

Dear Parent/Guardian

Online Safety – Miss Parkinson

We are holding an information evening for parents regarding Online Safety. The session will start at 7pm in the Performing Arts Centre and will be led by Gareth Tomlinson. Gareth is a network and security professional, who has worked in the field for almost twenty years. He has been a member of the Safe and Secure Online project for five years, and is committed to fostering safe and enjoyable use of the Internet for all ages. If you would like to attend this talk, please email Miss Parkinson – assthead@twggs.kent.sch.uk.

Sports Clothes Day for Beth Freeman – Miss Parkinson

On Wednesday 13th April girls may wear their own sports clothes to school in memory of Beth Freeman. Girls are asked to pay £1 and this money will go into Beth's fund to support and help young people in the local community with their sport.

Changes to Bus Services

For girls that travel from Southborough, Bessels Green and Riverhead using the 'Redroute' 315 and 322 services, they will no longer be operating. This will take effect from 24th March 2016. 'Go Coach Hire' will be taking over the 322 service and will now be known as the 402C, which will remain the same in terms of boarding points and timings. Entitled pupils may carry on using their current passes on this service for the remainder of the academic year. For those girls using the 315 service, which is not being replaced, 'Go Coach Hire' will allocate a bigger vehicle to accommodate extra passengers on their 402X service, but girls may also travel on the 431X and 433X services. The 'Go Coach Hire' 434X service will no longer serve Dunton Green, however passengers traveling from Westerham, Brasted, Sundridge and Chipstead will be able to use this service. Passengers traveling from Dunton Green can use the 402X. New bus passes for entitled scholars will be sent home to reflect this change in time for the start of term 4. For further information regarding these services please visit <http://www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk/> or contact Go Coach Hire directly on 01322 668090.

Georgie Grant, U6T – Mrs Wybar

Congratulations to Georgie, who rowed in the Molesey Senior Women's Eight in the Head of the River, one of the top events held on the boat race course, Mortlake to Putney. They were the fastest boat in the "Club" and "Senior" categories, winning medals and also coming third overall. They finished only seven seconds behind the winners, a professional GB U23 composite crew; and they beat the women's Cambridge University boat by ten seconds. She was selected to row in the Molesey BC Schools' Head of the River on 17th March, which also takes place on the boat race course.

Lauryn Thomas, 9I – Miss Parkinson

Congratulations to Lauryn Thomas, 9I, who has been selected to play hockey for the Kent U14 hockey team. This is fully deserved and we wish her every success with upcoming matches.

Ella Lance, 7S – Mrs Wybar

Congratulations to Ella Lance, who has been selected to join the GBR Optimist team at an international sailing event taking place in Braassemermeer, Holland.

TWGGS Teachers' Triathlon for Ghana - Mrs Freeman, Miss Grove and Miss Fischer

Three TWGGS teachers have decided to challenge themselves to get fit and are hoping to raise funds for the Ghana Education Project by taking part in a relay team triathlon. Miss Fischer (Chemistry and Biology teacher and 8W's form tutor) is taking on the swim leg, Mrs Freeman (History and Politics teacher and U6S's form tutor) is tackling the cycling, and Miss Grove (Biology teacher and 7G's form tutor) is running. The Human Race event will be held at Eton's rowing venue at Dorney Lake on 10 July 2016. This is a debut triathlon event for Miss Grove and Miss Fischer and just the second for Mrs Freeman. Miss Grove is part of the team of 16 pupils and 2 staff fundraising for the Ghana Education Project. As you will be aware, the team will visit Nkwanta in October 2016 and are fundraising for equipment and to support the school's development and expansion.

The education of girls worldwide is incredibly important to us at TWGGS, and few women in Northern Ghana currently complete even the most basic education; 77% of adult women in Ghana are illiterate. The Kyabobo School is greatly improving girls' achievement: extending their education, enhancing their employment prospects, benefiting their families and building a better future for the entire community. All amounts raised for the school through the Ghana Education Project make a huge difference to not only the girls in the school, but the whole community of Nkwanta. We have recently heard from the charity that the community is experiencing the worst drought in many years. There are fears that the first rains will fail and there is great concern about water supply. Due to these concerns, they have decided to sink three mechanised boreholes. It is hoped that this will ensure that the

water supply is secure, whatever future years may bring in terms of the climate. There is a very great risk of bush fires in the 35-40 degree heat and, with no water, it is very difficult to put them out.

The "TWGGS Teachers Triathlon Team" would be **extremely** grateful for any donations from parents, guardians and elsewhere, large or small, to their Justgiving account: <https://www.justgiving.com/TWGGS-Teacher-Team/>

Thank you so much! From the TWGGS Teachers Triathlon Team, and all the girls in Ghana.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela.

