

# INAMOS

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### Next Week's Diary

2.00pm	FYMS Pre-Prep Fun Afternoon (postponed - see page 3)
MONE	DAY
11.30am 5.00pm 7.00pm	School Council Meeting Year 4 Parents' and Tutors' Tea (see page 2) Phonics and Reading Workshop for Parents of Children in
TUES	Reception (see page 2) DAY
5.00pm	Year 3 Parents' and Tutors' Tea

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5.00pm	Year 8 Parents' and Tutors' Tea
	(see page 2)

11.30am Food Committee Meeting

### After School Clubs

After school clubs and minibuses are running next week except:

Monday: Netball, Mindfulness Colouring Tuesday: Open Basketball

Wednesday: Swimming Club (even if the pool has reopened as the Sports Staff will be renewing their life saving gualification)

Thursday: Open Gymnastics

## Yateley Manor Awards

Congratulations to **Rhys Davies** who has achieved his Silver Yateley Manor Award.

#### Personal Statements for Years 6 and 8

Year 6 and Year 8 children were given paper copies of the personal statement forms last week. These should be handed/emailed to their form tutors by Monday, 21st September.

Digital copies are available (on the links above) in case you prefer to complete the form digitally.

# Year 4 Creative Writing Books

The Year 4 children were all delighted to receive their copy of 'The Usborne Creative Writing Book'; a gift from the English Department. We are hoping that the beautiful books will inspire creativity, develop imagination and boost writing skills.

Antonia Robinson, Head of English, gathered Year 4 together to give the children their books and to talk about them. The children were fascinated by their first glimpses. The books will be collected in during the Spring Term and we look forward to seeing

how the children are aetting on with them.



# Years 7 and 8 Learn Sign Language

Year 7 and Year 8 have started a British Sign Language course this term. Here are the children of 7GPB taking part in their first session - learning the alphabet, how to ask people for their name and how to tell others their own name. After a wobbly start,



👖 🔽 quite a few giggles, they soon got the hang of it. The group have set themselves the target of being confident BSL users by the end of the year.



# Balancing the Emotional Bank Account

Robert Upton's latest blog can be found on the School website. The following is a taster:

In his book "The 7 Habits Of Highly Effective People" Stephen Covey discusses

the emotional bank account. This is a metaphorical bank account that we have between us and the people with whom we have relationships. When it comes to building relationships with others, we add credit to the bank account with acts of kindness and support. The aim is to build up the bank account so that when a debit is made we do not go into debt; keeping the emotional bank account in balance.

To read the rest of this article click here.



To view other blog posts visit the Headmaster's Blog page of the school website.

#### Parents' and Tutors' Teas for Years 3 and 4

We are, unfortunately, unable to invite parents in to school for the last in our series of welcome teas next week.

Instead we will be holding virtual sessions for the year groups. Parents will receive emails with information about the sessions and links to them. Where relevant, information booklets and topic maps will also be emailed to parents.

Please note that, to allow parents time to travel home after collecting their children, these will now all start at 5.00pm (not 4.45pm as indicated in the Autumn term calendar).

#### Car Park Reminders

Now that children know the routines and geography of the school, here are some suggestions to help keep traffic moving smoothly in the car park.

- Remember to turn left (not right) out of the school onto the road.
- Try to avoid peak times between 8.20 & 8.40am and 4.15 & 4.30pm
- Encourage your child to join an after school club
- Drop and go the drop and go areas, alongside the pavements directly outside the school are not for parking but for 'kiss and go' in the mornings and 'pick up and fly' in the evenings. Please do not park or leave cars in this area.
- Please also be mindful of the school minibuses entering and turning in the car park.

A reminder that Prep children who are to be collected during club time (4.35pm - 5.25pm) should go to Homework Club in Apollonius. Parents collecting during Homework Club can then go directly to the classroom, which has a door onto the car park, to collect their child.

### **Contact Details**

If you have changed your address, telephone number, mobile number, email address or emergency contact details during the summer holidays, please remember to inform School Reception, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

# House Points and Bonuses

	Bonuses	House Points	Overall
Fyson	3rd =	3rd	4th
Kingsley	1st =	4th	3rd
School	3rd =	1st	1st
Stanley	1st =	2nd	2nd

Bonus Point Winner:

House Point Winner:

Overall Winner: So

School

School

Kingsley/Stanley

Children in Years 3 and up have already been working hard to win bonuses and house points. Bonuses are awarded for Attitude to Learning and as a result of a graded or assessed piece of work. Two are automatically awarded for an A grade, one for a B. House points may be earned as a reward for commendable acts which are not academically focused. They are also awarded weekly for well-kept record books. House points may also be lost through misdemeanours.

Each week one house wins the Bonuses Trophy and one wins the House Points Trophy.

# Life in Years 7 and 8 at Yateley Manor

We will be holding a virtual presentation entitled A Look at Life in Years 7 and 8 on Tuesday 6th October at 7.00pm.

