

Connecting Classrooms - Year 7 SKYPE Calls

As part of our on-going Connecting Classrooms Project, Year 7 has been skypeing their pen pals from Lanya Junior High School in Taipei, Taiwan. 7W are linked to a class of 7th graders and 7C are linked to a class of 8th graders. In the last skype call the subject for discussion was how our pupils had celebrated over the Christmas period and how the pupils in Lanya would be celebrating Chinese New Year.

The pupils from Lanya told Year 7 that the Chinese New Year would be taking place on February 10, this year will be the 'Year of the Snake'. The celebrations for New Year take place throughout the school winter vacation, Lanya broke up on Friday 18 January and they will return to school on Monday 18 February.

The most important celebration is the annual Lantern Festival which is held on the first full moon of the lunar calendar - this year, February 24. This event forms the final celebrations of the traditional Chinese New Year and the two-week long festival is celebrated throughout the country with towns and villages putting on beautiful displays of decorative lanterns depicting birds, beasts and historical figures.



Achievements

- ✚ Congratulations to *Timothy in 8C and Kubra in 7C* for obtaining a Bronze Certificate of Achievement in Maths.
- ✚ Well done to all of Year 11 for completing 2 weeks of mock exams - good luck to them all for their forthcoming exams in the summer

Upcoming School Trips

- ✚ 29 January Y10 visit to Hackney Community College
- ✚ 06 February Y8 singing at St Joseph's Hospice
- ✚ 11 February Y10 visit to Iniva Institute of International Visual Arts
- ✚ 12 February Religious Education visit to The Ragged School Museum
- ✚ 13 February 8C Visual Arts Lure Exhibition
- ✚ 26 February Y10 Visit to B6 College

Upcoming School Journeys

- ✚ 13 – 17 May Year 8 school journey to Kench Hill
- ✚ 20 – 24 May Year 9 school journey to Edale
- ✚ 24 – 28 June Year 10 school journey to Boulogne (France)
- ✚ 01 – 03 July Year 7 school journey to Woodrow House

Reminder to Parent/Carers

Due to recent adverse weather conditions or any other unforeseen emergencies that may occur, Parent/carers please be reminded to keep us updated with any change of contact details i.e. change of addresses, telephone numbers or work details.

Thank You

Free School Meals – We can help

Make sure you claim!

If your child is at school full-time, you can apply for free school meals if you receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your income is £16,190 or less (this figure changes each April).
- Working Tax Credit for four weeks after your employment finishes
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

If you receive any of the above and are not currently claiming free school meals please speak to Monica (Receptionist) who will be able to provide an application form and help you to complete it.

Maths Homework Club

Maths Homework Club every Thursday after school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Classes are run by Miss Haynes and Miss Wosiak for Key Stage 3 and KS4 GCSE Revision.

Parents/carers must complete and return a permission form before the pupil can start to attend any of the clubs. Pupils can contact Mrs Napier for further information about this club on any other clubs.

Menu Week Commencing Monday 28 January

School Lunch Menu Week 3

MONDAY

Sausages or vegetarian quorn sausages with onions
Mashed potatoes, peas or baked beans
Jacket potato with tuna
Syrup sponge or mandarins and custard

TUESDAY

Beef goulash or bean goulash
Rice, green beans and carrots
Jacket potato with cheese and beans
Iced sponge with custard or tropical fruit bowl

WEDNESDAY

Chicken fajitas or roasted vegetables and onion fajitas
Salad
Jacket potato with coleslaw and cheese
Ice cream and fruit cocktail

THURSDAY

Roast chicken pieces or vegetarian pasty
Roast potatoes, cabbage
Jacket potato with tuna
Bakewell tart with custard or
Strawberry mousse

FRIDAY

Battered fish or vegetarian pasta bake
Chips, peas
Jacket potato with various fillings
Wheat crunch biscuits with custard or melon



Spring dates for your Diary

Spring Term starts on Monday 7 January and ends on Thursday 28 March with the following closures:

Staff Training Day

Year 7 Parent/carer evening

Years 8 & 9 Parent/carer evening

Staff Training Day

Reward Outings

End of Term

Friday 15 February School closed all day to pupils

Tuesday 5 March 3.45-6pm

Tuesday 12 March 3.45-6.30pm

Friday 22 March afternoon school closes at 1.15pm

Wednesday 27 March

Thursday 28 March School closes at 1.15pm

