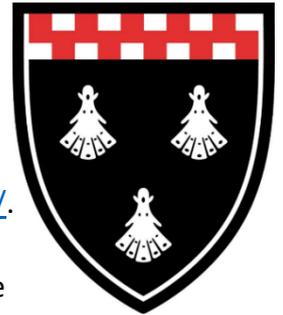




Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter for Year 7 parents (and Year 5 and 6 prospective parents). This term, Year 7 have finally been able to make the most of the improving weather as you can see in the features on Gardening Club and Tiny Forests! Don't forget that you can find a copy of this 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 Science Club meets Gardening Club

Over the last few weeks some of our year 7 and 8 students from the Science Club and the Gardening Club have been working hard tending the raised beds and allotment we have in school. Now that the weather is improving and they are able to get out and do some weeding the students are starting to see a big difference!

On Wednesday 16 March we had a visit from Sam from Cowells Garden Centre who has agreed to come into school to support the gardening club every month. Sam donated a tree for the students to plant next to the allotment area to celebrate the 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The tree will take 10 years to be grown to its full height. In addition, a plaque will let other students know in years to come about the tree, who planted it and when.

Mr Allman, who runs the Gardening Club, said: "The students are really keen to be involved with the gardening club and, as I keep telling them, you have to be patient: once the weeding is done and the raised beds prepared they will then be able to plant vegetables, seeds, fruit and flowers. I also reminded them that it will be easier to keep the weeds down from now on as the raised beds haven't been touched since last year which allowed the weeds to grow."





Tiny Forest



Earlier this month, Mollie, Imogen, Sam, Amelia and Katie in Year 7 had the opportunity to get involved in a fantastic project in their local community. Anna Makepeace, Careers Coordinator, who organised the event said: "As part of Bellway Homes' sustainability strategy, they're working with Earthwatch UK to build a Tiny Forest on Eland Lane (behind The Diamond Inn). Earthwatch and Bellway are planting over 18 different species of trees on the tennis court sized plot and Year 7 Gardening Club pupils were invited to help with the planting and hear more about the project. The students met with project managers and research leads from Earthwatch to learn about their roles and the unique planting methods used by the charity to promote forest development. The students were praised for their fantastic 'can - do' attitude and evident passion for wildlife and the great outdoors!"

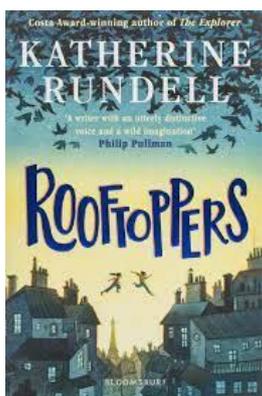
Year 6 French Vocabulary Bee



This term we held our inaugural French Vocabulary Bee for year 6 students in Pele Trust primary schools. Our aim was to host a fun event promoting language learning, whilst also helping students with their transition from primary to secondary school. Year 6 students had one minute to translate as many words as they could into French from a selected list of 70 words and phrases, whilst also pronouncing them correctly!



KS2-3 Recommended Reads



The RoofToppers by Katherine Rundell

Mrs Tuck- MfL Teacher- says "A girl goes on a search for her mum, who may or may not be alive. She discovers a whole new world on the roofs.

It links to the curriculum because there are quite a lot of French words/phrases which repeat throughout. Also, the majority of the story takes place in Paris.

I would definitely recommend this to a Year 7 reader as the language is accessible, the story keeps you hooked and it is all about adventures and dreams."