

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are very pleased to welcome to the TWGGS staff Mr Paixao, Music and English Technician, who joined us at the beginning of this term; we wish him a long and happy association with the school. Our other exciting staff news is that on 10<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Colbear gave birth to a baby son, Zacheriah Alexander, weighing 8lbs 7oz; both mother and baby are doing well, and we look forward to meeting baby Zac soon.

#### **Newnham College Cambridge, Biology Essay Prize – Mrs Lewis & Miss Grove**

Newnham College is a one of three women only colleges at Cambridge University. Each year, they run an essay competition for girls in the Lower Sixth across the country. One of these is the Biological Sciences essay prize. In March this year, five girls studying Biology entered the competition writing an essay on one of the following topics:-

1. When protein-folding goes wrong: why does it matter so much to the nervous system?
2. Eradication of infectious disease: Holy Grail or poison chalice?
3. Of mice and men: what can we learn from the study of animal behaviour?

Helen Roome, Alex Bartlett, Susannah Ford, Alex Davison and Imogen Cowdell all wrote extremely well researched, detailed and fascinating essays, which showed an excellent understanding of the principles of Biology and the impacts this can have on peoples' lives and health and the environment in which they live. We are extremely pleased to announce that Imogen Cowdell was awarded highly commended, achieving a place as one of the top ten entries overall, and Alex Davison was awarded joint first in the country! These are amazing and well deserved results for these girls and we are extremely proud of the efforts that all of the girls put in to entering this prestigious competition.

#### **National Short Story Week Young Writer 2016 – Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe**

The rewards just keep on coming: this is the third year of success for TWGGS budding creative writers – TWGGS wins National Short Story Week Young Writer 2016 competition again. We are very proud to announce that Amber Lahdelma in Year 8 has been chosen for the **second time** as the overall winner of the 2016 National Short Story Young Writer competition for her entry "The Lie". She beat some 2,500 competitors to win the prestigious top prize AGAIN and her story will be published in the related anthology in November. But we did not just win one prize – 3 more of our entries will be published: Charlotte Morgan, also in Year 8 has been awarded joint winner with Amber, whilst Lara Cummings, Year 8, and Katie Chatfield, Year 7, are among the remaining 28 runners-up included in the anthology. We already know that we have a lot of creative literary talent in our school, but it is nice to have that externally validated. Congratulations to our budding writers.

#### **West Kent Schools League Cup Football Finals – Mr Russell**

It has been an excellent season for TWGGS football with the U18s reaching the semi-finals of the Kent Cup and the U13s and U15s both representing TWGGS in the West Kent Schools League Cup Finals, which took place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at Longmead Stadium, the home ground of Tonbridge Angels.

##### Under 13s

The Under 13s had only lost one match in the league and that was to local rivals Tonbridge Grammar School. And it was TGS that they were facing in the cup final! It was a very close fought match, with TGS moving ahead rather fortunately in the first half, courtesy of an own goal and a miscued shot which looped up high and happened to drop into the TWGGS goal. TWGGS fought back strongly and laid siege to the TGS goal in a frantic ten minute spell in the second half, hitting the post and forcing the TGS keeper into some great saves, but they just couldn't find the net. The final score was 3-0 to TGS, but the Under 13s can be extremely proud of their performance on the day and in their great success this season. The Under 13 team: Captain - Maya Strand Ford, Eve Palmer, Evie Pengelly, Livvy Perkins, Emily Martin, Lara Stein Perry, Lauren Hall, Martha Russell, Alexandra Wilkinson, Tilly Boorman, Katie Lloyd, Esme Morris, Isabelle Baker, Anna Bowring, Niamh McCree.

##### Under 15s

After a successful season, in which they remained unbeaten in the league, TWGGS U15s faced St Gregory's Catholic School in the West Kent Schools League Cup Final. The match was played at Longmead Stadium, home of Tonbridge Angels, in front of an enthusiastic crowd of parents, teachers and representatives of Gillingham FC. Although TWGGS had won 4-0 earlier in the year, they knew that it wasn't going to be an easy match, with both sides looking to finishing the year with a trophy. TWGGS started strongly with several promising attacks. Captain Holly Challingsworth made some solid tackles in midfield, while Nancy Perkins and Georgina Newman used the width of the extremely large pitch to create opportunities for strikers Sara Walker and Holly Shrubsole. As the match progressed, Rosie Neville, Maria Walker and Hollie Niccolls maintained control of the game from

midfield. Despite TWGGS having the better chances, the first half ended goalless and TWGGS knew they had to improve if they were going to score against a well organised St Gregory's defence.

