



REIGATE ST MARY'S
PREPARATORY AND CHOIR SCHOOL

Friday 17 January 2020 - Week 2

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Headmaster's Roundup



Our Choristers are always impressive but when they sang Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral on Monday evening, along with singers from Reigate Grammar School, all leading the service in front of hundreds of people, I was not only very proud of them but I was also quite blown away with the quality of the singing. With their voices reverberating around the ornate ceiling of that magnificent building, it was evident to me that they really are up there with the best of the best in the entire world when it comes to choral music. Huge congratulations to the children, to the RGS students and of course to Mrs Glynn-Jones for the incredible work she does in attaining such high standards with all the students across both schools.

We enjoyed a Green Shoots and Kindergarten coffee morning on Wednesday, welcoming new families to RSM. Minutes from the meeting will be available shortly. Mrs Selkirk also ran a well received evening session on phonics, and we are grateful to her for this.

On Wednesday I was wondering where Year 4 had gone but apparently they had all 'flown off to India'. By all accounts they had a great time in their 'Stunning Start'. Then, to top that, on Thursday Year 2 were visited by Queen Cleopatra. To some of them this was something of an enigma, as they knew she died thousands of years ago! There was, therefore, both huge excitement, combined with a degree of confusion.

Well done to our swimmers who competed at the City of London Freeman's Gala on Friday evening, we are still awaiting results.

Finally, this week we were delighted to welcome back a former chorister who left the school almost 70 years ago. Mr Orridge was delighted to tour the school again and recall the great times he enjoyed here as a chorister and pupil, almost three quarters of a century ago.

Marcus Culverwell

Key Dates

Wednesday 22 January - 4W Class Assembly - postponed to Wednesday 5 February

Wednesday 29 January - Kindergarten Reigate Library Trip & Year 4 Trip to G Live

Thursday 30 January - Reception Coffee Morning - 8.30 am Library

School Notices

Polite Notice - Pen Drop & Go

The drop and go system at RSM - Please move forward to the first available drop zone and don't stop right in front of the Pen. Please also remember not to get out of the car, encourage your children to have everything ready with them so they can just jump out. This will make the whole process quicker and easier for everyone concerned and stop the traffic backing on Chart Lane. Thank you for your assistance in keeping the children safe.

Spring Term Electives - Please see your SchoolsBuddy Account

Touch Rugby - Will start on Monday 24 February

Cricket Nets - Will Start on Tuesday 25 February

Parent Portal

Please use the hot button below where you will see the following items on there including consent forms which are contained within the interactive tab at the top.

Whole School - Term Dates for 2020 and 2021

Spring Term Lunch Menus - Week 3

Early Years - Weekly Update

Kindergarten - Library Trip

Year 1 & 2 - Peter & The Wolf Concert

Year 4 - G live School Trip and Information on Windmill Hill Residential Trip, September 2020

Year 6 - Sutton Life Centre Trip

2019 Autumn Team Sports Team Photographs

Are now available to view and order online at www.nationalteamphotographers.com

Please see your email for your password. click on any picture to enlarge and view.

Photographs ordered from now will be posted out incurring £3.50 p&p or £5.00 p&p for framed photographs.

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Music



St Paul's Cathedral

We were delighted to have the opportunity to renew the historical ties between St Paul's Cathedral and the RGS Godfrey Searle choristers this week with a Choral Evensong at the cathedral on Monday. During the Second World War following the evacuation of the St Paul's choristers, the RGS choristers travelled to London to sing evensong every month throughout the war. It was especially pleasing to see some of our chorister alumni and friends attend the event, we hope everyone enjoyed the service. The combined choirs of Polyphony and the RGS Godfrey Searle choir sang beautifully to the largest Cathedral congregation we've ever performed to! The repertoire included the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Brewer in D major with the anthem of Beati Quorum Via by Stanford. It is hoped that this will become an annual event providing an amazing opportunity for our choral singers.

Interhouse Music Competition

We are delighted that after the huge success of previous years, we are able to hold our Inter-House Music event again next month.

Any pupil in Years 3-6 can take part and will gain 5 points for their house. Pupils can enter as many classes as they want. The classes are:

1. Piano solo
2. Orchestral Strings solo
3. Guitar solo
4. Vocal solo
5. Woodwind and Brass solo
6. Percussion solo
7. Ensembles – any combination of instruments or voices including piano. Houses can join together, as each pupil will gain points for their own house

The final will be adjudicated by Ms Joanna Korzineck Director of Music at Reigate Grammar School on **Friday 14 February at 2.30 pm in Reigate St. Mary's Church Hall** and parents are invited to come and watch. For those children who do not play an instrument, there will be an activity to accumulate points that takes place in their normal music lesson during the week from Friday 7 February. There is no preparation required for this.

You have all been emailed with an entry form which will need to be returned to the School Office by Monday 27 January.

ABRSM Exams

If your child learns an instrument outside of school and would like to take an ABRSM exam at school next session, please let [Mrs Johnson](#) know via email. If your child learns an instrument at school, their teacher will liaise with us. We propose to hold the exams on Saturday 21 March 2020.