The Year 7 and 8 programme at a prep school and especially, we believe, at Yateley Manor, is one of the most powerful and influential experiences in a child's education and is an important part of their voyage of self-discovery.

The meeting will be led by Robert Upton but will, we hope, also feature current Year 7 and 8 children who will be able to give their perspective of our senior years. Topics covered will include the PSB programme, Yateley Manor Award Scheme, leadership and citizenship in Years 7 and 8.

The meeting is aimed particularly at parents of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 but is open to all parents.

If you would like to attend this virtual meeting please <u>complete and submit the form</u> <u>using this link</u> or email <u>Penny Charles.</u>

## Parent Workshops

During the Autumn term we usually run a series of workshops for parents in different year groups. These explain how Maths and Reading and Phonics will be covered in school and how you can support your child at home.

Unfortunately, as we are unable to invite parents into school, these will not be able to run in the usual way.

As many of the workshops are interactive and include the use of resources we are currently looking at how we can deliver the information to parents in a different format.

We will email individual year groups in due course.

#### Phonics and Reading Workshops for Parents of Children in Reception

The Phonics and Reading Workshop for Parents of Children in Reception will take place virtually on Monday 14th September at 7.00pm.

The aim of the workshop, which is likely to last about 45 minutes, is to explain how phonics and reading will be covered in school and how you can support your child at home.

Parents have been sent a booket and a link to the workshop by email. If you have not received this email please email <u>Penny</u> <u>Charles</u>.

#### MTech

MTech is an exciting music technology course run at school by M:Tech. The course, which is taught by a member of the M:Tech staff, allows children of all musical abilities to compose in an exciting way alongside fun media projects.

The sessions take place in the school's music technology suite on Monday or Tuesday lunchtimes.

On Wednesday afternoon a member of the M:Tech team gave children in Years 3 and 4 a virtual demonstration of what to expect if they sign up for the course. More information <u>can be found on here</u> and on their website <u>www.mtechonline.</u> <u>co.uk</u>. If you have any questions please email <u>office@mtechonline.co.uk</u>.

M:Tech work on a first-come first-served basis but they keep a waiting list for those who cannot be timetabled this term.

### Happy Birthday to ...

Jacob Brown 8 Max Gostelow 11 Harry Hennessy 9 Hope Horne 12 Louisa Machin 5 Sophia Machin 5 Callum Maclean 5 Devansh Panda 11 Isaac Perry 7 Anish Shinto 9



To ensure that we keep children in their bubbles, after school Chess clubs (4.35pm - 5.25pm) will now be split as follows:

Tuesdays	Years 5 and 6
Fridays	Years 3 and 4

#### **Online Chess Club**

Yateley Manor has a private online chess club: <u>https://lichess.org/team/yateley-</u>manor-chess-club

To join , simply go to the Lichess website, create a profile for free, search for the club and apply to join. Andrew Martin is the administrator and once he has established who you are, he will admit you.

Tournaments will then be organised on a regular basis outside school hours to keep everyone sharp.

There is no charge at all so do sign up.

#### Lost Property

Jess Fussey (6EMG) has lost her named skort. If you have seen it please let Jess or Mr Daines know. Thank you.

# Friends of Yateley Manor School (FYMS)

**FYMS directory:** This academic year FYMS will be starting an FYMS directory for parents to share their businesses/services to the wider Yateley Manor community.

If you would like to be involved and listed, please message <u>Natalie Harris-Briggs</u>, detailing your business name, contact details, and a 50-word paragraph detailing your services. **++Please note that by sending in your details, you are agreeing for them to be shared within the Yateley Manor community++** 

<u>Are you following us?</u>: Did you know that FYMS have a Facebook page? Follow us today for all of the up-to-date news <u>www.facebook.com/groups/</u> <u>friendsofyateleymanor</u>

**Face to face fundraising:** With the current restrictions in place around large groups, it is proving extremely difficult to put on our normal fundraising activities such as the Christmas Fair and Pre-Prep Fun Afternoon. Sadly we have had to cancel both of these events from this year's academic calendar. We are in the process of pulling together a virtual event programme so watch this space but if you have any ideas for virtual fundraising, please email us at fyms@gmail.com.

**Easy fundraising:** FYMS are registered with Easy Fundraising, which means over 4,100 retailers will donate to the school for FREE every time you use Easy fundraising to shop with them online. It's incredibly easy to use, all you have to do is sign up and then do your normal online shopping via Easy Fundraising to raise donations for the school. There are over 4,100 retailers to choose from including Just Eat, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Amazon and many more. Sign up today using this link.

#### **Music Exam Results**

Many congratulations to the following children who passed their Trinity or Rockschool Music Exams:

Guy Miller	Grade 6	Guitar	Merit
Louis Raven	Grade 1	Guitar	Merit
Louis Raven	Initial Grade	Guitar	Merit
<b>Rex Macoraghty-Mines</b>	Debut Grade	Ukulele	Merit

# Individual and Sibling Photographs

We are unfortunately not able to invite our photographer, Andy Faulkner, in to school this term to take our individual and sibling group photos.