Vacancy for a School Direct Trainee in Geography, September 2016 – Miss Smith

We have an exciting opportunity for a committed and enthusiastic person looking to enter the teaching profession. There is a vacancy for a trainee teacher in the Geography department to start in September 2016; applicants will need to have a Geography degree at 2:2 level or higher. The application process for School Direct is through UCAS and more information about eligibility, bursaries to train and applications can be obtained from Miss Smith by emailing ift@twggs.kent.sch.uk, telephoning the school or by visiting www.kaizensa.org/221/initial-teacher-training.

Shakespeare Festival 2016 – Bethan Chandler, 8W

The Shakespeare festival proved to be very successful this year. All the forms worked very hard and the outcome was an incredible performance. First 8T performed 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' with two very contrasting scenes, when Oberon the fairy king was instructing Puck to put drops of love potion into someone's eyes, and the play within the play - Pyramus and Thisbe. Madeleine Lane-Radcliffe played Pyramus and received the award for Best Actress. Sasha Dowdy was awarded Best Supporting Actress for her performance playing Oberon. The class won the award for the Most Visually Exciting play and Best Costume and Make-up. Next we had 8W with their performance of 'Hamlet'. The first scene shown was the play within the play – The Mousetrap - when Hamlet tries to prove that his uncle is guilty of his father's murder. The second scene was the sword fight between Hamlet and Laertes and the poisoning of Gertrude. Bethan Chandler as Hamlet won the award for Best Actress and Hannah Shoosmith was awarded Best Supporting Actress. Hannah was the Player Queen Baptista. 8W were the overall winners of the Festival and they also won the award for the Best Set.

Thirdly 8I performed 'Macbeth': the first scene showed the three witches making a potion, with their predictions for Macbeth and Banquo; the second scene was the banquet scene, with Banquo's ghost haunting Macbeth. Lauren Grant as Banquo got the award for Best Actress and Amy Partridge was awarded Best Supporting Actress for her role as Lady Macbeth. 8I also won Best Sound and Lighting. 8G then performed 'The Tempest'. First they showed an exciting shipwreck scene: they had lots going on all around the stage and they won the award for the Best Ensemble Performance and Best Use of Space. Their second scene involved Trinculo, Caliban and Stephano, with Stephano entering the stage through the audience. Best actress was awarded to Poppy Galloway as Gonzalo in the first scene and Chloe Hester won Best Supporting Actress as a frightening monster, Caliban. Amalie Duggal (Trinculo) 8G won the Best Overall Performer award. Last but not least we had 8S with 'Romeo and Juliet'. Their first scene was when Romeo and Juliet set eyes on each other at the ball, and they realise they are in love, and the second scene was when the two families, the Capulets and the Montagues, fight each other and Tybalt is killed. Jane Dupuy as Romeo won Best Actress and Maya Strand-Ford won Best Supporting Actress for her performance as Tybalt. 8S won the award for Best Programme and Foyer Display.

Year 9 Trip to The Globe – Grace Grant, 9G

When we got to the theatre, the first thing we had was a short tour around the Globe and were lectured on some key facts about Shakespeare and the Globe's history; I personally found this immensely interesting. Shortly following the tour, each form was separately taken to a rehearsal room in the theatre where we learnt ways to build tension in 'Macbeth' and how to use expression when reading text. This enabled us to expand our knowledge on the way in which Shakespeare wrote his plays and how he intended them to be acted. In the early afternoon, we were shown to an education centre where we received a talk on the way in which it was fashionable to dress in the Shakespearean period, which helped us look deeper into the reasons Shakespeare used costume to enhance his writing and his characters on stage. After this, we were free to observe the displays about the building of the 'new' Globe at our leisure. In my opinion, I believe the Globe trip developed my understanding of Shakespeare and 'Macbeth', also leaving me with a greater understanding of the language he used.

World Book Day 2016 - Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

On Friday 4th March we proved once again that the girls at TWGGS are not just brilliant academically, but have real talent and flair for creative projects too. Like every year, we invited our Year 7 girls and staff to celebrate World Book Day by dressing up as a character from a novel. Prizes were awarded for the best costume in each class, the best overall individual costume, best group

costume and best dressed form. The girls once again pulled out all the stops this year! We saw book characters as diverse as Alice in Wonderland with Rabbit and the Mad Hatter, Charlie Brown and Snoopy, Peter Pan and Wendy, a Manga Ice Queen, and a collection of wonderful characters from the Hunger Games books. But most imaginative and impressive was Arabella Smalley who had turned herself into a book about her own life and won the Best Individual Costume Prize for her effort. Many of our teachers also made a tremendous effort to come in fancy dress. We had characters from books including Harry Potter, The Martian, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, the Hunger Games, the Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Matilda and The Lady in the Van. All in all, a great effort all round and the challenge now will be to surpass this in 2017.

