

Dear Parents and Carers

We made it! It has been a very testing half term, and I would like to thank the staff and pupils for their resilience and hard work. Can I also thank you for your support. I hope that you all have an enjoyable half term break.

## **A thank you to Primerdesign in Chandlers Ford for our new Sensory Room!**

We wanted to say a huge thank you to parent Mrs Stokes, whom with Miss Murchie and funding from her company Primerdesign, part of the Novacyt group, donated to Toynbee to support disadvantaged students with laptops or tablets during home learning in the pandemic. They also won funding from the charity committee to pay for a sensory room. A sensory room is a special safe space which has been specifically designed to stimulate the senses and encourage de-escalation for a child who is overwhelmed, this means that pupils are able to interact with their surroundings to feel grounded and overall to have a positive impact on their mental wellbeing and readiness to learn in the wider school environment. Here you can see the before and after pictures which truly show the brilliant changes that have been made. This room is regularly used by students as a safe place, for ELSA and anger management sessions, as well as academic interventions, so THANK YOU!



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## Year 7

Another successful half term for Year 7. They have continued to work hard and impress me every day. Well done to Ethan and Evie for being awarded the Model Pupil Award. They will receive 5 APs and a certificate as recognition of their hard work.

Thank you so much to Tyler and Harriet for their amazing tour of the school this week. The parent they showed round was so impressed by their enthusiasm and knowledge of the school, she felt she had to email us to let us know. Well done, Tyler and Harriet! I have given you both 5 APs 😊.

There will be an inter tutor competition being launched after half term which will be exciting and great fun! Watch this space for more details!

Just a polite reminder about chewing gum and trainers. Please can you ensure these are both left at home - I will be doing regular checks after half term.

I would finally like to wish you all a very relaxing half term. As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Year 7 make me proud each day and it is an absolute pleasure being their Guidance Manager.

Please continue to email me or call me with any questions or concerns you have. I am happy support in any way I can.

Take care. Mrs Vallance

## Young Carers Group

There is a new Young Carers Breakfast Club starting at Toynbee on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March at 8am. The drop in group will be running every Wednesday in Learning Support and will offer breakfast and a relaxed space for students who help care for someone at home. All year groups are welcome to come along for support and opportunities to meet – and have fun with – other children and young people in similar positions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ms L Gentle

## LRC

We are excited to relaunch the "Design a new sign for the LRC" competition this week! A flexible task has been sent to all year groups on Satchel (Show My Homework) with all the required details. The closing date for this competition will be 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

The return to school after half term brings the fun of World Book Day to Toynbee with activities scheduled throughout the week. In the LRC our pupil librarians have been busy creating a display to

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recommend the books they love to their peers, and during the week we will also have a special PowerPoint display being shown, including staff members most loved & recommended books. I will be running a "You are a Reader book prescription service" all week on our return to help students to choose books that may suit them from the LRC. Achievement points will be given to any students who choose to use this service and take out a book!

I would like to wish you all a happy and restful half term filled with wonderful books.

Mrs Nicholls (Library Manager)

## Toynbee Welcomes a New Recruit

We are delighted to welcome a new, four-legged member to the Toynbee Team.

Cleo is a six-month-old golden retriever who is going to train to be our school dog and work alongside Scoot supporting pupils and teachers. Like us all, Scoot will eventually need to retire so when this time comes we will have a fully trained school dog who will continue to support pupils and staff at Toynbee. Until this time, Scoot and Cleo will work together.

At the moment, Cleo comes into school for one day a week to get used to the sounds and smells of a busy school, but as she gets older and gains experience she will start to come in more often.

Training is hard work for a puppy but also a lot of fun. When pupils see Cleo around school they must remember to be calm allow her space. But when Cleo comes to say hello, she loves a tickle under her chin or a quick belly rub!



Scoot showing Cleo the ropes on her first day.

## WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

Toynbee Celebrates 25 Years of World Book Day

This year is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day. To celebrate this amazing milestone, Toynbee has a week of activities planned for all pupils to highlight the importance of reading and remind everyone that reading is a magical experience.

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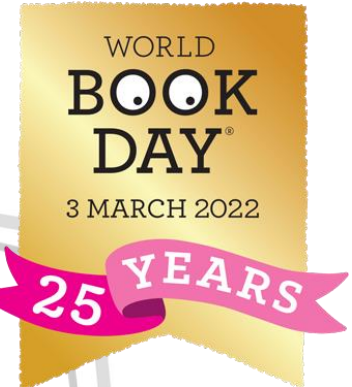
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There will be reading activities all week in tutor time for, all year groups, as well as an interactive quiz. On Friday 4th March Year 7 will follow a timetable which puts reading at the centre of every lesson, and all year groups will have D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything and Read) in every lesson.

As well as this, pupils will be given a book token to spend on a book of their choice. It would be wonderful if you could choose a book with your child. Full details are available on the World Book Day website.



We hope you manage to relax with a good book over half term.

## School uniform

Now that the weather is improving, we hope that this means that we can still keep our classrooms well ventilated and that pupils will not need to wear coats in lessons after half term. We will of course keep this under review should the situation change. Please can we remind parents that hoodies or jumpers with logo's on are not permitted, and will be confiscated if worn into school.