We know this will be very disappointing to parents but we very much hope that we will be able to invite him in to school later in the academic year when the situation may have improved.

#### Next Week's Menu

### PALMER & HOWELLS

The Yateley Manor School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Shepherds Pie	Baked Garlic Chicken	Mac & cheese	Beef Chilli	Battered Fish	
Leek & Broccoli Bake	Gnocchi	House made Pesto Pasta	Mixed BBQ Bean Chilli	Roasted Aubergine	
Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice Of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice Of Toppings	Jacket Potato Choice of Toppings	
Seasonal vegetables Sautéed courgette Thyme carrots	Chestnut mushrooms Garden peas Fine beans	Carrot batons House Garlic Bread Pearl onions	Brown rice Savoy cabbage Sweet potatoes	Chips Garden peas House Tartar sauce	16
Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	
Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day	N/4
	Freshly Baked Bread, Seasor	hal Salads, Fresh Fruit and Yu	oghurt are available daily		



# Yateley Manor Swimming Squad

Trials for the Yateley Manor Swimming Squad will take place later this half term on the following days:

Year 6	Wednesday 7.00am to 8.00am
Years 3 & 4	Wednesday 4.35pm - 5.25pm
Year 5	Thursday 4.35pm - 5.25pm

To be eligible for the swimming squad children should be able to swim continuously for a minimum of ten minutes and need to make a commitment to attend the training session each week.

Training sessions for each group will also be on the above days and times. Due to restrictions in the pool we are only able to offer places to 16 children in each group. Places will be offered based on their swimming times during the trials.

Please email nmiddleditch@yateleymanor.com if you would like your child to attend a trial. Dates for the trials will be confirmed in the next few weeks.

# LAMDA

We will be offering LAMDA tuition to children in Years 3 to 8 again this academic year. During designated sessions, Gail Brundle will be delivering individual, shared and small group lessons in a variety of courses set by the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, resulting in recognised exam gualifications. While there will be no additional charge for these lessons, there will be a registration fee for any child who wishes to take the exam.

LAMDA courses provide students with practical communication skills and confidence to succeed, in addition to excellence in performance. They support the Performing Arts curriculum and also encourage analytical and other transferable skills.

Children who attended sessions last year and were preparing for LAMDA exams which were scheduled for May 2020 will be continuing their sessions this half term and will take their exams in October. These sessions will then finish and any children wishing to continue will need to register their interest again.

New groups for the 2020 - 2021 year will start after half term and these are open to all children from Year 3 upwards. Due to restrictions with teacher : pupil ratios there will be a maximum of ten places available for each session and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. A link to the online form for registering for these sessions will be emailed to parents on Monday 21st

September at 6.00pm Please look out for this link.

After half term the new LAMDA sessions with be on:

- Children in Years 3 and 4 Wednesdays 8.10am 8.40am or Wednesdays 1.30pm 2.00pm
- Children in Years 5 and 6 Mondays 1.30pm 2.00pm or Tuesday 8.10am 8.40am
- Children in Years 7 and 8 Fridays 1.30pm 2.00pm (some will be invited to Drama Masterclass on Tuesday 4.35pm 5.25pm)

Please note that children will be expected to commit to attending the session each week for the year and will be expected to take a LAMDA exam during the summer term, the cost of which will be charged to parents.

# Years 3 to 6

While we are not able to take part in matches against other schools the Sports Department have set up two competitive Yateley Manor Football Leagues.

The Year 5 and 6 boys have been split into eight balanced teams and the Year 3 and 4 boys have been split into six equal teams.

For the next few Wednesday afternoons (Years 5 and 6) and Friday afternoons (Years 3 and 4) each team will play two 20 minute matches against other teams. Results and the updated league tables will be published in INAMOS each week.

We are, unfortunately, unable to have parent spectators at any of these matches.

# Football League for Council Elected Representatives

	School Council	Food Committee	Sports Council
Year 3	Emily Chestnutt	Thomas Gasser	Sophie Haines
	Finley Sperring	Nancy Middleton	Tom McGinty
Year 4	Grace Gorvin	Finn Aumonier	Eta Chick
	Rafa Stiles	Maniska Khadka	Kayan Sachdev
Year 5	Sonny Alexander	Jake Boston	Sam Codd
	Kaio Santino	Barbara Maseda Villalon	Anna Jacobs
Year 6	Agbor-Echi Bakia	Emily Goodby	Max Gostelow
	Lucas Jackson-Rose	Isaac Jenkins	Jacob Joyce
Year 7	Jack Cantelo Cara Steel	Isabel Arnold Marcus Cross Lucas Irwin	George Jacobs Alba Wisbey
Year 8	Guy Miller Sam Reader Freddie Spoor	Amelie Butterwick Harry Judson	Natalie Dyason Poppy Everest Rhys Davies