter. We should never try to restrict the desire to help people but instead we should feed it with the best support and make us all good samaritans



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