South East Schools Teen Book Awards – The 10th Anniversary Gala Evening - Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

It is hard to believe but the South East School Themed Book Awards, of which we are a member, celebrated its 10th Anniversary. To rise to the occasion we hosted and attended a fantastic Gala Evening at Kent College, Pembury. Our theme for the anniversary reading list, "First Impressions – Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover", had been as challenging and wide-ranging as any we have had and we waited eagerly which of the books turned out to be the anniversary winners. And after 5 months and 10 different books, we were not disappointed. For the teen books all the pupils from the schools involved decided the best book was "Stargirl" by Jenny Spinelli, and for the Young Adult books the votes went to Malorie Blackman's "Boys Don't Cry". But no matter who the girls had voted for there was widespread agreement that both books were worthy winners. The gala evening gave us the great opportunity, once again, to learn about the tricks of the creative writing trade, and secrets of how to become a successful author; we invited Sally Gardner and Tim Bowler to talk to us and mingle with the pupils. The girls were fascinated by both authors and will hopefully remain inspired and motivated to continue with their reading outside the book group.

And, on a final note, we were ever so pleased that the winner of the SESTBA 10th Anniversary Bookmark Competition was Lara Cummings, Year 8, whose bookmark design will now be used on the official SESTBA merchandise. Congratulations Lara!

Launch of Carnegie Shadowing Scheme - Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

We have barely finished celebrating the end of our busy reading cycle for the SESTBA book group when it is time to get going again with the books for our annual Carnegie Shadowing Scheme. The CILIP Carnegie Medal is the UK's oldest and most prestigious children's book award. Often described by authors as "the one they want to win" – it is the gold standard in children's literature. The Medal is awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding book for children and young people.

Together with Skinners' School, the Boys' Grammar School and SKA we shadow the prize and come together in a final debate on 15th June to choose our own winner in a fiercely contested mixed-team debate and vote. The prize's shortlist is always exciting and challenging, and like every year, we can't wait to get started. Our reading cycle will commence immediately after Easter and if your daughter already can't keep her nose out of a book, or needs a bit of inspiration with her reading, please encourage her to join the group. We meet every Wednesday at 1pm in the Library.

My Week Ice Climbing in Norway Through CCF - Sgt Hannah Billett, L6W

On the 13th of February I arrived at Manchester airport ready for a week of ice climbing in Norway, where I met the three other cadets I would spend the week with in Rjukan, Norway. The view outside of the snowy valleys and frozen lakes was breath taking. I had only done a very small amount of ice climbing before, so after an introductory day on ice slabs, where we learnt how to use our ice axes and crampons effectively, I was pretty tired. However, before bed our instructors told us about the local area. Rjukan is famous for the historic events that took place during WW2, as depicted in the film 'Heroes of Telemark'. A couple of days in, we saw a group of people climbing 'Saboteur Fossen' – the gruelling route that a team of Norwegians descended when they were sabotaging Hitler's plans to generate heavy water.

Altogether, we did six days of ice climbing on several different waterfalls. Each day we would do two or three routes before ending the day back at the local café with tea and cake. On the third day we solo-climbed up - without ropes - to a ledge on a huge waterfall that was several hundred metres high. We then started to multi-pitch climb it as normal. Suddenly, as my instructor was reaching the top, he fell and dropped one of his axes. It was up to me and my friend Angus to put the skills we had learnt into action and rescue our instructor, so it kept the rest of the party safe as well. We managed to get to our instructor by climbing across the waterfall and abseiling down in the dark. The waterfall, scarily, had running water flowing underneath it but after six hours we had salvaged the situation. It's a memory that I will never forget, not just because it was an incredible experience, but because of the invaluable lesson I learnt that day about teamwork when you need it the most. Most people consider CCF to be all about the Army: it is about giving young people opportunities to learn, grow and lead. I have had this life changing experience and have come away with some unforgettable experiences, spectacular photos, new climbing skills, character lessons and special friends who I am still keeping in touch with. It was simply incredible.