In the second half, after an inspiring team talk from Mr Russell and Mr Walker, the formation changed to allow the team to play a more attacking game. However St Gregory's appeared to have the same idea and created the first chances of the half. Only strong defending prevented the frequent St Gregory's attacks, with excellent displays from Immy Ellis who controlled the defence, alongside Abbie Pambour, Lotte van der Zanden and Thea Pengelly. With the atmosphere intensifying, goalkeeper Jennifer Kearney made an amazing save to tip over a shot from outside of the box, keeping TWGGS in the game. Then, with ten minutes left, Sara Walker showed great skill to cut into the penalty area and bury the ball into the back of the net. This goal knocked the energy out of St Gregory's and TWGGS continued to attack looking for the second goal that would kill off the game. Despite a nervous wait, the final whistle sounded to signal that TWGGS were the U15 West Kent Schools Champions!

Team: Captain - Holly Challingsworth, Nancy Perkins, Georgina Newman, Lottie van der Zanden, Immy Ellis, Abby Pambour, Sara Walker, Jennifer Kearney, Thea Pengelly, Hollie Niccolls, Rosie Neville, Holly Shrubsole, Maria Walker.

### **Florence Sheppard, 8W – Mrs Wybar**

Congratulations to Florence Sheppard, who was recently invited by her club to compete in the International Ascension Gymnastic sports festival in the Netherlands. A squad of eleven represented the club and collectively they won two golds, two silvers and a bronze. Florence, as part of a trio in the youth category, gained a silver medal and a silver trophy for a collective team score.

### **TWGGS Debating Year-End Report - Mrs Johnstone**

The TWGGS debaters from all year groups have surpassed themselves this year in a range of competitions, showing great skill and adaptability in various forms of debate. It has been very encouraging to have such able debaters throughout the school, with many girls competing against students older than themselves, meaning that we can realistically hope to do just as well again next year, if not even better, by building on the successes and experience gained to date.

Previous newsletters have recorded our achievements earlier in the year: L6 students Eve Drysdale and Mariam Ahmed winning the Kings College School inaugural competition; qualifying for Oxford Finals (Eve again, with Rachel Weatherley); sending a record three teams to the International Competition for Young Debaters Finals Day, and winning the local rounds of the Debating Matters competition. We also achieved an amazing double, with senior debaters Eve Drysdale and Charlotte Martin becoming the English Speaking Union's Regional Champions in the Mace competition, and the junior team of Hannah Naismith, Elise Overd and Imogen Ellis matching their achievement in the ESU's Public Speaking Competition - a first for the school!

We have remained busy in recent weeks, as the season has drawn to a close. Pleasingly, our L6 team qualified for the Debating Matters Regional Finals for the first time; next year we aim to go one better in this tricky competition which focuses on medical and scientific debates, and calls for a real depth of knowledge, in contrast to the quick-fire social and political topics that arise in the university-run competitions. It was a sign of our success that on Saturday 30 April, we had the difficult dilemma of some of our junior debaters having qualified for the two national junior debating competition finals on that day; Hannah Naismith and Elise Overd were left with the tricky decision of whether to go to Oxford for the ICYD finals, or to Cambridge for the Public Speaking event. They chose the latter, and were rewarded with becoming runners-up - coming an amazing second, in a competition involving over 400 entries. Congratulations should go to all the ICYD debaters, all of whom won various of their debates at a highly-competitive Finals Day - Megan Biggerstaff, Abigail Colley and Thea Pengelly from Y9, who will be eligible to compete again next year, and to Y10 students Lily Tait and Kate Daw. Special mention goes to Kate, who stepped in at the last minute to take part in a swing team and ended up as our highest-scoring debater, in her debut competition.

Debating is certainly a challenging activity, but it has also been great fun this year, as the girls have made new friends, and learned a lot about themselves and about topics ranging from the risks and benefits of self-driving cars to whether or not all political parties should be funded by the state. I would like to encourage girls from all year groups to come and join us on Wednesday or Thursday lunchtimes, whether they are interested in competing or just learning more about current affairs. We are always looking for new members, and can promise good discussion, trips all over the country and lots of pizza!