New Brass and Piano Teacher

We are pleased to welcome Sarah Maxwell to our Peripatetic Instrumental teaching team. Sarah has a wealth of experience teaching and performing both nationally and internationally. If you are interested in learning a brass instrument we are keen to develop and extend our brass teaching.

Please contact [Mrs Johnson](#) if your child would like to take individual Music Lesson at RSM.

Eco Committee's Recycling Target



Pens are a small, everyday item you might not think about recycling. But think about this: French pen manufacturer Bic sells [8.76 billion stationary items](#) (pens, pencils, markers, correction tools and paper products) every year. That is just one company! When you think about all the pen manufacturers out there, you can see why recycling pens seems more important. You will soon not be able to place pens in your curbside recycling bin, but there are still avenues for recycling them.

Last year we recycled well over 10KG of pens, this year the Eco Committee's target is 15KG. Please help them achieve this challenging target. For more information on pen-recycling click [here](#)

Super & Inspiring Stories

Bea M in Year 4, who was fed up of hearing nothing but bad news, doom and gloom, Brexit and Megxit was convinced that there must be some happy headlines somewhere.

Knitting for Kangaroos



To help out the animal victims of the terrible Australian bushfires, people all over the world with kind hearts and skilled hands are knitting soft pouches for koalas, possums and joeys (baby kangaroos and wallabies). As the young animals are used to relying on their mothers' velvety pouches or being snuggled up to their silky fur, they need artificial homes to live in when their mothers aren't there any more.

As well as pouches, people have spent hours creating birds' nests, handmade mittens for koalas' burnt paws, and lots of blankets. Also, to help animals that haven't already been rescued, aeroplanes are dropping thousands of kilograms of carrots and sweet potatoes to help feed the hungry wildlife. Some of the animals in Australia aren't found anywhere else in

the world, so they should be protected carefully.

This is one of the many stories that proves that even awful events can bring out the kindness in everyone.

Year 2

Cleopatra Comes to RSM

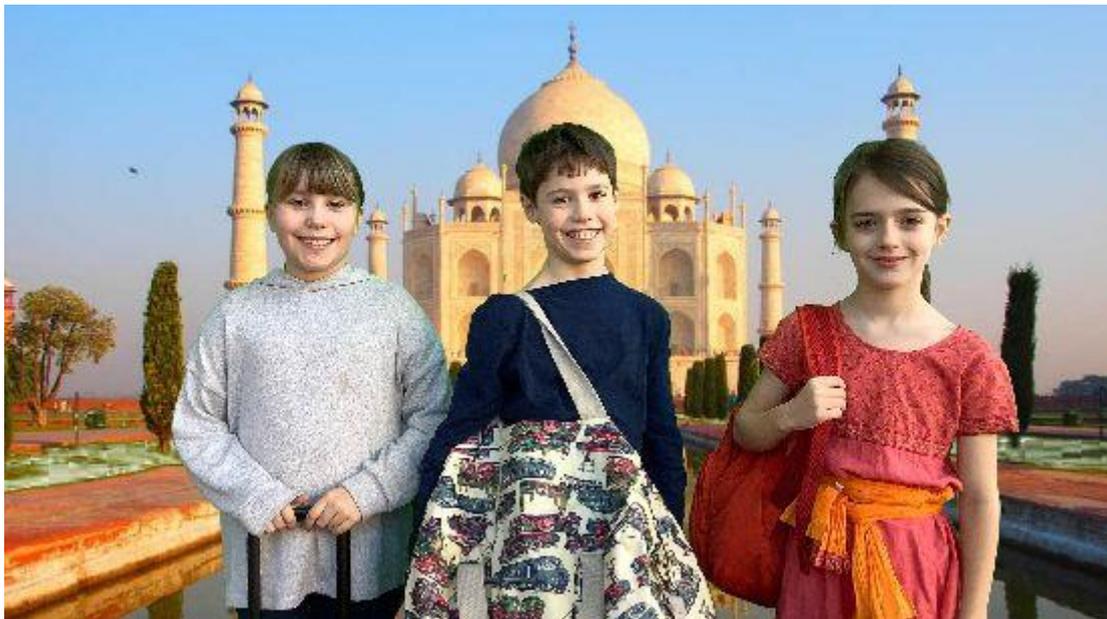




Year 2 had a very exciting visitor this week – Cleopatra the last Pharaoh of Egypt! She arrived in Year 2's topic lesson very confused and rather cold and the children had to explain to her that she was no longer in her home kingdom! She taught the children all about the Egyptian way of life and seeing as she was such a trend setter in her time, she told the children all about Egyptian fashion, jewellery and make up. The children were fascinated to learn the reasons behind the exotic make up and jewellery that she wore. She left Year 2 with a task to create their very own Egyptian collar necklace using t-shirts, metallic paint and colourful gems.

Year 4

Flight to India!



On Wednesday Year 4 flew to India! They all packed their own suitcases and took them to the airport (Sports Hall), going through security, some even got a beep. Then the air crew showed them to our seats. It was a fun flight and a wonderful trip!