Year 9 Siberian Tiger Cub CCF Camp - Thea Pengelly, 9I – Tango Section

On 26th and 27th February, 80 of the Year 9 cadets took part in the Siberian Tiger Cub Camp at Crowborough Army Camp, all quite nervous of what was to come, but also excited about learning loads of new skills. After stationing our kit in our billets, our Year 10 section leaders gave us a tour around the camp. After dinner we all went off to our separate activities, seven in total that all sections completed throughout the camp, all completely different from each other, where we gained and developed new skills: Self Defence, Rifle Practice and Shooting, Command Tasks, Signals, First Aid, Orienteering and Drill. Self Defence for me was personally very exciting - we learnt simple but very effective moves to use if we were ever attacked. In First Aid we developed our CPR skills and even took a test to see if we could use our knowledge in a real life situation. Command Tasks really made the sections work as a team and we all felt closer together as a unit, coupled with a great sense of achievement by the end of it. Furthermore, Signals tested us on our capability to send and receive messages whilst giving instructions to our partner on another walkie-talkie in a different room (it was actually a real challenge!) and drill really perfected our marching as well as other moves. Again it made us tighter as a unit as we worked as one. Orienteering was very interesting, yet challenging, and we learnt how to properly use a compass. But the most exciting bit by far for me, and I am sure for most of the cadets, was learning how to use and try out a .22 Rifle. We took a test that made sure we were safe to use the weapon and then we got to fire some practice shots. In the morning most sections got up at 5.45 am, which I'm sure not too many cadets were happy about, but we had a billet inspection to get ready for. It was very daunting, but everyone worked as a team to get our billets looking spotless. Throughout all of the activities our sections were given points and this added the competitive element into it all, making all the sections work better as a team as the top two sections got to camp overnight in a battleship in May. Overall, the weekend was a tremendous success and I am sure that everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, because I certainly did. All of the Year 9s who attended the camp would like to say a massive thank you to all of the staff and CCF leaders who made the weekend such a great success.

Design and Technology, Engineering – Mrs Bence

On Tuesday 15th March representatives from BAE Systems visited the Design and Technology Department to deliver an Engineering presentation. This transatlantic and aerospace company explained how they produce a range of products and services for air, land and naval forces, as well as advanced electronics, information technology solutions and customer support services. They were also here to promote the Engineering Taster Week. This is a great opportunity for L6th girls to experience engineering and decide if this could be a potential career path. Work experience placements with well known companies are an ideal addition to CVs and for UCAS application forms. BAE Systems also provide fantastic apprenticeship opportunities for students straight after A Levels. To find more information regarding Engineering Taster Week and opportunities with this company, please apply online at: <http://www.baesystemseducationprogramme.com/tasterweeks> or email ETW@baesystems.com

The Southern Science and Technology Challenge Final – Sophie Lewis, 10I

On the 14th January, Lauren and I went to King's College in London to take part in the "The Southern Science and Technology Challenge Final". We had the whole day to complete this challenge as a group of four, so teamwork was key. The challenge itself was to build a robot out of Lego Mindstorms and program it to do certain tasks, such as to follow a light-dependant route on a board and allow it to sense sound to turn off the robot. We learnt to build our teamwork skills and mainly learn how to use a new programming software which we hadn't used before. There were twelve schools that took part in the challenge day; two pupils from each school were put into a team of four. Although we have looked at many aspects in the DT syllabus, we hadn't worked with Lego Mindstorm systems, so it was a steep learning curve. Overall we had a great time meeting some new people, and although we didn't win it was a great experience.

Engineering course: Micro:Bit – Year 7

On the 2nd March six Year 7 girls; Emily Pickles, Florence Rule, Mattie Robinson, Sophie Preston, Eloise Templar Earl, went to the Boys' Grammar to take part in the challenge Micro:Bit, escorted by Mrs Bence. We spent the whole day creating two ideas for our prototype. We had to show how a BBC Micro:Bit could solve problems using the topics health, leisure and home, travel and sport. A BBC Micro:Bit is a pocket-sized computer that you can code, customise and control, to bring your digital ideas, games and apps to life. First we learnt how to do simple coding using software called Microsoft Touch Develop on the Micro:Bit app. It was really easy to follow and use. Next we had to decide which topic we were going to base our idea on. We decided to go with Travel. Our first idea was a sensor to see if a bridge is safe to cross and the second concept was a device for train drivers, to know when to leave the station. The whole team helped to develop our ideas and together we slowly put together the coding to programme the Micro: Bits. At the end of the day we had to stand up in front of a panel of judges and pitch our idea. We all really enjoyed the day and it was a great chance to see how a software engineer uses coding to solve problems and make people's lives better.

News From The German Department - Herr Link

This has been an incredibly busy term in the German Department, as you can see below:

German Theatre Performance

On 2nd March Onatti Theatre Company visited TWGGS again to perform the play Zwillinge (Twins) for our Year 8 and 9 girls. As usual, the performance was highly entertaining and the two professional actors did a good job to involve the girls. The girls had no problems following the play which was performed completely in German. They also used the opportunity at the end to ask the actors questions – in German and in English. Everybody agreed that we should invite them again next year.