### **Beth Freeman Memorial Hockey Tournament – Miss Parkinson**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April girls wore their own sports clothes to school in memory of Beth Freeman, who died tragically in 2013. After school over sixty girls took part in a mixed years hockey tournament. Several of the girls who took part were coached by Beth lower down the school. Teams consisted of seven players, including a player from each of the year groups: Years 7,8,9,10,11,L6th and U6th. It was a lovely social event played in a great spirit of competition and co-operation.

On Pitch One, Jess Cameron's team won and on Pitch Two Amy Shaw's team won. Each of the eight captains selected a player of the match from their team. The following girls won these awards: Lucy Ritson Year 11, Lauryn Thomas Year 9, Rosie Peacock Year 9, Issy Shaw Year 7, Annaliese Harris Year 8, Rosie Fenton Year 11, Holly Challingsorth Year 10 and Freya Cameron Year 7. Well played to everyone and thanks to all for making it a very special event in memory of Beth.

### **Psychology Conference – Mrs Burgess**

A very large party of L6 and U6 TWGGS and Skinners' pupils attended a Psychology A Level conference at Emmanuel Centre, London, on Good Friday. The already highly-charged, atmospheric venue became absolutely electric with the main event – an appearance by Professor Phillip Zimbardo himself. Celebrating his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday 'Zim' was clearly energised by such an appreciative audience of enthusiastic young psychologists, and the years seemed visibly to drop away. The more involved he became in sharing his theories on the human capacity for acts of heroism, rather than for evil (*My Journey from Creating Evil to Inspiring Heroism* can be seen as a TED Talk). We particularly enjoyed hearing him describe in detail his work on the Stanford Prison Experiment, sharing unique insights only he could relate (some of them most definitely not in the textbooks). Professor Christine Maslach (Zimbardo's wife) gave a fascinating talk about her latest research on workplace stress, leading to 'burnout', a phrase she herself made popular. The morning sessions with Dr Philip Banyard (Who Am I?), Cara Flanagan (*Validity and Ecological Validity*) and Dr Mark Griffiths (The Psychology of Behavioural Addiction) were also extremely well received. Hearing one of the world's leading addiction experts expanding on ideas we know well from our textbooks gave valuable depth to our understanding. One of the day's highlights has to be the photo-shoot with Mr and Mrs Zimbardo; when all 88 of us from TWGGS and Skinners' piled onto the stage and surrounded them, it was obvious to see that we were by far the largest (and most excited) school group in the venue! Many of our pupils have described the day as one of their very best school trips; their behaviour was impeccable throughout, making it a most memorable and rewarding day for their teachers.

### **Dr Rich - Psychology Talk – Mrs Burgess**

Our thanks go to Dr Jan Rich for giving up her time to deliver a specially prepared after-school lecture to our L6 pupils on Psychopathology, a subject in which she has clinical expertise. Her talk on the causes and treatments for OCD and other disorders was fascinating, and extremely well received by the fortunate group of TWGGS girls in the L6 Common Room. The lecture was followed by a workshop which enabled girls to discuss and present aspects of neuroscience, which was most impressive. The topics discussed were entirely relevant to the girls' Psychopathology topic, both for AS and A Level, and were brought vividly to life by Dr Rich's voice of experience.

### **News from the German Department – Herr Link**

#### **German Intern Leaving**

Time flies at this time of the year in the German Department and we have to say goodbye again to Anika Olms, who spent her internship with us over the last three months and is leaving us on 20 May to go back to University of Lüneburg. She helped us very much in our lessons with Year 10 and 11 and in particular with our Sixth Formers preparing for their oral examinations.

#### **Educational Visits**

Year 8 will now prepare for their individual visits to the Europa Centre on 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June. The visit to the Europa Centre is part of our carefully planned curriculum preparing girls for wider exposure to German language and culture. At the Europa Centre they will practise their German language skills with sympathetic native speakers in a controlled environment, a model village, which still offers enough challenge to measure their progress and operate in the target language. This is ideal preparation for the visit to Cologne in Year 9 and the Exchange visit to Bonn-Bad Godesberg in Year 10. Pupils in Year 8 have also just received the invitation for our visit to Cologne Christmas markets in November and we would ask parents to read instructions carefully and keep to the deadlines to avoid disappointment.

