



## A message from our Principal Mrs. Buley



The wet weather this week was not enough to dampen the spirits of our Bikeability participants who adapted incredibly well to starting off their sessions in the school hall. Whenever there were gaps in the weather, the pupils were great at transitioning out into the playground to a larger space. A huge well done to all of the pupils who took part this week! For those pupils who are now ready to take their skills out onto the road, we will be arranging Level 2 courses as soon as possible for them to enhance their practice further.

This week, our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion champions across the Trust met for their first meeting of this academic year. They discussed the results of last academic year's Global Equality Collective survey and built an action plan from this, considering how we can ensure we lead by example in this field. We look forward to hearing more about their work over the coming weeks.

Phoenix class had their first swimming lesson this week at Meadway and it was reported that they were all fantastic in the pool with Miss Mallon even more impressed by their speediness when getting changed!

Staff received training on our new online homework platform on Monday and are now getting used to using this, before Miss Eden introduces this to all pupils next week. Following this, we will send home a short parents' guide also to ensure you are able to support your child in accessing this, if appropriate. We hope this will provide easier access to extended learning opportunities over this academic year and support in refreshing and revisiting concepts taught in school.



Next week, a group of pupils will be heading to Gray's Farm to participate in fruit and vegetable picking as well as there being school photos at TVS, Tilehurst on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Buley

## Pupil Awards



This academic year, we will be celebrating three pupils each week who have been nominated by staff for demonstrating our school principles.

We are pleased to announce that this week's winners are:

### **THOUGHTFUL**

**Kian Chapman** has been awarded this week for showing consideration, kindness and thoughtfulness towards his peers, specifically in the science lab

### **VALUE**

**Logan Hudson** has been awarded this week for consistently displaying a positive approach to his learning.

### **SAFE**

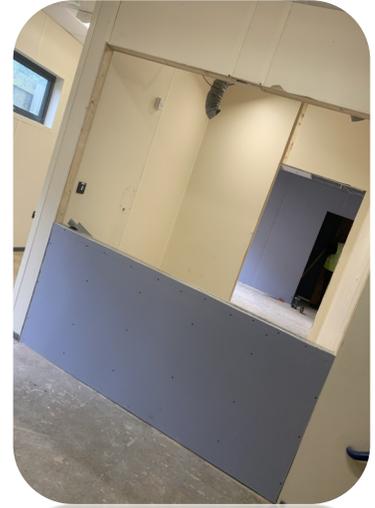
**Gabe Holt** has been awarded this week for making considered and safe and choices independently, within the classroom and around school.

A huge congratulations to these pupils from all staff.



## What's been happening this week

### Hill Brow Site Visit update—Mrs Saunders



This week has seen a huge amount of progress in the EYFS in readiness for the completion and handover next week. We now have the decoration complete, the carpets and vinyl in place, the new lighting installed and the canopy is being fitted today and over the weekend. In the KS3 building, you will see from the image that the new office and reception desk is being built and the final fix electrics are going in ahead of the decoration and floor coverings being fitted.

### Hill Brow Year 7—Mr Moreno

This week at Hill Brow, we've been busy with a variety of activities. A highlight was seeing our three pupils' bond while making biscuits together and playing a ball game outside. It's wonderful to see them building strong relationships with one another and with our team members!



# Transdisciplinary Team



## TDT Updates



In Life Skills, Phoenix class continued their 'sensory garden' project and looked at stained glass windows as a source of visual input! They created their own designs to display in the community garden!



In Personal Development, Phoenix continued their Zones of Regulation curriculum. They enjoyed playing a social skills based board game together, and used their Zones knowledge to problem-solve using the prompts within the game.



## TDT Updates



In Life Skills Scorpius class visited the new garden area on a discovery mission! They have also now begun to make their very own bug hotels! We have been painting and creating individualised bug hotels for our exciting new garden!



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In Year 9, the first seeds of the edible garden were sown on Monday! Students have sown spinach seeds, with fingers crossed we'll be able to cook with it after half term!



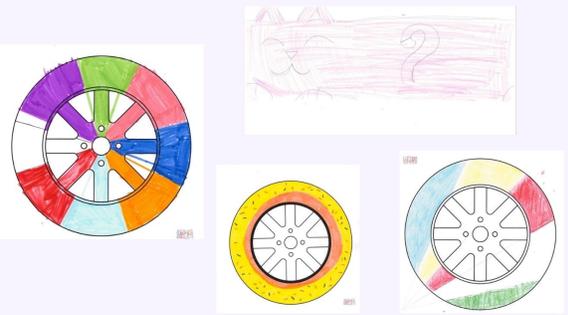
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Year 10 are continuing to work on their upcycle project for the sensory garden. They have started trialling different tyre placements



And this week have begun putting their designs from paper to tyre!