German Exchange Return Visit

March also saw the return of our exchange partners from Bonn – Bad Godesberg to visit their English partners in Tunbridge Wells. They arrived on Friday 7th March and spent the weekend with their partners on various activities sampling English landscape and traditional foods. On Monday, they joined us in school and were able to experience registration, a lesson with their partners, an English lesson (taught by Mrs Wybar) and a History lesson (taught by Miss Sowerby). This is usually one of the highlights of their visit as they can experience school life at TWGGS first hand. After lunch, they visited the Pantiles and were treated to a highly informative guided tour of Tunbridge Wells. On Tuesday the whole group (with English partners) made their way to London again, this time to the Tate Modern and a leisurely walk along the South Bank to Covent Garden. On Wednesday our German visitors travelled to London to visit all its tourist sights - and they managed to squeeze in some time in a museum! Luckily they weren't hit by the adverse weather too badly. Thursday was spent with a visit to Hever Castle, a look at the famous windows of Tudeley Parish Church by Marc Chagall and a visit to Chartwell, Churchill's former house and estate. On Friday 14th March it was time to return to Germany – but not before a visit to Canterbury and a walk around the old town. Unfortunately, the weather had turned much cooler, but at least it was mostly dry for their visits. We are sure that they had a most entertaining time and a few lasting friendships have been forged.

Europa Centre Visits Year 8

Year 8 will do their exams after Easter and will then prepare for their visits to the Europa Centre in June, where they can practise their German with native speakers in the sheltered surroundings of a model village. This is always good preparation for our big trip in Year 9 to Cologne where they can then try out what they have learnt in the real German world.

German Visitors

Just before half term, from 1st - 12th February we welcomed Lisa Fuchs from Munich through the "Host a German Teacher" programme, organised by UK-German Connection. She brought with her some letters from her pupils and our girls were excited to read them and write replies back. Lisa also worked with our A Level girls and in some GCSE classes and we benefited from her insight of her experience in teaching history bilingually in Munich. On 29th February Anika Olms arrived from the University of Lüneburg (near Hamburg) at TWGGS to spend her three months of work experience in the German Department. She will support our A Level and GCSE candidates in the final run-up to their examinations and will also to get a good insight into the work of other departments.

Loop Dance Company Workshop in Contemporary and Creative Dance - Miss Manklow

On Wednesday 2nd March Loop Dance Company came into TWGGS to run a free workshop in contemporary and creative dance. The opportunity was open to all girls in Years 8-10 to give them the chance to extend their knowledge in contemporary technique and learn to adapt new choreography. The workshop started with a warm up, followed by corner work, and the girls were able to learn a short routine. All girls involved thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and a few girls were selected to attend the open day at the centre for advanced training where they will receive outstanding dance lessons and support outside of school.

Rambert Workshop – Miss Manklow

On Wednesday 9th March Rambert came into TWGGS to run a contemporary workshop. Girls auditioned to be selected for the workshop, with the aim of creating an Indian style contemporary piece. The routine was choreographed based on the piece 'Terra Incognita' currently being performed by Rambert on the stage. 'Terra Incognita' means unknown world and whilst phrases from the piece were incorporated into the routine the girls were challenged with creating new ideas and movements related to the theme. The final piece was completed on the day and girls worked really hard to finish the dance maintaining a high standard of performance throughout.

Evening of Dance – Miss Manklow

On Wednesday 16th March TWGGS girls had the opportunity to perform in the evening of dance. A variety of performances from girls in Years 7-10, were entered into a wonderful evening: solos, duets and group performances from different styles of dance. A piece choreographed by Loop Dance Company challenged the girls through use of soft and strong actions. With set material in place, the girls developed motif ideas within smaller groups to layer over the top of the original routine, the result, a stunning

performance that grew in volume through to the end. The girls worked so hard rehearsing for their performances, and this was evident in the timing and immaculate teamwork within their routines. A special mention goes to Grace Stephens and Issy Kaner, for their commitment to a number of performances, and superb choreography and performance of solo routines on the evening. The finale piece 'Terra Incognita' was choreographed by Rambert. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and produced an incredibly lengthy performance in the time given to choreograph the piece. With the theme based on a piece currently being performed by Rambert, girls were given the opportunity to learn motifs from the performance. Tracing actions with various body parts and frantic entrances and exits from groups on the stage portrayed the theme. Lost and searching for this unknown world, the girls enhanced the chaos through the timing of their group pieces, an outstanding performance to complete the evening.

Cricket – Miss Parkinson

The U13 team and the U15 team played in the district cricket tournaments. The U13s lost narrowly after an excellent performance in their first match. U13 squad:- Niamh McCree, Maya Strand-Ford, Maisie Vernon, Tilly Boorman, Issy Shaw, Niamh Brisley, Issy Askew, Charlotte Morgan. The U15 team won their match convincingly and then took part in the Kent final. This was a very tightly fought contest and every game was won in the last over. TWGGS came fourth overall. Well played to:- Alice Atkins, Tatianna Sneddon, Sarah Barnaby ©, Issy Macnutt, Indigo Gentry, Fran Morris, Scout Duthie, Emily Bowyer, Sophie Isbell.