#### **Careers Department – Mrs Vallely**

It has been a busy term in the Careers Department. Continuing our series of lunchtime talks, we were pleased to welcome two speakers from AJ Bell, a leading provider of stockbroking services based in Tunbridge Wells, with 580 employees based in three locations, about starting a career in Financial Services. Andy Bysouth, Head of Operations and Peter Lockyer, Head of Dealing, gave a lively presentation from which the girls attending, and I, learnt a lot. In March, Sarah Dickens, an Old Girl, with many other associations with TWGGS, kindly gave a very interesting talk about her career as a mental health researcher working in the NHS. We had another enjoyable lunchtime, when Natalie Vousden and Laura Hullett from Graham Webb International gave us some insight into a career as a top hairdresser. They shared their own experiences of travelling with the job, including living in New York and training the stylists there, and of being resident hairdresser for such events as the television show, Britain's Got Talent, as well as on film sets and on board cruise ships. Laura has also run her own salon in the past, and was able to tell the girls how

important it is to have business skills as well as good people skills. They brought in some mannequin heads and showed us how to do a French plait, and gave us some tips on putting hair up. The girls had a go themselves with creditable results. The following week we welcomed Lauraine Allen, from the floristry department at Hadlow College, who kindly ran a "Make a Buttonhole" workshop for the twelve Year 9 girls who had signed up to do it. While she was showing the girls how to make the buttonholes, she also talked to them about how important it is to have good employability skills, both as a florist, and in almost every other walk of life. It was a fun, and valuable session.

The L6 PSHE lessons have included talks from Paul Stanbridge from Kent Fire and Rescue about safety on the road, and both year groups listened with enormous interest to John Levy from the Friends of Israel Education Foundation when he gave us an update on the situation in the Middle East. We managed to procure the services of Kent County Council Road Safety Theatre Group who put on a stunning production, "The Passenger", in the Performing Arts Centre during a PSHE lesson for U6 girls, which drew attention to safety on the road and the dangers of drinking and driving. The U6 also had a session on Drugs Awareness. Most recently, following the L6 Careers and UCAS Information Evening, both year groups took part in a PSHE lesson where the U6 girls shared their experience in applying to university or for an apprenticeship with the L6 girls. Mrs Elinson, Independent Careers Adviser, was able to attend the session, and provided advice and guidance to some of the girls who were less certain of what they want to do when they leave school.

Last week, fifty one Year 10 girls took part in the Morrisby Online psychometric testing, designed to help them choose their career path, the results of which will be a good basis for discussion with Mrs Elinson in their Year 11 careers interviews with her next year.

Mrs Elinson has continued with the FastTomato sessions during PSHE with Year 9, and with the Steps Workbook during PSHE with the final Year 8 forms. I would encourage you to ask your daughter about the workbook, and to help her to complete it, and I would welcome any feedback to help me plan for next year. Mrs Elinson has also completed the one to one careers interviews with Year 11 girls, giving advice and guidance. From September, she will be running the careers education sessions in the Year 7 PSHE programme as well.

Lastly, I am delighted to report that we have achieved stage one of the Investors in Careers Award.

#### **TWGGGS Teachers' Triathlon for Ghana by Mrs Freeman, Miss Grove and Miss Fischer**

It's getting serious! The TWGGGS Teachers' Triathlon Team members are now even undertaking some personal training sessions, in addition to their other training – and their work! The team would be most grateful for any sponsorship. A little reminder: Three TWGGGS 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 TWGGGS 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 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 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. Any amounts are therefore especially welcome.

The "TWGGGS 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/TWGGGS-Teacher-Team/>  
Thank you so much! From the TWGGGS 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.

### **Operation Towie CCF Camp - Cadet Abigail Colley 9I**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, around fifty Year 9 cadets set off for camp at Mereworth Woods to learn core field skills. Organised by 2Lt Tester, this camp was a joint exercise with Westcliff High School for Boys in Essex. The rain that started just as we arrived did not dampen our spirits as we were soon dressed head to toe in waterproofs. Our first task was constructing shelters with large tarpaulins called bashers. Next we received our 24 hour ration packs, mess tins and hexi burners and after a demonstration, we began to boil water in pairs to cook our dinner. In our ration packs were silver packets of various meals, as well as an infinite amount of snacks. Next we filled up our water bottles and played lots of fun games with everyone. However, it was surprisingly difficult to run; we were so laden down with snacks in our smocks! Before long the boys arrived and we were split into mixed sections of around six, with our Year 10 section leaders. We got to know everyone with a few fun games before heading off towards bed. Thankfully, TWGGS got to sleep indoors on roll mats and as we fell asleep I'm sure all of us were glad we weren't outside.