## Shared for our families — Reading Families Forum

**Our AGM is on Wednesday, 23rd October 2024, 7 pm - 8.30 pm at YMCA, Marlborough House, 34 Parkside Rd, Reading, RG30 2DD**

**Have your say on how the Forum is run, meet the Director of Education - Brian Grady and SEND Consultant - Andrea King, enjoy coffee and cake. Flyer attached.**

**Members\* and non-members welcome. Members can vote in our annual trustee elections and help us plan for the forthcoming year. Door opens 6.45 pm for meeting commencing at 7 pm. Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts available soon. A link can be available to join on-line if you are unable to attend in person.**

**To book your place, please email [fran@readingfamiliesforum.co.uk](mailto:fran@readingfamiliesforum.co.uk) or telephone/text on 07516 185380**

\* All parents, guardians or other family carers of children and young people up to age 25 (to 26th birthday) living in the Reading Borough Council area are eligible to join the membership and membership is free. If you are a member and no longer in this category - please email [fran@readingfamiliesforum.co.uk](mailto:fran@readingfamiliesforum.co.uk) to be taken off the membership list, (but you can remain on the mailing list if you wish, if you no longer qualify as a member - please state this in your email).

**We are always looking for members/people to join our steering group and for more Trustees.**

### **Reading Families Forum**

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*A voice for families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities*

# Bikeability



Bikeability -  
learning to  
ride  
Year 7 and 8



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## School Council News



24/09/24

**In recent school council news...**

**Attendees:** KCh, MSa, NWT, AAL, CDu, GRo, ABi

**Chairpersons:** Miss Edmond

Students enjoyed welcoming new members of school council and discussing the structure and guidelines of upcoming meetings. They discussed how they will communicate with their peers and feedback their viewpoints and suggestions in future. There were some great top-tips!



School Council

Transition and changes



Students took time discussing their take on transitioning back to school from the summer holidays, and any changes students have faced.

Overall, school council felt the transition from summer to school had gone smoothly, with a couple of challenges which are to be expected. They discussed the value of communication between students, staff and parents and the formats that communication can be in. Specifically, the newsletter, social stories and weekly contact helping the transition feel settled. Within 'transition and changes', they also discussion lesson content, breakfast club, regulation and staff.

School council discussed various methods of recording school work and progress in order to expand the variety of methods across subjects. Students recognised that, although there are times that worksheets and written work are valuable, there are many other ways to succeed in and enjoy recording your work! These include, photographs of activities or creations, artwork, videos, audio recordings, storyboards and records of debates and role-plays!

Methods of recording work and progress



# Weekly Information

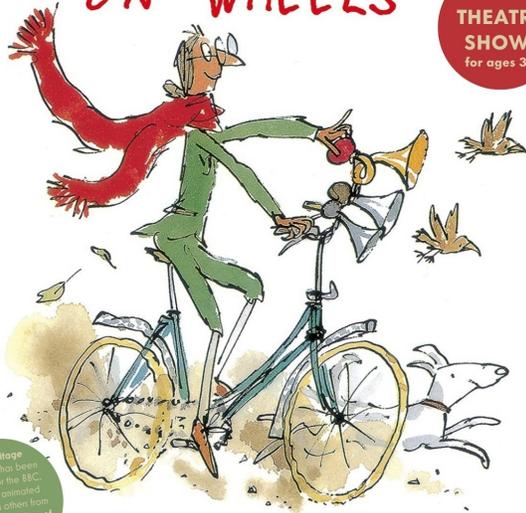
SCOOT  
THEATRE

farnham **maltings**

Scoot Theatre and Farnham Maltings present

## Quentin Blake MRS ARMITAGE ON WHEELS

LIVE  
THEATRE  
SHOW!  
for ages 3+



Mrs Armitage on Wheels has been adapted for the BBC, watch the animated special and others from 'Quentin Blake's Box of Treasures' on BBC iPlayer.

An interactive, energetic family show, celebrating the joy of getting outside!

\*on previous Scoot Theatre production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

★★★★ The Telegraph\*



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## Do you have a 5-19 year old?

We can offer advice and support on many topics like:

- ✓ Sleep
- ✓ Behaviour
- ✓ Bullying
- ✓ Parenting
- ✓ Healthy eating
- ✓ Bedwetting
- ✓ Dealing with medical conditions in school
- ✓ Emotional health & wellbeing

**Text a school nurse**  
for confidential advice and support

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cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm. If you need help before you hear back, from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

## Key Dates

Month	Date	Time	Description	Who
October	4 <sup>th</sup>	All Morning	School Photos	Pupils
	7 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Library Week	Pupils
	8 <sup>th</sup>	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome (online)	Staff
	10 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	RE Day – Judaism	Pupils
	17 <sup>th</sup>	15.30 – 18:00	<b>Parents' Evening</b>	<b>Parents/carers</b>
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	16:00 – 17:00	Improving Teacher Programme – parents welcome (online)	Staff
	24 <sup>th</sup>	16:00 – 18:00	Open Evening for prospective families	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	13:00 -14.30	<b>Nic Crossley visiting Autumn Parent Event (at TVS Tilehurst)</b>	<b>School Community</b>
Half Term 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 01 <sup>st</sup> Nov				

### **Report Of Absence for Pupils**

To report a pupil's absence, please contact school office on 0118 9424750 (option 1) or email [office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk](mailto:office@thamesvalleyschool.org.uk)

For Medical appointments, please provide evidence of the appointment this can be sent via email or a screenshot attachment.

## Contact Details

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HAVE A NICE

*weekend*