TWGGS Football, End of Season Reports – Mr Russell

U18 Football

The U18 team only played two matches this season, both in the cup. The first of these was against a strong Sevenoaks team and resulted in a great 3-1 victory. The determination of the team was matched with considerable skill and it was a fine team performance. Martha Kent captained the team and scored two of the goals, the first a 30 yard screamer which rocketed into the net off the underside of the crossbar. This result put the team into the semi-final, playing against Hayes School. The first half was very closely contested; fifteen minutes in, Hayes took the lead with a goalmouth skirmish resulting in a Hayes defender getting to the ball first and knocking in from close range. Ten minutes later TWGGS were level; Martha Kent received the ball just inside the Hayes half, took a touch and unleashed a 40 yard rocket which flew past the helpless Hayes keeper for a spectacular equaliser. Five minutes later TWGGS almost took the lead when Maddie Wood rounded the goalkeeper and shot goalwards only for the strike to be cleared off the line. One minute before half time a Hayes corner was converted at the near post, giving Hayes a slender lead. 2-1 to Hayes at half time. The second half followed a similar pattern, with Hayes having more possession but both sides fashioning chances. Hayes had some fast and skilful forwards, and their skill and a little luck resulted in a telling 10 minute period where TWGGS conceded three goals, leaving us with a mountain to climb. The TWGGS team continued to play well, competing in every area of the pitch, and another great TWGGS goal ensued: Martha Kent sent a ball into space on the left wing and Eirlys Withers and a Hayes defender set off in pursuit. Good strength from Eirlys sent the Hayes defender flying and Eirlys made good use of the extra time by turning and curling a terrific strike into the top of the net from 25 yards. Hayes scored again shortly afterwards giving them a slightly flattering winning margin. Final score 7-2 to Hayes.

Squad: Martha Kent (capt.), Laura Holmes (GK), Maddie Wood, Emily Dobson, Lily Braham, Alice Carey, Lauren Galloway, Eirlys Withers, Bethan Moriarty, Eleanor Durr, Maddison Cumings, Katie Exall, Izzy Martin.

Goal scorers: Kent 3, Withers 2.

U16 Football

This proved to be a fabulous season for the U16 football team. The first match of the season was against last year's league champions, St Greg's and we knew it would be a tough match. The score was 0-0 until just before the break: with two minutes to go Sara Walker skilfully beat two defenders, then chipped the ball beautifully into the path of Holly Challingsworth who struck a fine shot fiercely into the bottom corner of the net. 1-0 TWGGS. In the second half, playing down the slope, St Greg's had a few dangerous looking breaks, but the speed of the TWGGS defence, particularly Immy Ellis, who was quick to react to any danger, snuffed out all but the occasional shot on goal. And there, Nejman Nassman was in confident form, letting nothing through. Ten minutes into the second half TWGGS doubled their lead: an excellent Georgie Newman corner had the St Greg's defence in confusion, and Holly Challingsworth was quickest to react to the loose ball, stabbing home her second of the match. Five minutes later, Nancy Perkins latched onto a through ball from Amira Carew and smashed a rocket of a goal past the keeper from the edge of the area. Ten minutes from time, TWGGS added a fourth when Nancy sent in a teasing cross which the St Greg's keeper could only parry. Sara Walker was quickest to the loose ball and slotted home efficiently from close range. This was a highly impressive performance from the TWGGS team. All were well focused and played with energy and commitment: a great start to the season. And from this match onwards the team went from strength to strength. They won their first three league games convincingly, scoring 21 goals and conceding just three. The pick of the results was perhaps the 5-3 defeat of a very strong Hayes team in the first round of the Kent cup. Defeat to Maidstone Girls', 2-7, in the second round was disappointing, but with attention now fully focused on the league there was no stopping the TWGGS side. They won all their league matches resulting in their becoming League Champions!

League Results: vs St Greg's W 4-0, vs Bennett W 12-1, vs TGS W 3-0, vs Mascalls W 4-0, Knole Academy W 3-0.

Squad: Captain Holly Challingsworth, Nancy Perkins, Georgina Newman, Lottie van der Zanden, Immy Ellis, Rosie Neville, Freya Zaborski, Abby Pambour, Sara Walker, Amira Carew, Nejma Nassman, Jennifer Kearney, Thea Pengelly, Hollie Niccolls, Holly Shrubsole, Maria Walker, Rosie Dobson, Kate Venters, Phoebe Chapman, Jem Morris, Alice Atkins, Cese Sykes and Ava Smiles. Goal scorers: Perkins 6, Neville 6, Newman 5, Walker S. 5, Hollingsworth 3, Carew 1, Sykes 1.

