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The girls have loved playing with the frost in the garden and it has been super to see them all wrap up warmly so they can enjoy our garden. Most clubs started this week and the girls have participated in a mixture of activities including puzzle club, creative writing and Scratch (computing coding).

We have had a PTA meeting this week and I am delighted to share that they have agreed to help fund some improvements to our staging for plays and to the playground. We are hoping these will all be done during February half term. Thank you to the whole school community for raising these funds. We have also finalised the plans for the Movie Night (3 February) and the school disco ( 25 March). Movie night tickets are available from the PTA site, a link was sent with the newsletter. The girls will be voting for which films will be on offer next week but all choices are $U$ rated. For this event girls are welcome to bring siblings or friends but anyone who is not a current pupil will need to have a form relating to allergens to be allowed the cookie. These will be available from the school office the week before the event.

I have had a couple of parents ask me about VAT on fees. Labour has recently reiterated its commitment to making school fees for private education subject to VAT, which would be a tax on the fee-payer. The impact of this scenario has been a standing item at Governor meetings for the last year and sector organisations are also working hard in this area ahead of the manifesto publication. We will do all we can to help with any increases whilst ensuring that we maintain the fabulous education your daughters receive. We will of course keep you updated.

The Form VI girls will be enjoying another Skylark Session at Haileybury on Monday afternoon. They will be having a singing masterclass and entering a choral competition. I am sure you will join with me in wishing the girls the best of luck for this. Our General Knowledge team is also competing next week in a national quiz competition so good luck to them too! I will let you know next week how we got on.

I do hope you have a frosty but fun weekend!
Have a great weekend!
Penny Woodcock

## Thoughts from the Head Girl

What have J.R.R. Tolkien, Edgar Allen Poe, Jacob Grimm, A.A. Milne, Lewis Carroll and Isaac Newton in common? Sounds like a $1 \%$ club quiz or one of those VR questions. The odd one out would be Newton as scientist vs all others being authors. However, we need similarities - all these great minds were born in January!

Have a great weekend.
Hannah

## Sports Report

On 16 January the swim squad went to a Division 10 gala at Maltman's Green School. The squad swam amazingly and we had 18 personal bests. They should all be very proud, I certainly am. We were all very supportive and got excellent results, even though we swim against the bigger schools we are getting amongst them and closer to them.

The swimmers of the gala were Charlotte G (IV), Charlotte L (V), Nehanna, Hannah, me and Mira (Medlay Relay team)

## Grace

Swim Captain


On Thursday 18 January Form V \& VI went to Northwood College to play netball. Even though we had just had a long Christmas break everyone played at their very best. Throughout the game everyone played fantastically even though we all had freezing cold hands! In the Form VI matches we persevered and got better as the matches went on and never gave up. Well done for everyone who played. I can tell how much better we've all got since the start of the year. The players of the match were Radhika and Tessa.

Hattie
Games Captain

## Housepoints

Each week, you will see how your house is doing. Remember to work as hard as you can to ensure your house is the winner.

| Goldfinches | 120 |
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| Kingfishers | 116 |
| Robins | 112 |
| Woodpeckers | 104 |

Well done to Goldfinches this week.

## Excellence Book

Grace
Josie
Keshavi
Octavia
Darcie-Louise
Anaya
Chloe
Mylah
Sariah
Hana
Evelyn
Leilani
Gurlaabh
Edie
Sabina
Ruhi
Suri
Kitty
Felicity
Zoya
Charlotte
Elif
Aleeza
Holly
Edie
Radhika

Form VI
Form VI
Form VI
Form II
Form IV
Form IV
Form IV
Form IV
Form IV
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Form II
Form VI
Form I
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Form II
Form I
Form VI
Form IV
Form IV
Form VI

Maths
English
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English
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English
Spellings
Spellings
Spellings
Spellings
Spellings
Spellings
Maths
Maths
Reading
Reading
Reading
Topic
Handwriting
Maths
Science
Science
Spanish

| Lola | Form III | English |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Annabel | Form III | English |
| Amelia | Form III | English |
| Charlotte | Form III | English |
| Dulcie | Form III | English |
| Jessica | Form III | English |
| Simran | Form III | English |
| Rose | Form III | English |
| Maria | Form III | English |
| Sienna | Form I | Phonics |
| Ruby | Form I | Reading |
| Hana | Form IV | Maths x 2 |
| Charlotte | Form IV | Maths $\times 2$ |
| Aishani | Form V | French |
| Mettabel | Form V | Spanish |
| Meher | Form V | Science |
| Leiyla | Form III | English |
| Maria | Form III | English |
| Charlotte | Form III | English |
| Priyanka | Form III | English |
| Lola | Form III | English |
| Eva | Form I | Phonics |
| Bella | Nursery | Phonics |
| Aarya | Form I | Reading |
| Elif | Form I | Reading |
| Nyra | Reception | Phonics |
| Serena | Form IV | Spanish |
| Anaya | Form IV | Spanish |
| Edie | Form IV | Spanish |
| Evelyn | Form IV | Spanish |
| Chloe | Form IV | Spanish |
| Sienna | Form I | Handwriting in Science |
| Eva | Form I | Handwriting in Science |
| Kitty | Form I | Science |
| Charlotte | Form IV | Spanish x 2 |
| Serena | Form IV | English |
| Asha | Form I | Maths |
| Eva | Form I | Maths |
| Isabelle | Form V | Maths |
| Nehanna | Form V | Maths |
| Ruby | Form I | Changing quickly for PE |
|  | Form I | Music |
| Sariah | Form IV | Maths |
| Darcie-Louise | Form IV | Maths |
| Sabina | Form IV | Maths |
| Ishika | Form IV | Maths |
| Rose | Reception | Teamwork |
| Ava | Reception | Teamwork |
| Ava | Reception | Maths |

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Shreeya
Amaya
Form I
Form I
Being thoughtful
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Computing was the focus of our celebration assembly today, well done Arabella B, Rose F, Georgia, Sienna Ko, Maria, Gurlaabh, Mettabel and Keshavi.

Well done to the girls who brought in their awards and trophies so we could celebrate their out of school achievements:

Kitty
Sienna K
Shreeya
The following commendation certificates have been given out:

## Bronze Certificate

Lucia, Ava K (N)
Leilani, Lila, Evelyn, Chloe, Mylah (IV)
Tessa (V)
Radhika (VI)
Silver Certificate

Serena (IV)

Who has a birthday this week?

Kitty

## The week ahead at a glance

Monday 22 January
Wednesday 24 January
Friday 26 January

Form VI at Haileybury Choral competition
General Knowledge Quiz at MTP
icandance assembly \& workshop
Swimming gala at High March

## Class Assembly: Wednesdays at 8.40am

| Date | Assembly <br> $(8.40-9.00 \mathrm{am})$ | Workshop <br> $(9.00-9.30 \mathrm{am})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Form V | Residential trip meeting |
| 28 February | Form VI | Residential trip meeting |
| 6 March | Form IV | Secondary transfer meeting |
| 13 March | Form III | Coffee with Miss Woodcock |
| 20 March |  |  |

## Reminders

If your daughter is feeling unwell, please do not send her into school out of consideration to the rest of the class and staff.

We have had a case of nits this week so please have an extra careful check of your daughter's hair this weekend.

