

6G Newsletter – Friday 22 September

Dear Year 6G parents

I hope you are all extremely well during what is now officially week three of the Autumn Term. I noticed that every pupil this morning was wearing a Pointers jacket on top of their PE kit which can only mean that the weather is becoming a little cooler as the cricket season comes to an end.

This week the pupils have been reading and researching the final act from Macbeth. This engendered a lot of discussion in the class, and a wealth of creativity from many pupils who considered changing the finale to this great tragedy. The class was given the licence to alter the ending, allowing Macbeth to be a hero, if they desired, and to survive as King of Scotland. Other alternative endings included Lady Macbeth taking over the throne, with Banquo as her second-in-command.



We have now reached the end of the first of our seven forays into Shakespeare's art, with *The Tempest* to follow in November.

In Maths, the Year 6 classes have been getting to grips with areas and perimeters of regular and irregular shapes. These turn up regularly in tests, and thorough revision is recommended.

My thoughts were with Wilf this morning as he took the first round of his St Olave's test. I hope he, and all the other pupils are able to remain calm and clear-thinking as they go into what can be a daunting experience.

This coming Wednesday is the Year 6 formal Parents' evening. Please do come armed with any questions you may have about prospective secondary schools for your pupil. There will be plenty of time to talk through how they have performed during the first sixteen days of Year 6, as well as the suitability of different schools. The recommendation from Mr Jenkins and myself is for pupils to sit no more than three tests in January. If any parent needs extra time to speak on the subject of secondary schools, do let me know and I can certainly arrange this.

The final note is about the Year 6 residential to the Isle of Wight. A letter will go out very shortly letting you know the dates and the cost for the five days away. I have had the privilege of attending the last three years and can say it is outstanding. All the pupils love the mixture of adventurous pursuits, wonderful healthy food, activities in the sea and dormitory accommodation.



Thanks to everyone for your tireless support and help in making this an excellent year. Thanks too to Mrs Fenner and Mrs McGregor for being outstanding class reps.

With regards for a very happy weekend.

Steve Garvey

Newsletter Notes:

(Pointers only)

Morning drop off- Please note that children may not be left at school until 8.30am when a member of staff is present to supervise. Any children left unaccompanied in the playground before this will be taken to breakfast club and the account charged accordingly.