## HiVis Club

The HiVis club has completed a 14 week music composition programme, run by the Global Music Visions project. Students were given the opportunity learn song writing skills and record their own song. It was a real pleasure to work with our students on this project and see them develop their musical talents. Next half terms see the return of different activities every week. The schedule will be coming home to parents before half term. Don't forget our VI students can bring their friends with them, to HiVis club.

## Mrs Lloyd

## Timetable

A reminder that the first day back at school after the half term break is March 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be WEEK B on your lesson timetables.

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## Sponsorship

We have been approached by a local Estate Agent to see if we would be interested in receiving some sponsorship for any school events that we plan on holding in the future. All they ask from us is in return is for 20 families to agree to display an advertising board (similar to the For Sale signs) in a prominent position on their property advertising the school event and the Estate Agents details for two weeks prior to the event. If this is something that you are interested in supporting please let us know by emailing the school at [admin@toynbee.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@toynbee.hants.sch.uk)

## Catering

The new Catering company starts at Toynbee on Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>. We are really looking forward to the changes that will be made to our food offer, and we hope that pupils will enjoy their new lunch choice.

## Toynbee Extra-Curricular Music

### **Monday Lunchtime Year 7 & 8 Boomwhacker Club (Music 1).**

An easy and fun music club using plastic tubes that you hit on chairs! All welcome.

### **Monday 3pm-4pm GCSE Music Drop In (Music 1).**

For GCSE music students to come and use the macs for composition work, or to have extra support with theory.

### **Tuesday 8am-8:30am Ukulele Group (Music 1).**

For all year groups, no experience necessary. School ukuleles available to use.

### **Tuesday 3pm-4pm Toynbee Band (Music 1).**

For all year groups. Woodwind, brass, string, percussion players of any standard. We play a mix of genres including classical, pop, jazz and film music.

### **Tuesday 3pm-4pm Rock Band (Music 2).**

For all year groups. Drum, guitar, bass guitar, keyboard/piano players and singers of any standard.

### **Tuesday 4pm-5pm Music Theory (Music 1).**

For any pupils wanting to learn about music and take the Grade 5 Theory exam. Useful for GCSE music students. A fee is payable, and spaces are limited. See Miss Parrott or Ms Osborn for more information.

### **Thursday 8:15-9am Show Chorus (Music 2).**

A choir for all year groups and abilities singing a variety of genres. No audition, just come along if you like singing!

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## Thursday 3pm-4pm Show Case (Music 2).

A choir for all year groups singing a variety of genres. You will need to be part of show chorus and audition for this group.

## Friday Lunchtime Year 7 & 8 Keyboard Club (Music 2).

For any year 7 and 8 pupils who want to come and use the mac computers out of class time to learn songs of their choice on the keyboard.

## Eastleigh Borough Council

This half term Eastleigh Borough Council will be putting on a variety of free activities around the town centre for all of the family to enjoy.

<p><b>A week of FREE activities in Eastleigh Town Centre</b></p> <p><b>No need to book!</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 21</b></p> <p><b>Balloon Modelling &amp; Face Painting</b> Eastleigh Museum 10.30am - 12.30pm</p> <p><b>Character meet &amp; greets Superheroes</b> The Swan Centre 10.30am - 12.30pm</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 22</b></p> <p><b>Aargh! Pirate Street Performer</b> Eastleigh Town Centre 10.30am • 12.30pm 2.30pm</p> <p><b>Story Telling</b> The Point 10.30am - 12.30pm</p> <p><b>Crafts</b> The Point 1pm - 3pm</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 23</b></p> <p><b>Aargh! Pirate Street Performer</b> Eastleigh Town Centre 10.30am • 12.30pm 2.30pm</p> <p><b>Bella Crafts</b> The Swan Centre 11am - 3pm</p>	<p><b>Thursday 24</b></p> <p><b>Balloon Modelling &amp; Face Painting</b> Eastleigh Library 2pm - 4pm</p> <p><b>Character meet &amp; greets</b> The Swan Centre Ice Queen &amp; Snow Sister 10.30am - 12.30pm Magic Carpet Princess &amp; Tower Princess 2.30pm - 4.30pm</p>	<p><b>Friday 25</b></p> <p><b>Animal Encounters - drop in session</b> Eastleigh Library 10am - 3pm</p> <p><b>Bella Crafts</b> The Swan Centre 11am - 3pm</p>
<p><b>Monday - Friday</b></p> <p><b>Alebrije Trail</b> Eastleigh Town Centre All Day Visit <a href="http://AlebrijeTrail.com">AlebrijeTrail.com</a> or scan the QR codes in Leigh Road Recreation Ground</p>	<p><b>Tuk Tuk Tours</b> Pick up point at Eastleigh Market Place 10am - 2pm</p> <p><b>And lots more...</b></p>	<p><b>EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL</b></p> <p>European Union European Regional Development Fund</p> <p>HM Government</p>

**February half term family activities**

**For more info visit [www.eastleigh.gov.uk/halfterm](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/halfterm)**

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