

Year 7 Parent Notes

During assembly last Monday we celebrated the success of our Accelerated Readers. Certificates were handed out to students who have become Word Millionaires! The following students have read and completed quizzes on over 1 million words since the start of this year: Neve Sofianos (7DC), Frances Daubeny (7DD), Chloe Baete (7DD), Bridie Budgen (7FS), Caitlin Lynch (7SP), Edward Codling (7TK) and Mario Tabares (7DY). Anna Brown (7GQ) and Hattie Wallace (7DY) deserve a special mention for the fact they have become Word Multi-Millionaires! Congratulations to all of the students who received their certificates!

This week has seen much going on at Oxted School. Wednesday was International Pi Day and the Maths Department celebrated by having a competition to see who can accurately recite the most numbers of Pi. The winning student in Year 7 was Bella Brazier with an amazing 80 decimal places Pi. The overall winner was a Year 8 student who had managed to learn the digits of Pi to an incredible 210 decimal places without mistakes. To put that in context he learnt and recited in order the following list of numbers:

3.141592653589793238462643383279502884197169399375105820974944592307816406286
2089986280348253421170679821480865132823066470938446095505822317253594081284
81117450284102701938521105559644622948954930381964428810975

As part of Maths Week some Year 7 students took part in a puzzle box activity during their lesson on Monday. This activity involved a series of mathematical problems which had to be solved in order to open a box. Once the first box was opened it revealed a series of further boxes which needed to be opened. The students worked fantastically well in groups and had to rely upon good communication and organisation skills in order to succeed.

Next week in school sees the Sixth Form's annual 'RAG Week' (Raising and Giving Week). This is a long held tradition within the Sixth Form of having fun activities and dressing up in order to raise money for a selected charity. Over the past few years thousands of pounds have been raised and this year the target has again been set to raise as much as possible. This year the Sixth Form have chosen to support George and the Giant Pledge, a charity set up to raise money to combat children's cancers. The charity, set up by ex-Oxted student Vicki, has set a target of £1 million to help beat childhood cancer. All donations made to the charity go directly to The Royal Marsden Hospital. You can find out further details on the charity and their work at the following website: giantpledge.com/

Mr Bennett and some Sixth Formers will be attending the House assemblies next week to sell wristbands for £1, which a great way of donating, but also gains students' entry to some of the other fundraising events happening next week including the infamous staff v Sixth Form football and hockey matches! Please remind your son/daughter to bring a £1 coin to purchase a wristband but also to have other loose change available to donate if possible across the week. The week finishes with the 'Back to School' disco on Friday evening from 7pm in the Main Hall, entry is £10 per person. Further details are attached on the school bulletin.

Have a good week and please encourage your son/daughter to give generously.

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