In the morning we had five different activities: first aid, observation, judging distance, movement in the field and camouflage. My section started off with observation in the field, so we were taught a quick lesson on how to scan an area before testing out skills in real life. There was a small section of wood with twenty military items hidden in it, and we had to use our new techniques to find as many as we could. Next we had distance judging, where we all practised hard to guess certain distances, however, some cadets like me did not have much luck! Afterwards we had first aid, including how to carry someone with a spinal injury. Then we had camouflage and concealment where we smeared camo paint on our faces and learnt how to effectively stay hidden. For movement in the field, we learnt one tactical walk and three tactical crawls to move efficiently and stealthily through the wood. We ended up being very muddy, but we all emerged having had lots of fun. After lunch we had our last task. In our groups we had a map and compass and had to orienteer through the wood to find specific points on the map. All too soon it was time to go. Overall, this was an extremely fun camp where we all learnt vital skills. On behalf of the Year 9s I would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff and CCF leaders that gave up their time to make it all possible, as it was a truly memorable weekend.

### **CCF Trip to Dover Castle, Chatham Dockyard and HMS Cavalier – Cadet Lottie Lietke, 9S**

On the Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May a group of 27 of the CCF cadets went on a trip to Dover Castle, Chatham Dockyard and HMS Cavalier. When we arrived at the castle, we were taken on a tour through the secret wartime tunnels. We had the chance to learn about some of the events that took place in World War 2, including Dunkirk and Operation Dynamo, where over 300,000 British and French troops were evacuated across the English Channel. I thoroughly enjoyed the underground experience, especially the hospital which was set out as how it would have been in WW2, particularly eye-opening because of the cramped conditions and simple equipment. We then visited the Royal Engineers Museum where we took part in a bridge-building exercise where we had to build a bridge from card, lolly-pop sticks and string. I'm sure many of my fellow cadets would agree that this was great fun, as we competed against each other to see whose bridge could hold the most weight: our team managed to meet the record set by a group of engineers with our bridge being able to hold 16kg! We then went to Chatham Dockyard where we boarded HMS Cavalier, the famous war ship that we would be staying the night on. The ship was very different from any commercial ship that I had been on before. All the pipes were exposed and there were very few home comforts. For dinner we had fish and chips (what a surprise!). During the evening we were taken on a tour throughout the ship by an outstanding tour guide, a member of the Sea Cadets, who seemed to know the ship inside out. We learnt all about the living conditions of a soldier aboard the ship and how ranks determined the quality of accommodation. After the tour we were left to our own devices and enjoyed exploring and playing games before lights out at 10:30pm. I had a surprisingly good night's sleep (ear plugs are essential!) and we all got a nice lie in until 7:30am! After a quick quiz about everything we had learnt, breakfast was, to our delight, a full English. I am very grateful to be able to go on experiences like this through joining the CCF.

### **Tennis Fixtures Update – Miss Manklow**

The tennis fixtures have been a challenge for TWGGS this year but all girls have competed extremely well to a high standard and should be proud of their achievements. The Year 7 team (Scarlett Kilcoyne, Amelia Thomas, Rose Lietke and Emily Burton) had their first match against Kent College, which at first looked to be a close game. TWGGS, although very nervous, played some tricky shots and made the opposition work to win the games. The final score was 12-0 to Kent College after 4 sets of singles and 2 doubles games.

The Year 8 team (Claudia Erichsen, Livvy Perkins, Jessi Hines and Emilie Jones) had glorious weather for their first match against Dartford in the Interschool Knockout competition. The girls got off to a good start winning two of the singles matches. Unfortunately Dartford Grammar hit back with some excellent positioning of the ball winning the next two singles leaving the score at a tie. The doubles matches then began with TWGGS winning the first pair; the pressure was on in the second game. Advantage was won by both sides on numerous occasions and finally TWGGS managed to secure the win taking victory overall.

