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The Monthly Newsletter of Meridian School



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SCHOOL

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CELEBRATORY

February 2015

"Headlines"

OFSTED INSPECTION 28TH-29TH JANUARY 2015

Well - as you all know by now, the school finally received 'the call' on 27th January to warn of the long awaited re-inspection for the following two days.

Inspectors were very experienced and thoroughly examined all aspects of school life - an audit which has resulted in a very good outcome for Meridian.

All outcomes were rated as '**Good**' and a number of areas were described as outstanding - particularly the teaching of reading, literacy and mathematics. The culture of aspiration in Sixth Form classes was also described as '**outstanding**'.

We are delighted and proud that the hard work of students and staff has been recognised. Just as important as achievement and progress of students being praised is the constant reminder throughout the report of how impressed the inspection were by student behaviour, politeness, ambition and pride. These are very important values for any successful school.

So - we are keen for you to share in this good news - which is important for the town. If you haven't read the report yet, it is available on the front page of the school website.

Dr M Firth
Head Teacher

Student of the Month

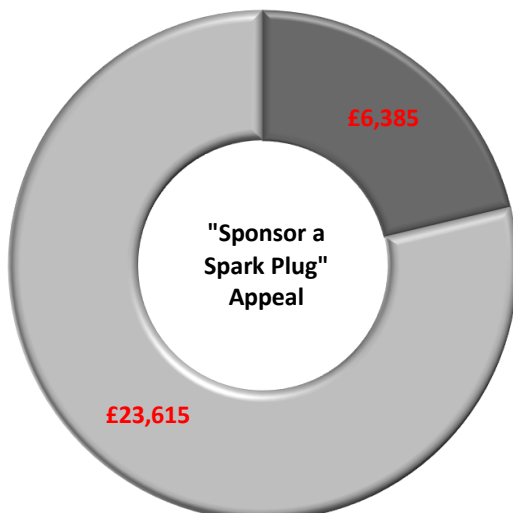
January 2015

- Art - Jennifer Davey Year 9
- Biology - Hannah Smith Year 12
- Business - Jacob Dear Year 9
- Chemistry - Boris Choi Year 11
- D&T - Daniel Dawes Year 10
- English - Sophie Payne Year 11
- French - Shona Saunders Year 11
- Geography - Georgia Davison Year 9
- History - Georgia Davison Year 9
- ICT - Astor Choi Year 10
- Maths - Gus Rees Year 12
- Media - Karis Mynott Year 11
- Music - Aibhne O'Neill Year 10
- PE Boys - Jake Cooley Year 9
- PE Girls - Abbey Martin Year 9
- Physics - Grace Williams Year 10
- Product Design - Lucy O'Connor Year 10
- Psychology - Hannah Smith Year 12
- RS - Sean Eustace Year 10
- Spanish - Hollie Jennings Year 11

Our generous benefactors so far include: **TTP Group PLC, Royston Ladies Circle, TAP Biosystems, Folknoll Ltd.**
A BIG THANK YOU TO THEM



Friends of Meridian School



MOVEMBER



Well done to all of the male members of staff who sported

different styles of moustaches and beards during Movember, raising awareness of men's cancer.



CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATE



A big thank you to everyone who attended the Sixth Form Christmas Fair. A grand total of £800 was raised for the Children's Society. We look forward to seeing you again in December.

ROTARY TOURNAMENT

'CROSSING THE RIVER'

Year 8/9 pupils had to work in teams of four to carry a package over a River. The pupils were provided with a pack of building equipment and had to produce a prototype scale model of a cable car style device using a motor and pulleys to drive the device over the river on a rope stretching across the River.

Higher level - Yr 12 pupils and teachers

The device had to travel across, drop the package and come back to the starting point.

The Meridian teams did well. The best performance was 5th for the Year 9 team. Team involved: Ellis Hughes, Jonathan Gambell, Cameran Harris, Abbey Martin



The Year 12 team beat the 2 Freman Teams, but the Teachers team won this year.

We split the prize money and gave it to the Shelter Box charity.

For any comments or queries about the newsletter please

E-mail:

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WALKING FOOTBALL



We have a new Walking Football Programme in the gym 7pm - 8pm on Thursdays. The programme is aimed at over 50s - but it's open to any age group, male and female and is a great way of keeping active (or at least, a good social session!) So it would be great to see some of you there. Please also pass this on to any friends/family members who you think would be interested in coming along.

ENJOY BAKING AND LIKE EXTRA INCOME?



Royston's oldest market stall, Country Markets (formally the WI), is in urgent need of people to bake cakes, biscuits, or savouries etc. for sale on Wednesday and/or Saturday mornings. With producers taking 85% of the price of all they sell, it is a good way of making some extra cash at home. If you enjoy baking, and would like more information, please visit their stall in the Corn Exchange on a Wednesday or Saturday morning, or telephone Carol Robinson on 01763-848708.

ROYSTON CRICKET CLUB

We run both youth and adult cricket, aimed at all ages from 8 to 60+.

If you or your children (boys AND girls) would like to find out if you/they enjoy playing cricket, please come along to training starting Monday 2nd February at Royston Leisure Centre.

Under 13's (year 8 and below) training 8pm - 9pm, older youth players 9pm - 10pm.

We also train every Sunday at Therfield Cricket Ground 10am - 12pm (for youth training) April through to July. Please contact Martin O'Leary direct for adult information.

David May 07801 235814 - youth team enquiries

Martin Leary 07940 550981 - adult team enquiries

Or visit

<http://royston.play-cricket.com>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week beginning

2nd March - Year 9 assessments

3rd March - Year 12 & 13 Consultation Evening

6th March - D of E training 3.30-4.30pm

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9th March - Year 13 reports & mock results

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16th March - Year 10 & 12 reports & Year 12 mock results

16th March - SCIENCE WEEK

20th March - Youth Makes Music Year 10 History trip to Orford and Framlingham Castles

24th March - Spring Concert

26th March - Year 10 Art trip to Fitzwilliam Museum Drama Spring production

27th March - Drama Spring production

28th March - D of E First Aid Training

29th March - D of E Lee Valley Mapping Day

Week beginning

30th March - Year 11 reports

AR Millionaires' Trip - pm French Orals

31st March - French Orals Spanish Orals

Year 9 Trip to The Battlefields

1st April - Non-Uniform Day for Nepal

French Orals

Spanish Orals

Year 9 Sports Leaders' Tag Rugby 9-12.30

"Fun Friday"

Last day of Term - students

2nd April - Training Day

Year 9-13 Lee Valley Athletics

EASTER HOLIDAYS

3RD APRIL - 17TH APRIL

20th April - School starts for all

21st April - Nepal Trip Meeting 6.30pm