

# Chiltern Edge School



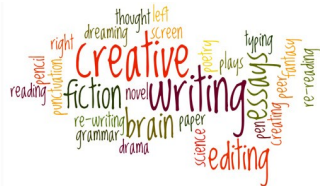
Link Newsletter 2 (2016-2017)

23 September 2016

This week has been another very busy one for both staff and students. On Wednesday evening we welcomed prospective parents to our Open Evening. The hall was filled to capacity for Mr Sadler's presentation, and there was a wonderful atmosphere throughout the whole evening. Mr Sadler and the staff extend their thanks to all those students who helped out on the evening.

We look forward to welcoming more prospective students and their families next week as we host our two Open Mornings on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Creative Writing Competition



The Department of English Literature at the University of Reading is delighted to announce its first public creative writing competition for 11 to 14 year olds from the Reading area. This is part of the 2016 Reading Literature Festival (4-13 November) and Reading Year of Culture.

The theme for entries is "My Reading", and submissions can take the form of poetry (up to 14 lines), a short story (up to 500 words), or creative non-fiction (up to 500 words). Send your submission by email or post to: Dr Nicola Abram, Department of English Literature, University of Reading, Whiteknights, PO Box 218, Reading, RG6 6AA ([english-literature@reading.ac.uk](mailto:english-literature@reading.ac.uk)).

Please include your name, your date of birth, a contact number or email address, and the school's name on your entry. The deadline for entries is 7 October 2016. Entries will be judged by prize-winning poet and novelist Peter Robinson and children's author Wendy Meddour. Prizes include book tokens and books by Two Rivers Press, and prize-winning entries will be published in the 2017 University of Reading Creative Arts Anthology. Winners will be presented with their prizes by T.S. Eliot Prize-winning poet Alice Oswald on Friday 4 November (preceding the 2016 Finzi Lecture).

The organisers of this event, Nicola Abram and Rebecca Bullard, comment: "During our outreach activities with local schools we've consistently been impressed by the imagination and attention to detail that pupils put into their creative writing. Through this competition we'd like to give young people a chance to shine – and to tell the world what Reading means to them."

The **Year 11 Parents' Evening** is on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. Unfortunately there is a printing error in the school planner which shows the event taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Form Tutors have discussed this with Year 11 students but please can we ask you to check that you have the correct date on your calendar. We look forward to welcoming Year 11 parents and students on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## Chess Club Tuesday lunchtime



Chess Club takes place in the Maths Department on Tuesday lunchtimes. Please see Mr Glendinning for more details.

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The average attendance for the school as a whole so far this term is 96.1% . The top Tutor Group in each House is:

**Pegasus** - P2 - 98.9%  
**Draco** - D5 - 98.6%  
**Orion** - O1 - 98.4%  
**Lyra** - L4 - 97.7%

### Whole School Sponsored Walk—Friday, 21 September 2016



In order for this annual event to be a great success we rely on extra support from friends of the school who act as marshals on the day. We also receive support from parents, Governors and ex-staff. We would like to extend an invitation to join us on this lovely walk through the Oxfordshire countryside and are looking for volunteers from 08.55am - 3.00 pm, 8.45am - 12.00 or 11.30am - 3.00pm. If you are able to help and would like to join us on the day, please contact Mr Nutt on [knutt@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:knutt@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk)

### News from Mr Nutt, Primary School Sports Coordinator

#### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Pupils in Year 10 are reminded that they are registered through the Eyot Centre, Henley, who can sign you off their award.

Any pupil in Year 11 who needs to sign off, or re log in, must contact the South East Region. Please contact Gary Grieve on [garygrieve@dofe.org](mailto:garygrieve@dofe.org)

Anyone in Year 10 or Year 11 looking to start their Silver or Gold D of E, please contact Mr Nutt and he can forward details from the Eyot Centre, Henley. [knutt@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:knutt@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk)

#### Primary Cross Country Races

We have a number of races coming up and Mr Nutt would welcome some pupil and parental support with running the events.

