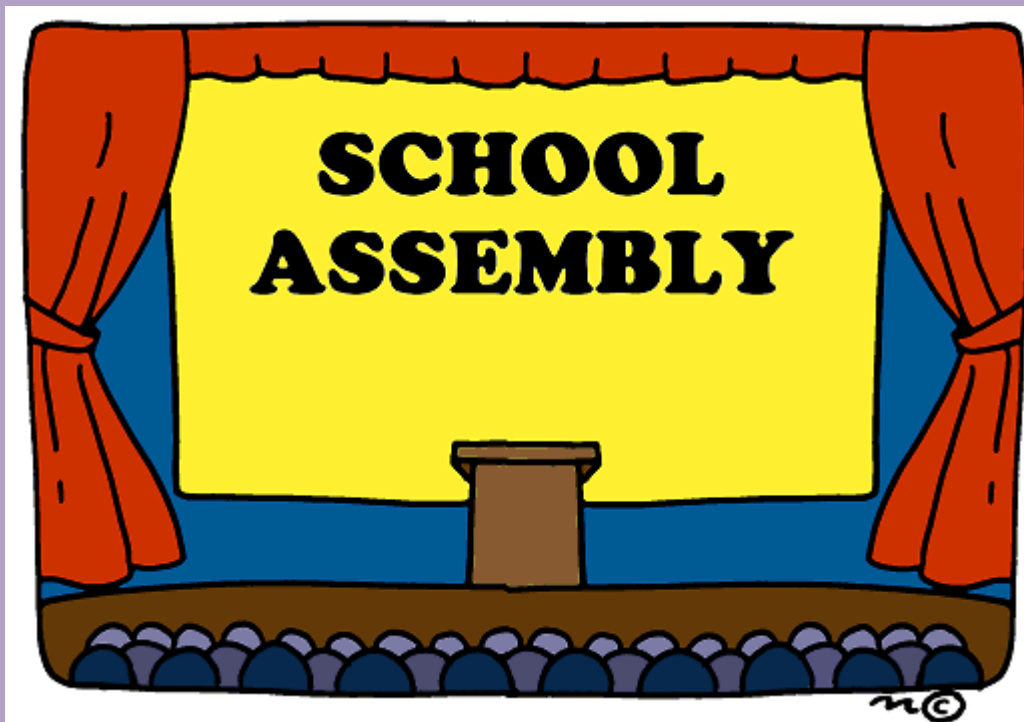


6G Newsletter – Friday 30 June

Dear Year 6G parents

Thank you to all of you who contributed in so many ways towards today's Year 6G Assembly. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. It's great to see each class being given the chance to show what they can do on stage. Thank you to everyone who spent time putting together enthralling MP4 presentations for all of us to enjoy. A lot of time had clearly gone into them. Thanks too for all the parents who were able to attend today. I realise this is a sacrifice from busy work schedules, and it is much appreciated. Final thanks of course to the Reverend Scracefield from St John's Church for his willingness to introduce the Assembly. I really feel he has a growing passion for our school.



The Year 6 Grammar tests are up and running. I have spoken to a number of pupils both inside and outside of Pointers who have attended the Kent and Bexley tests over the last week. The overwhelming feeling is that each pupil thought they performed well, although they may have found time constraints on some tests were challenging. The only solution to this I can offer is for pupils to be aware to time manage. I try to set strict time boundaries on tests in the classroom, and remind pupils regularly how long they have left. It's the same when you complete a GCSE paper or a degree course; you are always up against the clock.

I was very impressed that all of the Pointers' pupils wore their school uniform to the tests. For me, this is such a key part of the process. Many students commented that they were asked which school they attended due to the uniform they were wearing, or that they were recognised by the purple and green outfits by teachers and former pupils.

Pointers has a great reputation around the south-east for the calibre of students we send to a variety of secondary schools. The season is now underway for school Open Days. Tomorrow (Saturday 30th) is Alleyn's and St Dunstan's Open Days. There will be a second Open Day at St

Dunstan's on Saturday 18 November. Meanwhile, Saturday 11 November is the next Open Day at Colfe's School. They are also offering a 'Learning Adventure' day for prospective Year 7 pupils on Wednesday 11 October. You will need to book this on their website.



Thanks once again for all the hard work your pupils are putting into each Year 6 lesson as well as for the homework tasks. It will be worth it.

With regards for a very happy weekend.

Steve Garvey

Newsletter Notes:

PE Jackets- Please note that as the weather gets colder, children may wear the purple PE jacket to school on days that they have sports teams/ clubs when they will be changing into PE kit.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Please can the consent forms be returned to school as soon as possible, this is for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 only.

Student Achievements:

Shreyas Royal has just returned from Brazil after competing in a chess competition. Shreyas scored 8/11 and became joint 3rd place in the 'Worlds under 8'.

The scoring consisted of 1st place achieving 9 points, 2nd place 8.5, where four players had scored 8 points. The competition lasted over the course of 11 days with over 15 countries across the world participating. some of the top Shreyas Royal.



Shreyas finished 7th place in the world competing against players which is a huge achievement. Congratulations to Thank you to all who so kindly sponsored him!

Birthday Cakes – If your child would like to celebrate their birthday at school, they may bring a cake in. This isn't required but is allowed! If you send in a birthday cake please choose a child-friendly birthday cake, and of course NUT FREE. Thanks.