Sports



Welcome back. We've been busy in Games lessons over the past week preparing for the first fixtures of the term. On Friday 10 January, 14 swimmers attended the IAPS swimming qualifiers hosted at City of London Freemans. All the children participated with great enthusiasm and enjoyed the high level of competition. We hope to hear the results soon. The U10 girls made a fantastic start to the netball season in their fixtures against Caterham on Wednesday. All the girls from Year 5 took part with draws for the A and C teams and an impressive win for the B team. On Thursday the U8 and U9 boys rugby teams play their first matches of the term away at Homefield School. Well done to all those who took part.

There are a number of fixtures taking place next week so please be sure to check the sports website for up to date fixtures and teamsheets.

Sports

FOSMA

Next FOSMA meeting - Thursday 23 January

Our first FOSMA meeting of the New Year takes place next Thursday 23 January, straight after drop-off, at 8.30am in the School Library. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to get involved, or just find out more about what we do, please do come along. The roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are all currently open - if you are interested in one of these positions then join us on Thursday and find out more (or email fosma@outlook.com).

Quiz Night - date for your diary

The FOSMA Quiz Night takes place on Thursday 5 March from 7.00pm in the Church Centre next to the school. This is always a fun evening, with a bit of a competitive edge, so put the date in your diary! More information will follow soon.

SMaSH

Final preparations are underway for the launch of SMaSH - St Mary's Social Hub. A platform for the whole school community to share interests and hobbies, we hope to offer a wide variety of clubs and social events which appeal to as many people as possible, but we can't do it without you.....

So, if you'd like to start a Saturday morning cycle club, share your passion for painting or host a coffee morning for grandparents then please get in touch via email:

smashclubs@outlook.com

The FOSMA Team

RSM Holiday Clubs

Our RSM Holiday Clubs are available from 8am to 6pm for all RSM children from Green Shoots (2 years) upwards. Clubs will be running on the following dates:

February Half Term – No Holiday Clubs

Easter Holidays 2020

RSM Holiday Club – Wednesday 1 April to Friday 3 April 2020

RSM Early Years Holiday Club (Age 2-4 years) – Wednesday 1 April to Friday 17 April 2020

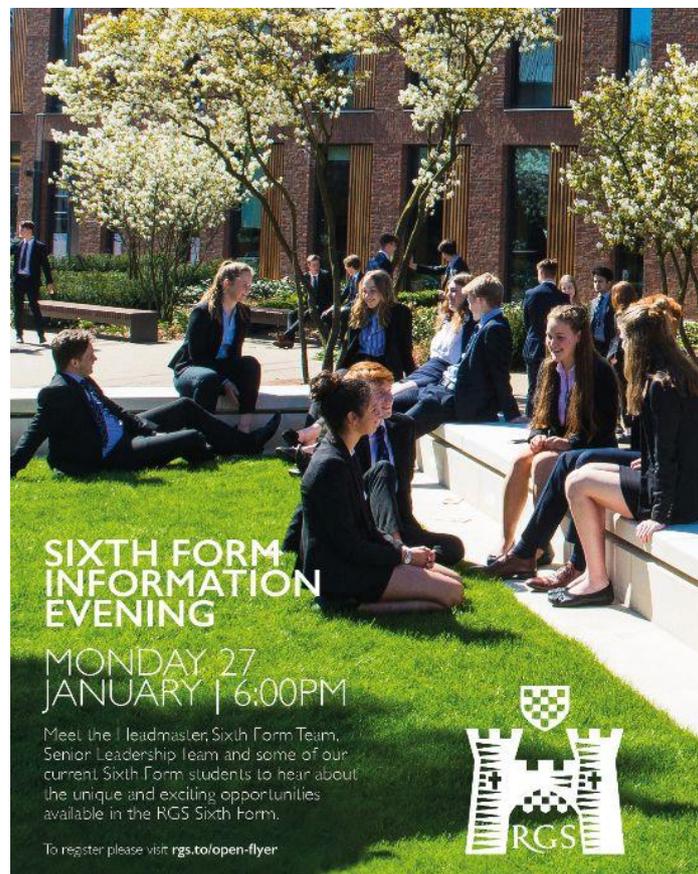
Ultimate Activity – Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April 2020

Summer Holidays 2020

RSM Holiday Club – Friday 3 July to Friday 24 July 2020

RSM Early Years Holiday Club (Age 2-4 years) – Friday 3 July to Friday 28 August 2020

Ultimate Activity – Monday 27 July to Friday 28 August 2020



**SIXTH FORM
INFORMATION
EVENING**

**MONDAY 27
JANUARY | 6:00PM**

Meet the Headmaster, Sixth Form Team, Senior Leadership Team and some of our current Sixth Form students to hear about the unique and exciting opportunities available in the RGS Sixth Form.

To register please visit rgs.to/open-flyer



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THE RGS

Friday 31 January 2020, 7:30pm
Venue: Old Reigate RFC
Tickets: £15 Adult, £10 Concession
via reigategrammar.org
Includes a hot meal and live music

MUSIC QUIZ

Reigate Grammar School logo and stars



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