U14 Football

The U14 team played two matches in the cup and were unlucky not to go further. The team played very well in both matches. In the first, against Trinity, the first half was closely contested and ended with the scores level at 1-1. In the second half, however, TWGGS took the lead; a Hollie Niccolls' pass found Sara Walker free on the left wing to fire in a great goal. Not to be outdone, Lottie van der Zanden scored a similar goal five minutes later. Pressure continued on the Trinity goal and it bore two more goals; Sara Walker jinked her way into the penalty area before chipping to the far post, where an unmarked Hollie Niccolls made no mistake from 5 yards. A few minutes later, Lottie van der Zanden crossed low from a similar position and this time a Trinity defender diverted the ball past their keeper. A late Trinity break gave them a consolation goal just before the end but the match was won. 5-2 to TWGGS. An excellent team performance. In the second match, the team were up against a strong Charles Darwin side. Some unfortunate defensive slips had led to Charles Darwin moving into a three goal lead but the score-line was certainly flattering them with TWGGS having had some good attacks with Sara Walker and Lotte van der Zanden shooting close and in Sara's case hitting the woodwork. With ten minutes to go, TWGGS pulled a goal back; this time a Charles Darwin defender slipped in the mud and Sara Walker took advantage to advance into the area before slotting the ball home. The sides were more evenly matched than the score-line suggests and with a little more luck and more deadly finishing things may have been different. Final Score 1-3. The team played well though and kept on challenging for every ball.

Squad: Thea Pengelly, Sara Walker (Captain), Lotte van der Zanden, Holly Shrubsole, Alice Atkins, Ava Smiles, Hollie Niccolls, Lotte Simmons, Jennifer Kearney, Maddie Sanderson, May Pattullo, Lara Stein Parry, Maya Strand Ford, Cese Sykes.

Goals: S. Walker 2, van der Zanden 1, Niccolls 1, Shrubsole 1.

U13 Football

This proved to be a very good season for the U13s. The U13's cup run began excitingly with a very close match against Farrington School. Goals from Livvy Perkins and Maya Strand Ford had put TWGGS on course for victory but two quick breaks from Farrington saw the game at 2-2 with time running out. Losing their two-goal lead could have been dispiriting but it had the opposite effect and TWGGS rallied. Strong defending, particularly from centre-backs Martha Russell and Katie Lloyd prevented Farrington getting anywhere near the TWGGS goal, and at the other end there was relentless pressure with Livvie Perkins, Maya Strand Ford, Lara Stein-Parry and Tilly Boorman leading the assault on the Farrington goal. Lara Stein-Parry hit the bar. But the Farrington keeper and defence kept everything out until...ten minutes from time, their defence only half-cleared the ball and as it hung invitingly in the air, Maya swept into the area and volleyed a superb goal into the top left corner of the net. A great strike to win the match. 3-2 to TWGGS at the end. Sadly, the cup run ended next match, when we came up against a very strong Hayes team. The 12-0 defeat was an experience the girls would have preferred to avoid but it's all part of the game and to the team's credit they played with great determination to the end. With the cup run over, the U13s could concentrate on the league. There were some fabulous performances from the team, as they played with great spirit and considerable skill. They only lost one match and this resulted in TWGGS being top of the league and West Kent League Champions! A great end to an excellent season.

League Results: vs St Greg's D 4-4, vs Bennett W 3-0, vs Mascalls W 9-0, vs TGS L 1-3, vs Knole Ac W 3-0, vs Trinity W 3-0.

Squad: Captains: Eve Palmer, Evie Pengelly, Livvy Perkins, Mayer Strand Ford and Emily Martin.

Lara Stein Perry, Lauren Hall, Martha Russell, Naimh McCree, Alexandra Wilkinson, Tilly Boorman, Katie Lloyd, Eva Waymouth, Esme Morris, Tanzi Stewart, Isabelle Baker, Anna Bowring, Grace Goodwin and Bryony Fishpool.

Goal scorers: Lara Stein Perry 8, Mayer Strand Ford 7, Livvy Perkins 4, Evie Pengelly 1.

Football Club

Football Club was very successful this year with 71 girls attending one or more times throughout the season. Numbers were always good, meaning a good match could be played and there were plenty of fine performances from individuals and some very close-fought matches. The success was particularly down to the enthusiasm of the regular attenders (with over ten appearances): Evie Pengelly, Holly Challingsworth, Nancy Perkins, Holly Shrubsole, Sara Walker, Maddie Sanderson, Thea Pengelly and Emily Martin. However, regular attendance is not a requirement for Football Club and players of all standards are always welcome.