The Year 9 and 10 Aegon League team (Flo Byers, Elena Holland, Nicky Dawson, Tatianna Sneddon) secured a staggering 10-2 win against Benenden B in their first match of the year. The singles games were won easily 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 giving TWGGS a confidence boost and great advantage going into the doubles games. Both doubles games were evenly matched and a tough contest in comparison to the singles. Benenden fought back hard but TWGGS held on to each game to win overall 7-5 and 6-4.

The Year 10 team (Jemima Morris, Rosie Parody, Hannah Roberts, Lani MacDonald ) played well during the Interschool Knockout tournament this year. With high spirits they began to play their first singles games. Unfortunately we were drawn against Benenden, a strong team, and with slightly wobbly serves, Benenden were able to secure the win for three of the singles games. In order to remain in the competition the next two doubles games needed to be won to lead to a tie break game. With determination and a little encouragement, the girls set out to play their doubles. A few good rallies later and the scores were in. Benenden had won both doubles games knocking TWGGS out of the competition. The girls played really well against a strong team and should be proud of their achievements. Well done to all the tennis team players!

#### **Athletics – Miss Manklow**

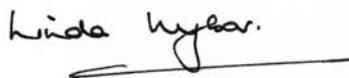
TWGGS Athletics team took part in their first competition this year held at Kent College. With poor weather to start off the term, the girls were unable to practise some of their events before the competition. Even so the girls did really well, some taking part in a number of events on the evening. Although we did not win overall the experience for the girls was very valuable and good practice for future competitions. Well done to all who took part.

TWGGS' second competition was held at Sevenoaks School. A number of other schools were also taking part and the level of talent was high. Many of the girls participated in a number of events and they all did extremely well. Due to a large number of schools taking part in the event we are still awaiting the results, but fingers crossed and well done to all who took part!

#### **PTA Update**

Please see the Newsletter attached to the end of this document.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Wybar." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mrs L Wybar  
Headteacher



## PTA Spring Newsletter 2016

### RAFFLE TICKET RETURN

Some great prizes on offer for this but please return your Raffle tickets ASAP (either sold or unsold). There is an inter-form competition with prizes for the three forms that return the most tickets. Any queries to Emma O' Sullivan on [pta@twggs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@twggs.kent.sch.uk)

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Urgent appeal. We need 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform as our stock is at threadbare levels! If you have anything at all that you could donate please send/drop items into reception and drop a line to Claudia Williamson or Thomasine Dowding on [uniform@twggs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@twggs.kent.sch.uk). Same email address if you are after some.

### DISCOS

Despite the efforts on our side from Kirsty Dobson, Mr Speller and Mr Jamieson, these haven't been as successful as we would've hoped with little uptake from our boys' school neighbours. As a result, the last two were cancelled. We are reviewing our "disco future" but we still intend to go ahead with the Year 7 event in the autumn.

### STAY INFORMED AND GET INVOLVED

The PTA is now active on both Facebook and Twitter. Our twitter handle is @TWGGSPTA and the Facebook page is TWGGS PTA.



This Facebook group is a closed group and access is for parents by application only and the group is moderated by a PTA committee member to ensure that all participants abide by House Rules. On applying please

check your Message Request section in Messages as you may be contacted by the group Admin and these don't appear as normal messages. It is a safe and secure way to share relevant school news and to assist with fund raising.



To encourage people to join the PTA Facebook group and Twitter, Lisa Beaumont, our marketing lead, organised a prize draw for a free beauty consultation at No.6 Shop and Clinic (<http://www.no6clinic.co.uk>) of St. John's Road and a manicure at Pure Beauty and Hair Workshop ([www.hairworkshopsouthborough.co.uk](http://www.hairworkshopsouthborough.co.uk)) in Southborough. TWGGS teacher Miss Harrod made the draw with Jane Gardiner winning the free beauty consultation and Kim Liversedge the manicure.



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## C & H Fabrics



TWGGS PTA have secured a 10% discount at C & H Fabrics on Mount Pleasant on productions of a TWGGS Planner.

## ABLE TO HELP?

Sign up to [Volunteer Local](#), even if it is just for an hour a year, and join our [Facebook](#) page. Come along to our next, and final meeting of the school year, on Monday 13th June 7.15pm at the Performing Arts Centre- Venue. Blokes welcome as well!

## Graham Naismith

TWGGS PTA Secretary

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