



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy term has passed where students and staff continue to flourish. Whilst there have been challenges around Covid and illness over the past few weeks, I am proud that Whitelands has remained open and enrichment activities have been as busy as ever.

This term we have seen many events including our first trip to Bicester Market to showcase our Art and Design work. Items of this work are on display in our reception and the quality of work is highly impressive. I am also delighted that we are beginning to see competitive fixtures starting with local schools with fixtures for our netball and football teams.

Each year we must plan for a significant growth in our school and this includes our new staff. Over this half term we have had an exceptionally busy time recruiting 7 teaching staff for next year. Our students were heavily involved with the processes and their feedback was greatly appreciated!

The end of each term does always bring some staff changes. This Easter we are saying goodbye to Mr Knight and Mr Godfrey. Mr Knight joined us on opening in Gagle Brook as a Teaching Assistant and has trained as a teacher over the past year. Mr Knight has approached school with such enthusiasm and can always be found supervising football at breaks. It is a hugely exciting opportunity for Mr Knight who is joining the Cooper School and we wish him all the best for his future career. Mr Godfrey will also be leaving in order to be nearer his family. Mr Godfrey has played an important role in shaping our Design Technology department and again we wish him all the best.

Our attention now turns to a fantastic summer term.

Mr Cush

Summer Term 1	25 April - 27 May
Late spring half term	30 May - 3 June
Summer Term 2	6 June - 21 July

Inset Day (School Closed to Students) - Friday 20th May 2022

Reminder - Please can you make sure that you have topped up your Parent Pay accounts for the new term.



House points

Total House points

Year 7

- 1st – Mandela
- 2nd – Franklin
- 3rd – Hillary
- 4th – Cavell

Year 8

- 1st – Franklin
- 2nd – Hillary
- 3rd – Cavell
- 4th –Mandela

Overall

- 1st – Franklin
- 2nd – Mandela
- 3rd – Hillary
- 4th – Cavell

Top Individual House points

Year 7

- 1. Cassius Pearce Bates
- 2. Conrad Richards
- 3. Ethan Waddup
- 4. Rafaella da Silva
- 5. Grace Hart
- 6. Dominika Adamczyk
- 7. Erin Horseman
- 8. Oliver Lamb
- 9. Laura Zebrowska
- 10. Roxy Byrnes

Year 8

- 1. Lili McKinnon
- 2. Amalia Lee
- 3. Isaac Starren
- 4. Thomas Samuel-Fagg
- 5. Ben Walker
- 6. Millie Jackson
- 7. Jack Happell
- 8. Joseph Stevenson
- 9. Finley Marshall
- 10. Megan Allmond

Miss Dawe's Dream Team
Term 4 Award: Maja Pieterwas

Mrs Peters' Sensational Student Award:
Junior Kuzanga

Fixtures

The Year 8 Football team played their first competitive fixture this week, beating The Bicester School 7-0. An outstanding performance by the team including two hat tricks. The goal scorers were Junior (3), Finley (3) and Ashton (1). Congratulations!

Whitelands Academy welcomed Akeley Wood in their first competitive netball game for both Year 7s and Year 8s. Whitelands Year 7s took an early lead with Chloe and Laura scoring the first points not long into the game. Our defence did a great job of marking Akeley Wood's players. As the game went on Whitelands kept up the pressure adding more goals. Akeley Wood continued to battle back but only managed to get 4 goals during the game. Whitelands continued to score and defend well, with the game ending 11-4 to Whitelands. An excellent performance played by every player.

- Bailee, 7M, Goal Defence

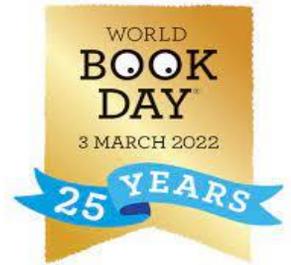
The Year 8 netball team also won their game, beating Akeley Wood 12-3. Well done!



**WHITELANDS
ACADEMY**

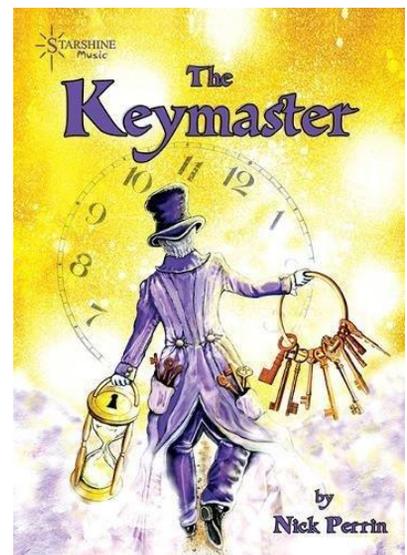
SHARED AMBITION, SHARED SUCCESS

Congratulations to everyone who entered our short story writing competition to celebrate World Book Day. You have each been awarded 10 house points for your fantastic stories. Our competition winner was Meryem Alver. Well done Meryem!



Ms Walsh organised a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about careers in translation. A professional translator who works with the Stephen Spender Trust came in to do an assembly and to run translating workshops for our Year 8 students.

After the Easter holidays, students will have the opportunity to take part in a poetry translating competition. We can't wait to read your poems!



Auditions have taken place for our first ever school production! Over 100 hundred students have volunteered to perform and support with backstage. Rehearsals for *The Keymaster* will start after the Easter holidays.

**COMIC
RELIEF**

Thank you to everyone who donated for our non-school uniform day. We are delighted to have raised £270.99 for Comic Relief! As a school community, we also joined RAF Brize Norton to participate in their Ukraine donation appeal and it was fantastic to see so many students wearing yellow and blue to show support for Ukraine on the day.

**THE GREAT BRITISH
BAKE OFF**

Congratulations to Ashlee Wyllie for winning Star Baker of the Bake Off Club this term!