- We need two or three adults to help in the car park between 09.00 am and - 10.15 am.
- To assist with marshalling the race, we require 10 pupils to help from any year group (9.30am - 11.30 am).

The relevant dates are 8 October, 5 November, 10 December and 25 February 2017.

If you can help please let me know [knutt@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:knutt@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk)

#### Lost Property

There is quite an accumulation of lost property in Pupil Services—sadly, a lot of it is not named! If you are missing items of school uniform (jumpers, coats, PE kit, etc), please ask your son/daughter to visit Pupil Services during break/lunch on Monday.



### Work Experience for Years 11-13

Did you know there are opportunities for **hospital work experience** for students interested in health careers.

There are a range of projects on offer for students currently in Years 11, 12 & 13 who are looking to apply for university courses in either medicine, nursing, midwifery or dentistry.



These 1 or 2 week programmes take place in **London during October half term, during February half term 2017 and during the summer holidays 2017**. Projects are designed for current **Year 11** students thinking of applying for medicine, **current Year 12** students to offer them much needed hospital work experience before they apply and to see if a career in healthcare appeals to them.

Further information on the programmes can be found at [www.premedprojects.co.uk](http://www.premedprojects.co.uk)

### Do you have sons or daughters in Year 8/U13s who are keen on football?

Rotherfield United FC are a community Football Club based in Sonning Common and welcome players of any standard to join us. Boys or girls, even if you don't currently play for any club or school, we will offer training and matches each week in a friendly & fun environment !!

If interested, please contact Ian McGowan on 07710 041 194 or [business.enhancersltd@gmail.com](mailto:business.enhancersltd@gmail.com)

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## Link Newsletter Calendar 2016-2017

- Tuesday, 27th September - Open Morning 9:15am—10:30am  
Wednesday, 28th September - Open Morning 9:15am—10:30am  
Wednesday, 5th October - Year 11 Parents' Evening  
Monday, 10th October - INSET Day  
Wednesday, 12th October - Primary Eurovision at Chiltern Edge  
**17-23 October 2016** - **National Youth Against Cancer Week**  
Wednesday, 19th October - Careers Fair 5:00pm  
**Friday, 21st October** - **Sponsored Walk Break for Half Term (3:10pm)**
- Monday, 31st October** - **Autumn Term Resumes (Week 2)**  
Tuesday, 1st November - Year 7 Parents/Tutor Evening  
Monday, 14th November - Year 8 Exams Begin (14—25 November)  
Thursday, 17th November - Leavers Presentation Evening  
Monday, 21 November - Year 11 GCSE MFL Controlled Assessment Week (Speaking)  
Thursday, 24 November - Sonning Common Primary School Pantomime  
Friday, 25th November - Year 11 Reports Issued  
Wednesday, 30th November - Mock Interviews  
Saturday, 3rd December - Musical Rehearsal Weekend  
Sunday, 4th December - Musical Rehearsal Weekend  
Monday, 5th December - Little Shop of Horrors Matinee  
Tue-Thur, 6-8 December - Little Shop of Horrors Evening Performances  
Thursday, 15th December - Year 7—10 Progress Reports  
**Friday, 16th December** - **End of Autumn Term (12:35pm)**
- Monday, 2nd January - Bank Holiday  
Tuesday, 3rd January - INSET Day  
**Wednesday, 4th January** - **Start of Spring Term (Week 1)**  
**Friday, 10th February** - **Break for Half Term (3:10pm)**
- Monday, 20th February** - **Spring Term Resumes (Week 1)**  
Monday, 6th March - INSET Day  
Thursday, 6th April - Year 7 Trip to Boulogne  
**Friday, 7th April** - **End of Spring Term (12:35pm)**
- Monday, 24th April** - **Start of Summer Term (Week 2)**  
Monday, 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday  
**Friday, 26th May** - **Break for Half Term (3:10pm)**
- Monday, 5th June** - **Summer Term Resumes (Week 1)**  
**Friday, 21st July** - **End of School Year (12:35pm)**

All dates are correct at the time of going to print but are subject to change.