



Highcliffe School Student Bulletin

Monday 14th - Friday 18th October 2013: **Week A**

Thought For The Week:

It is in giving that we receive - St Francis of Assisi

Literacy Focus - Make a point of putting some new words into your Spelling Wall. Look at your exercise books. What spellings have teachers corrected for you? Put those ones into your Spelling Wall.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal: This week in assemblies you will be asked to take part in this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal, organized by Rotary International. It is a simple and effective way of making a child's Christmas happier than it would have been this year. All you have to do is wrap a shoebox in Christmas paper and fill it with suitable small gifts. All



students will be given a letter and leaflet giving all the details. The deadline for bringing into school completed boxes is **Wednesday 6th November**. Please take part - the more of us who make up boxes, the more children we can help!

A very big **THANK YOU** to everybody who helped out at last Thursday's Open Evening - the commitment and enthusiasm of the students is what makes the evening such a success!



Cycle Safety: Now that the autumn is here, it is a good time to remind everybody about safe cycling to and from school. **CYCLE HELMETS MUST BE WORN WHEN RIDING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.** Helmets are no help hanging from handlebars! Also, as the mornings and afternoons get darker, it is even more important that we should have good lights fitted to our bikes so we are not caught out at 'lighting-up' time.

We should also be aware of areas where leaves have fallen and become damp and slippery. It is very easy to skid and lose control in these conditions. Please be careful, be seen and be safe!

Cycle Helmets, Lights and Reflective/Fluorescent items are available from the Lower School Office.

Do you study German? Are you in Year 8, 9 or 10? Please join our forthcoming trip to Cologne, to visit the outstanding Christmas markets!

We will be leaving school on the evening of Thursday 5th December, and returning in the very early hours of Sunday 9th December. Cost for the trip - including coach travel and one night's accommodation in a Cologne Youth Hostel - is £155. This will be our thirteenth visit in successive years due to its popularity. In the event of over-subscription, places will be allocated following a review of students' attitude to learning, academic progress and attendance.

The trip is an ideal opportunity to have a brief visit to the fourth largest city in Germany and to experience first-hand the wonders of a German Christmas market. We will also visit Cologne Cathedral and several of the other sights in this beautiful city on the Rhine.

Students who are interested should come and collect a letter from Mr Barnes at the earliest possible opportunity.



Where do I belong? Photography competition: Who are you? Where do you feel you fit in - in your family, your community, the wider world? How do you see the world around you, and what forms your opinions? From big ideas to the most detailed observations, social science affects us all every day - at work, in school or college, within our communities, when exploring our identities and expressing our beliefs. We've got a challenge for you. We're looking for your unique take on society and the social sciences: take a picture of where you belong and feel at home. Whether it's a place, what you do, who you are with, where your life is now or where you would like to be in the future. Show us your world and where you fit in it.

Photos to be emailed to Mrs Boothroyd no later than the 1st December 2013.

Or for more info visit <http://www.socialscienceforschools.org.uk/photography-competition/>

Student Investor Challenge: Following the email sent to all Year 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students, Mr Callear will be holding a meeting for any students interested -

Date: Tuesday 15th October

When: Lunchtime at 1.00-1.45pm

Where: ICT1

Ideally you should have a team of 4. If you have less, please come along and you could form a team with others.



Year 12 and 13 BTEC Performing Arts Workshop: All Year 12 and 13 BTEC Performing Arts students (drama, music and dance) will be working with West End Musical Theatre actress, Jayde Westaby, on Wednesday 16th October during periods 3 and 4 in the Performance Hall. Students should arrive promptly at 11.20am dressed in the appropriate kit ready to take part in a genuine audition experience.

Mrs McGrath

The Expressive Arts Theatre trip for Years 9, 10 and 11 to see 'Evita' at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton will take place on Thursday 17th October. The coach will be leaving school at 12.30pm and returning at approximately 5.30pm. Students should wear full school uniform and eat lunch prior to departure. Mrs McGrath.

Mayflower
Theatre



Halloween fun: following on from our recent assemblies, please remember to think of others during the Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

If you are out having fun with friends, respect the rights for other people not to be disturbed or upset. **If 'trick or treating', do not knock on doors of any houses showing this poster.**

Copies of this poster are available from the front office if anyone would like to take one home for their own house or the home of a relative.

Year 10 Solent Skills Festival - Wednesday 16th October: All students who have a place on the trip need to meet on the tennis courts at the **end of break**. They need to have a packed lunch with them and be wearing full school uniform. You will need to make sure you catch up with any work and homework that you miss. See Mrs Finch in Hu2 if you have any questions.

Waitrose Community Donation

Waitrose

Do you shop at Waitrose? If so, please consider helping the Highcliffe Ecoteam build on this year's success and take the Highcliffe Ecogarden to a new level!

Each month every Waitrose branch donates £1,000 between three local good causes that you choose. At the checkout, you'll receive a token. Just place it in a box of the good cause you'd most like to support. The more tokens a cause gets, the bigger the donation they receive. We are very lucky that for the month of October in the Christchurch Waitrose store the Highcliffe School Ecogarden has been nominated as one of these causes. This is an ideal opportunity to develop the garden and encourage more students to take part in gardening and related activities.

We intend to install more permanent and informative signs on the garden to keep students aware of what is being grown on site. We also wish to install an irrigation system to provide younger students with more time to get hands on gardening experience, and, in addition to this, we would like to net the beds in which berries and fruits are growing to reduce loss to birds and insects.