Kent School Games Qualifiers – Miss Manklow

On Thursday 11th February the Trampoline Squad took part in the first round of the Kent School Games Trampoline Championships. The event was a qualifying round where participants were required to perform a set routine and a voluntary

routine. The results showed a well-deserved win for TWGGS! Cece Sykes came 1st out of 25 girls in the Year 9 and 10 novice category, closely followed by Zaina Nassman in 4th place. Tiegan Green came 2nd in the Year 7 and 8 novice category again closely followed by Imogen Chapman in 4th place out of 49 girls who took part. Bethan Harvey Little came first in the Year 11 Elite girls and Maia Pearmine came 2nd in the Intermediate girls Year 7 and 8. The Year 10 team qualified together to compete in the next round. Huge congratulations to all girls who took part and especially to those who qualified for the next round on 20th March.

Kent School Games- Super 8s Sports Hall Athletics – Miss Michaelides

The Super 8 Sports Hall Athletics Competition involves eight pupils in a team with all having to compete in a track, field and relay event. After a nervous start the Year 7 and 8 teams worked very hard through their races, jumps and throws; unfortunately they were pipped to the post, which led to TWGGS being placed 4th overall, a strong effort by both teams. We wish them the best of luck in the finals round.

U12 County Netball Tournament – Miss Manklow

TWGGS U12 Netball squad travelled to Gillingham on 16th March to compete in the County Tournament. After a hard term's training and many successful matches, the girls were confident and ready for the tough fight ahead of them. In the first match, although the team played well, with the defenders unable to hold off their tall shooters, the final score was 6-2 to Walthamstow Hall. Although a disappointing start for the team, they were determined not to let it affect their concentration. A quick team talk and motivation from Coach Julie Mesher increased motivation and refocused the team's targets for the next game. With a burning desire for success the girls proceeded to win the next six consecutive games. A 10-0 win against Bullers Wood and a 9-0 win against Dane Court boosted confidence and ensured they continued to pressure their opponents. With quick movement and decision making from Matty Robinson and Issy Shaw in the centre court, the girls weaved their way down the court to the shooting circle. Outstanding shooting from Becky Colbran saw the successful use of the turnover of balls from the defence. The final match of the first round and the pressure was on. In third place, the girls needed to win the match against Colfes, to proceed to the final stages of the tournament. TWGGS took the lead 1-0; unfortunately Colfes soon fought back with superb goals, but the TWGGS defence made excellent interceptions to prevent more goals being scored. The turnover of the ball was rapid and with spirits high the girls needed two more goals to win the match. But the whistle blew leaving the final score at 4-3. Third place in their first County Tournament the girls left feeling excited and proud of their achievements: huge congratulations to all involved!

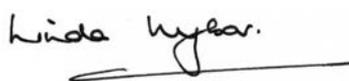
U13 County Netball Tournament – Miss Michaelides

On 7th February TWGGS U13 Netball Team competed in the annual Kent County Tournament at Rainham and with over 60 teams involved TWGGS were in really high spirits, despite the very wet and cold weather. The team had a tough first match, losing to Blackheath 5 -0. TWGGS equalled the next match against Dartford Grammar, 5 all. The girls' confidence had grown and they worked hard to win against Hillview 6 – 0. Going into the next game round against Rainham, both teams struggled to get the ball to the shooters in a tense game; on the final whistle the game was 1-2 win to TWGGS. Against Newstead Wood, there was nothing between the two teams, and at half time it was 3 – 3. Unfortunately in the second half TWGGS could not quite manage to get the ball into the goal third and as the final whistle blew they lost 5 – 3. The girls had taken a little bit of a knock to their confidence and this showed on their next game against Canterbury when they lost 6-1. The final game was against Bromley High. The girls had picked themselves up and were determined to play the best they could. After a very fast and exciting first half the score was 4 – 4. However, in the second half Bromley High lifted their game to a new level, scoring 3 goals in succession. The final whistle blew, and TWGGS lost 7 – 4. All of the team should be proud of how hard they worked throughout the tournament. Squad: Juliette Redfern, Aimee Hobley, Indigo Gentry, Lucy Waters, Laura Williamson, Rosie Froome, Martha Russell, Evie Pengelly

Under 12 A & B District Netball Tournament, 9th March – Miss Michaelides

In this tournament at Weald of Kent, TWGGS A dominated the first half beating Hillview 7-2, Bennett 2-0, showing real improvement in their game as it went on. They won against Kent College 4-2, and Weald 2-1. In the final game against TGS, they worked hard, but the game was tight and they drew 2 all, thus going through to County finals. TWGGS U12 B worked hard for the first half of the tournament, but were not quite as strong as the A team. They lost 2-1 to Hillview and drew with Weald and Bennett. They did not feel deflated but worked hard on their last games and won against Mascalls 2-0 and Hillview 2-1. The girls should be very proud of their achievements this year; they have shown excellent commitment to training and matches. A huge thank you goes to Julie Mesher and Min Forbes who have supported Miss Michaelides, having a vital part to play in their achievements.

With best wishes,



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