



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN  
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## Headteacher's Corner

It was several years ago that I made the decision to insist that pupils' phones were switched off and kept out of sight throughout the school day. Your support and approval of the policy has been universal and I've no doubt that we've reduced the impact of the negative aspects of technology by taking this zero-tolerance approach.

And so it's pleasing (and - I'll be honest - it makes me feel a little smug) to hear that government ministers and the head of OFSTED have caught up with us! Matt Hancock MP, the culture secretary, made a speech last week in which he called for a ban on mobile phones in schools and Amanda Spielman, the Chief Inspector of Schools, echoed this sentiment in a speech to the Wellington College Festival of Education.

Of course, with nearly all of our pupils either walking to school or coming by bus, we understand the value of having a phone to ensure parents can be contacted if there are problems on the homeward journey. However, the recent publicity underlines what we've been saying for several years: there are no occasions during the school day in which phone use is necessary and although they can be helpful in some lessons, it's much easier to have a simple blanket ban. That means that pupils are free from distractions and can get on with the vital job of learning and achieving excellence together.

## South Warwickshire Primary School Athletics Competition

The Year 9 and 10 PE Leaders did a fantastic job in running the athletics events at the South Warwickshire primary school athletics competition which was held here at Henley in Arden school on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. The organiser Mr Bearman is very grateful of their efforts.



Mr P McDowell

## Library Fundraiser: Dinner with Literary Legends

Last Friday evening, Sue Westmacott (Vice-Chair of Governors) hosted a fundraising meal to help us raise money for the school library. Members of the English department and several other members of staff even dressed as a famous literary character for the occasion! All of the guests enjoyed a 5 course meal and raised a massive £1400 to buy new books for the library.

With the money, we will be buying a whole range of exciting books. However, the money will only go so far. Therefore, if you have any teenage fiction or literary classics that you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office and ask them to be sent to Mrs McGhie. Many local schools have had to close their school library - we, however, believe that nurturing readers in our school community is an integral part of ensuring our students have the best opportunities in life.

Mrs R.McGhie

## HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

Friday 22th June 2018

### Forthcoming Dates:

**Year 6 Parents' Induction Evening**  
Monday 25th June at 6.30pm

**Year 6 Induction Day**  
Tuesday 3rd July 2018

**School Production of "Oliver"**  
4th, 5th and 6th July 2018

**Sports Day**  
Thursday 5th July 2018

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## Biblionasium

The English Department would like to congratulate the following students for reading and logging an enormous number of books on [Biblionasium.com](http://Biblionasium.com). These students have demonstrated how committed they are to independent learning and to strengthening their reading skills.



### Year Seven:

Jacob Gaunt  
James Winfield  
Martha Rose  
Josie Manders  
Deaqaan Bourne  
Francesca Whitehouse  
Tom Ashford  
Karriane Croft

### Year Eight:

Emily Woore  
Phoebe Mitchell  
Jack Rowley  
Martyna Haas  
Harrison Clutterbuck  
Seth Brettell  
Lily Thomas

Also, congratulations to our Accelerated Reader stars for superb reading progress:



### Year Seven:

Keeley Tomlinson  
Daniel Ratcliffe  
Katie Turner

### Year Eight:

Darcy Cartwright  
Rio Deakin  
Niamh Roberts

Well done to all Key Stage Three students for reading and logging their books!

Ms L Hart

## Dance News

Aliza Perrins along with her sister Rebekah (Yr 9) and Melissa Winchester (Yr 9) successfully auditioned at their dance school, Starlight School of Dance, to be part of a team of 20 girls aged between 12-16 to appear in Pasha's (of Strictly Come Dancing fame) tour, 'The Magic of Hollywood'. They performed a seven minute piece incorporating lots of styles of dance. For the final section of the last track they were provided with a video to learn from whilst Pasha and Anya joined them on stage to dance as part of their group. They performed at Redditch Palace Theatre on 21st March and then were invited back to do it all again at the Core Theatre, Solihull on 22nd May.

Mrs L Monk

## More Dance News!

Grace Wells and Abi and Zoe Styler performed at the Hippodrome on Sunday with Learning Curves Dance. The show was organised by Chance2Dance. The girls



performed two contemporary pieces. These were the same routines they performed at Sadlers Wells Theatre back in Easter. The girls really enjoyed the day and I hope were not too tired at school, as they had

a very long day and late night!

Mrs L Monk



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## Summer Reading

As the summer holidays are approaching, now is the time to invest in some precious reading time and not be a victim of 'the summer slide' by letting your reading activity slip. Our English teachers have come up with a list of Key Stage Three books that they have loved reading and we hope you will too.

### Mrs McGhie:

'Millions' by Frank Cottrell Boyce  
'Unwind' by Neal Shusterman

### Ms Hart:

'Football School – Where Football Explains the World' by Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton.  
'Wed Wabbit' by Lissa Evans

### Miss Cunliffe:

'The Book of Dust' by Phillip Pullman  
'AK' by Phillip Dickinson

### Mrs Grantham:

'The Black Book of Secrets' by F E Higgins  
'One by Sarah Crossan'

### Ms Moon:

'Ink' by Alice Broadway  
'The Night Circus' by Erin Morgenstern

### Mrs Wright:

'Mortal Engines' by Philip Reeve  
'Five children and It' by E. Nesbit

Ms L Hart

## EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Congratulations to Libby Swallow who



competed in her first dressage test at Solihull Riding Club this week. Libby came 2nd with a fantastic score of 66.5%. Super work, Libby!

Miss J Roberts

## Music Tuition

If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument we are now accepting tuition requests for the autumn term.

Vocal  
Drum-kit  
Guitar  
Keys  
Strings  
Woodwind

For more information please contact Sonia Lewis at [slewis@henleyschool.com](mailto:slewis@henleyschool.com).

Mrs S Lewis

# SOLIHULL MOORS FOOTBALL CLUB



If you have a daughter in the current year 7, forthcoming year 8, who would like to play in our U13's Girls team for a well established club please come down and see us for a free trial.

Our first trial will be held on  
Saturday 30th June at 10.00am  
Solihull Moors Development Centre  
Active Angels Nursery  
Tanworth lane  
Shirley  
B90 4BY

To register your interest please contact Simon on: 07968 081492  
Or email : [simon.burke@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:simon.burke@blueyonder.co.uk)



Henley-in-Arden School

Presents...

# Oliver!

**Weds 4th July**

**Thurs 5th July**

**Fri 6th July**

**7:00pm School Hall**

**Tickets are £8 and available on School Gateway**

Music, Lyrics and Book by Lionel Bart. Produced for the Broadway stage by David Merrick and Donald Albery

By arrangement with MusicScope and Stage Musicals Limited of New York

Tickets are now available for the school production of Oliver the musical. Performances will be on 4th, 5th and 6th July in the school hall at 7:00pm. If you would like to purchase tickets they are £8 and available on school gateway or via Mrs S Lewis. Email: [slewis@henleyschool.com](mailto:slewis@henleyschool.com)

**Mrs L Monk**