The garden plan for 2013/2014 is already being discussed in the Ecoteam and we are anxious to make the garden even more successful than it was last year. The Waitrose Community donation will help to increase the volume and quality of the plants we produce out of the garden and will allow more students to get first-hand experience of 'growing their own'.

2013/2014 Ecoteam: The beds in the Ecogarden are in the process of being cleared with the remnants of this year's harvest. We have also planted a winter crop of garlic across the top bed so that we have continued action in the garden over winter. While the weather remains reasonable we will be aiming to finish the tidying of the garden over the next couple of weeks in order to concentrate on planning for the next season. Any help is much appreciated; we meet in the Ecogarden after school on a Tuesday. As always, warm clothing and sensible footwear is mandatory!



Saving Energy at Highcliffe: This week's Ecochallenge... the Highcliffe solar panels have generated 6.793 mW of electricity, how many Playstations could be run for a day with this amount of energy?

This Week in History... 14th - 20th October

14th October 1066 - William of Normandy, later William the Conqueror, defeats Harold II of England at the Battle of Hastings.

16th October 1834 - The Houses of Parliament are burned down accidentally, probably by porters.

16th October 1793 - Marie Antionette, queen consort of Louis the XVI of France is guillotined in Paris.

Please note: the **Art GCSE Catch up session after school** is now running on both **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

Year 11 Mathematics Revision Sessions November 2013: Tuesdays 3.05pm - 4.05pm

Higher

Quadratics: Plot & solve algebraically Factorising, completing the square & quadratic formula	15 th October
Rearranging & Simultaneous Equations	22 nd October

Grade C/B Higher Tier

Quadratics: Plot & solve algebraically Factorising, completing the square & quadratic formula	15 th October
Transformations	22 nd October

Foundation Linear

Averages, frequency tables, Pie charts Scatter Graphs	15 th October
Number Non-Calculator Skills	22 nd October

Teaching Group	Tier	Go to Room
11Ma1x (WES) & 11Ma1y (WES)	Higher (Unit 3)	Mr Burgan & Miss Taylor Ma 1 & Ma2
11Ma2x (JKY) & 11Ma2y (KHN)	Higher (Unit 3)	Mr Edmonds & Mr Cowley Ma5 & Ma6
11Ma3x (CMN) & 11Ma3y (JAS)	Higher (Unit 3) Grade C/B	Miss Hayman Ma7
11Ma4x (IBN) & [11Ma3y & 11Ma3x]	Foundation (linear)	Mrs Kelly Ma3
11Ma4y (IBN) & 11Ma5x (KHN)	Foundation (linear)	Miss Alldis Ma4
11Ma5y (JKY) & 11Ma6x (TCY)	Foundation (linear)	Mr Cooper Ma9

Music Activities this week:

Monday	Year 7 All Boys' Choir - Ex2 - 1.30pm - 2.00pm
	6th Form Choir - Ex5 - 1.30pm - 2.00pm
Tuesday	Highcliffe Harmonics - main school choir Ex3 - 3.15 - 4.00pm
Wednesday	Flute Ensemble - Ex3 - 1.30pm - 2.00pm
	G&T Jazz Band - Ex3 - 3.15pm - 4.00pm
	Ukulele Club - Ex2 - 3.15pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	GCSE Music coursework intervention - Ex5 - 3.05 - 4.30pm
Friday	Ukulele Club - Ex2 - 3.15pm - 4.00pm

Numeracy Challenge:



CUDDLY WUDDLY TRIBE

A remote Pacific island is occupied by two tribes: the Cuddly-Wuddlies and the Nasty-Wasties. They are utterly indistinguishable by appearance, but differ completely in their character and live at opposite ends of the island. Cuddly-Wuddlies always tell the truth and are renowned for their kind hospitality, whereas Nasty-Wasties are infamous for their compulsive lying and cannibalism; being especially partial to the taste of visitors.

By the time you arrive the sun is already setting and being out so late is not a good idea. You stand at a fork in the pathway: one direction heads to the Cuddly-Wuddly village and the other leads to the Nasty-Wasty village. However, you don't know which way to go.

A man is standing nearby and as you are in a hurry you have time to ask one simple question.

What question could you ask to ensure that you receive correct directions to the Cuddly-Wuddly village?

*Answers to be placed in the box in MA7 by 1.20pm on Friday 25th October.
The first correct answer drawn will win a prize!*

P.E. FIXTURES/PRACTICES

Please check the PE board at the start of each week.

	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday	Year 8 Basketball Club	Year 8 football v Poole Grammar (away) Year 7 football v Harewood (home)
Tuesday	Year 10 & 11 Basketball Club	Year 7 & 8 netball v Twynham (home) Year 9 rugby v Twynham (home) Year 10 football v Oakmead (away) Year 11 football v Poole Grammar (away)
Wednesday	Year 7 Basketball Club	U16 girls' football v Arnewood (away) Year 9 football v Winton (away) Year 7 & 8 Netball Club Year 8 Rugby Club
Thursday		Year 10/11 rugby v BCS (home) Year 10m rugby v BCS (away) Year 9 10 11 netball v Twynham Year 7 Rugby Club
Friday	Year 9 Basketball Club	

I WONDER... Can you bend air?