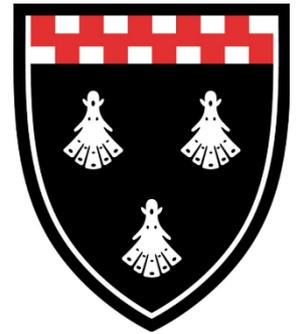


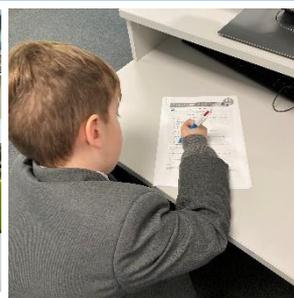


Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter for Year 7 parents (and Year 5 and 6 prospective parents). Year 7 have been working really hard in lessons this term and they have also found time and energy to enhance their learning by participating in lots of enrichment activities too...see what they have been up to this month!

Don't forget that you can find a copy of this newsletter- and previous editions- on our school website: <https://www.ponthigh.org.uk/parents-carers/y6-transition-information/>. For regular updates on transition and our Y7 achievements and successes, follow us on twitter @Y7PontHigh. Finally, if you have any queries specific to KS2-3 transition, please contact us via our dedicated e-mail address: Year6questions@ponthigh.org.uk



Year 7 Lessons



Each year in the Autumn Term, some of the Year 6 teachers come to see how the students have settled into Year 7. It is fantastic to walk around and see how purposeful and diligent the students are in lessons. The Year 6 teachers are always impressed by the resilience and maturity shown in making the transition from primary to secondary school. This year was no exception with the teachers commenting "such a privilege to see what our children are now doing and how well they have settled"... "I was very impressed with the pace of learning especially and the children's engagement" and "It was lovely to see our old Y6, catch up and know that they are settled and enjoying life..."

Courgette and Cheese Muffins!



In the Spring and Summer term, current Y8 students planted, watered and nurtured a variety of vegetables in the raised beds on the south side of the school building. These were harvested in the autumn and recently put to good use by Y7 students making cheese and courgette muffins in food technology lessons.





Christmas Card Competition



Ms Murphy and Miss Naylor set Year 7 and Year 8 students the task of designing a Christmas card in order to raise money for charity. Ms Murphy, art teacher, said: "There were so many fantastic entries this year that judging was very difficult. We had to pick six winners in the end!" Huge congratulations to Jessica in 7JFr and Harry in 7CDo as well as Ava, James, Dexter and Owen in Year 8. The winners will select the charity that they would like to support in the sale of their Christmas cards and there are also some great prizes to follow!

Times Tables Rock Stars

The Maths department recently launched 'Times Tables Rock Stars' in Year 7 and 8. All pupils should now have access to the site. We know this is a really popular game and that lots of pupils enjoyed using it in Primary School. We encourage students to use the site at home; the 'little and often' approach works best! Times tables are often the building blocks for lots of the new Maths topics which pupils meet in Year 7, so it is really important that students can recall the facts quickly and accurately. There was a competition over half term and the top 3 pupils in each class were awarded with certificates: the top Year 7 class was 7a3 and the most valuable member was Jasper. If you need any further help with Times Tables Rock Stars, please contact Mr Jones at p.jones@ponthigh.org.uk.



Fantastic Film Makers



Over the half term break, the participants of the key stage 3 'Film Club' were set a challenge to create their own mini-film. Mr Todd commented: "...it was a great effort from all of the entrants and very much worth celebrating!" First prize of a huge bar of chocolate went to Matthew (7NCa) - with entries also from Martha (7NAr) and Kevin and Josh in Year 8. Matthew's winning film saw him star in a story where he was turned into Minecraft Lego using stopmotion!

KS2-3 Recommended Read:

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow Jessica Townsend

Morrigan Crow is cursed. Having been born on Eventide, the unluckiest day of the year, she's blamed for all local misfortunes, from hailstorms to heart attacks - and, worst of all, the curse means that Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on her eleventh birthday. But as Morrigan awaits her fate, a strange and remarkable man named Jupiter North appears. Chased by black-smoke hounds and shadowy hunters on horseback, he whisks her away to the safety of a secret, magical city called Nevermoor.

It's then that Morrigan discovers Jupiter wants her to contend for a place in the city's most prestigious organisation: the Wondrous Society. In order to join, she must compete in four difficult and dangerous trials against hundreds of other children, each boasting an extraordinary talent that sets them apart - an extraordinary talent that Morrigan insists she does not have. To stay in the safety of Nevermoor for good, Morrigan will need to find a way to pass the tests - otherwise she'll have to leave and confront her deadly fate once and for all.

