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Mangotsfield Newsletter



Issue 11

Newsletter Date: 11th March 2011

"Celebration and Assessment Day" for Go4SET, a Sci/Eng/Tech extracurricular project

The students were tasked with designing an Eco Classroom and were competing against other local schools. Our design consisted of solar panels, (inspired by the school's own), a vegetable garden, recycled materials, and insulation using recycled newspaper waste. They prepared a professional project report, CAD design and display poster, and gave a verbal presentation to engineers.

Although we didn't win a prize this time, all did fantastically well and received a certificate. David Diamond from DE&S, their company mentor, said "All the boys did a fantastic job, they worked brilliantly as a team. They would all make great engineers and scientists. I'd employ them tomorrow if they were older!"

Taking part were James Davis (8.5), James Down (8.6), Jamie Ellis (8.6), Alex Ford (8.5), Dan Jones (8.6) and David Kiddle (8.7).



Off to work we go...



Year 10 Flexible Learning students shine in the workplace on their February work experience week!

February saw the first of 2 work experience opportunities for our Flexible Learning students and 8 of them grabbed the opportunity to get out into the big wide world and test drive some jobs of interest - a week which Erin Cox, who went to Appletree Playgroup, awarded "11 out of 10".

It was a real mix of companies who hosted our students, and not just in Bristol. Ross Jennings and Dan Light, who were based in Chew Valley and Devizes, had the challenge of 7.00 am starts before getting to grips with plasterboarding and lorry repairs. Dan said "What I enjoyed most was being treated like a grown up". Favourite parts of the day in local pre-schools for Courtney Harris and Georgina Simmonds were 'circle time', 'singing all the songs' and helping the youngsters with their building blocks. Elisha Jenkins loved being surrounded by thousands of theatre fashions at Bristol Costumes. Jed Bullen worked for his Dad's company as a tiling assistant, but was also asked to clean out the company van, while Jordan Clay was our handyman extraordinaire at a residential home in Eastville. He enjoyed the perks of having chips for lunch - a fitting reward for learning how to plumb in a washing machine - and supporting the residents on their trips out.

The group were a credit to the school and have set the standard for the big week of work experience from 11th-15th July. Placements are going well for July so far and we encourage those still searching to keep going with their applications. Ask for help and make sure you don't miss out on the chance of a great week!

Please contact Miss Phillips or Mrs Bates at school regarding Year 10 Work Experience on 01454 862779.

Celebration of Achievement Evening

This evening was a great success with over 50 students receiving awards, certificates and prizes. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the success of our students.

There were three fantastic interludes which showcased the work done at Mangotsfield School. Firstly we had Mr Adamson doing a very credible impression of a mad scientist, blowing up rockets and setting things on fire. We then had Mrs Aldous and her Year 7 class led by Chloe Smart, who managed to get parents joining in with their warm-up song and their “digging cabbages song”. We ended with two musical performances from Amy Williams and Ed Donoghue.



All parents, students and staff were delighted with the evening and the chance to celebrate achievement. A big thank you to all involved and remember, if you weren't nominated this year, there is always next year! Photos are available to download from our website.

Year 7 TAG launch—22nd March at 6.00 pm

The new Year 7 students were told today whether they have been nominated as part of the TAG team. This is a team made up of Talented, Able and Gifted students; there is a subtle difference.

Gifted students are students who have the top 7% of scores in the year group in their CAT tests – they remain on the register for their entire time at school.

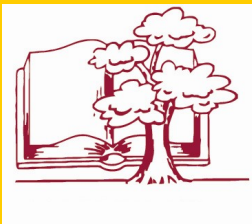
Talented students are students who have been nominated by their teachers in traditionally non-academic subjects eg PE, Drama etc.

Able students have been nominated by staff in traditionally academic subjects eg English, Maths, Science etc.

The Talented and Able students are reassessed each year and new students will be put onto the team and some students taken off, depending on their continued performance.

Parents will be invited into school on 22nd March to see what we can do for their child and what responsibilities their child has, now they are in the TAG team. All faculties run events/clubs for their TAG members and there are also generic sessions designed to stretch and motivate TAG students.

Don't worry if your child has not been put into the TAG team this year. There is always next year and with a little more effort, hard work and support, who knows what they could achieve in future.



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**Police Truancy
Sweeps**

Due to the success
of this scheme we
will be continuing
this throughout the
summer. If your
child cannot attend
School, you must
leave a message on
the absence line,
01454 862777.

Thank you for your
continued support
in helping us to
improve
attendance.

18th March is RED NOSE DAY

This will be a non school uniform day. Students will pay £1 for the
privilege of not wearing uniform for that day.

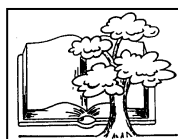
Please bring some extra money if you can as there will be lots of fund-
raising events happening on the day.



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18 March 2011

PTA Quiz—18th March



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