

W E E K L Y

NEWSLETTER

MAGDALEN
COURT SCHOOL



SUMMER TERM 1 – WEEK 5

Sports Day

We are so excited to announce that we will be holding a Sports Day this year, on the 14th June. This will be a whole school event, kicking off with a Sports themed quiz in the morning and a lovely lunch to follow the activities in the morning! For this year's event, we will not be inviting spectators - however, we hope next year to invite the whole school community. More information to follow!

Outdoor Education

What a lovely week has been had by all the learners - especially with the sunshine!

Next week, learners will be returning to the forest school site, with Ash, Hazel and Post 16 learners travelling to Haven Banks for water activities. As always, please ensure your learner brings spare, waterproof clothing. As the weather improves, we would also ask that learners have sufficient water and a hat.

Water Bottles

We have enjoyed some lovely weather this week, and there is more to come if the forecast is right! Please could all learners bring water bottles to school, in order to keep hydrated throughout the day.

Stars of the Week!



Oak - Dainton

Larch - Kai

Beech - Harrison

Holly - Mae

Elm - Junior

Hazel & Ash - James F

Headteacher's Award



This week's Headteacher's Award is given to Freddie W for demonstrating growing maturing.

Beech Writing

It's time for the exciting conclusion with Part Two of Izak's story, now called '**O bury me not on the lone prairie**'! Are you ready for the mystery to be solved?

I noted the bandit's observations and didn't respect them enough to thank him. I then walked over to the old man sitting by the window. He was a crotchety old geezer, with a pair of incredibly thick glasses resting on his hooked nose; one of his legs was missing, replaced with a wooden prosthetic haphazardly attached to the knee; and he was wearing an outfit that sacrificed modesty for keeping cool. I asked him what he knew about Herbert Eadstone, and he responded:

"Oh yeah, I saw the murder, Ol' headstone was ridin' his horse outta town, when all of a sudden, the barman walks in frontta him, shoots his horse square in the head, and when Ol' headstone falls off, he just kicks 'im an leaves him for dead. I would report Ol' barman to the sheriff, but a man who shoots a horse at point-blank ain't gonna listen to reason when he learns ya've squealed on 'im. So I hope ya remember to squeal on him when you report to the sheriff, 'cus I don't wanna be served drinks by a psycho. You understand?"

I nodded in agreement and wrote down the old kook's story. I thanked him for his contribution before walking over to the woman's table. She was a tough-looking girl, with long, red hair and an outfit that was clearly meant for a man much larger than her. On her table were several empty beer bottles strewn about carelessly. I waited until she finished her drink and, against my better judgement, asked her what she knew about Herbert Eadstone, and she responded:

"Suicide, that's all it was, I saw, ask the barman if you want proof. Herbert is sitting there outside the saloon when the barman comes up to him and they talk. The barman then comes in, grabs his gun, comes out, gives it to Herbert, and comes back in. I haven't seen nor heard Herbert since. The man probably offed himself after he lost his store i a poker game, gambler that he was. As I said, ask the barman."

I noted the drunk girl's observations and walked over to the barman. He was an average height fellow, similar in height and build to me. He had a strong jaw and a hairy face, as opposed to me.

"Hey Rick," I whispered to him.

"Hi there, good to see the plan went off without a hitch." He replied while he handed me a shot.

"Yep, I checked, they all have totally different answers. Just as planned" I gloated, proud that my master plan had worked.

"Good. Now, d'ya have the deed?" Rick asked as he snatched the revolver from my hand.

"Yes indeed" I responded as I pulled the deed to Eadstone's wagon shop out from my backpack.

"Perfect. Are you ready for the big times? Co-owner of the biggest wagon shop between Albuquerque and Amarillo?" Rick asked me as he put the gun back in its safe.

"Of course I am" I chuckled as I finished my drink.

Larch class have also been writing mystery stories, and Jack has done a fantastic job with his story - The Heist of the Century!



The Heist of the century!

As James sat at home on his window sill he looked at all the people going in and out of the Museum. He felt nervous. He had a school trip later and planned to break away from the group. At midday he met the group just outside the main entrance and they went inside. The group made their way to the main hall.

James' olive green eyes darted around, looking for a room, 41. He seized his chance to leave the group. Running, his chestnut brown hair fluttered around in his face. As he darted into the large spacious room empty of people, he immediately spotted two things. There were five CCTV cameras posted around the room and a security guard. He also spotted that there were three entrances, two of which were in view of the cameras, one on the other hand was not. He went up to the glass and had a look. It was 3 inches thick and bulletproof, but then he spotted the lock, his eyes lit up like Fireflies as he realised he could pick it with ease. Inside was what he craved the most of all, the gilded Saxon helmet. Peering into the helmet his inquisitive eyes set upon the two eye holes in the front of the helmet. The helmet was held five feet and seven inches off the ground in a box. He jotted this all down in a small notebook he pulled out of his pocket. Then as quickly as he had arrived he left to return to the group. Now to start planning the heist of the century.

Chapter 2

After a long arduous two weeks he had a plan, James decided that the 15th December was going to be the day because it would be dark at 5pm which was 30 minutes before the museum closed. James was hoping that there would be less people at the museum at this time and the security guard would be occupied with his checks and would not be focused on the exhibit. James arrived at the museum just as the sun began to set. People were milling around and slowly drifting towards the exit. On entering the room, James was pleased to see no one was there and the nearby room was empty too, making a double take of the doorway James retrieved the two glass picks from his bag. He set a 10 second timer on his pocket watch and made a run for the box he put the picks in the lock, 3 .4. click, first nodule up 5. 6. 7. click, second nodule up 8 Run clear. 9. 10. as the camera glared over the exhibit James was clear. The second time went without a hitch. Now for the final time. James sprinted back over to the box. His heart now pounding through his chest. His clammy hands fumbling with the fragile pics 7. 8. click, fifth nodule up. He dashed back to the doorway just in the nick of time as the security guard plodded passed. James took a moment to regain his composure and went for the final nodule. Click! It was up, with 5 seconds remaining. He turned the lock and zoomed back to the doorway 9. 10. This was it. time to switch the helmets. He pulled out a Paper mache replica with a wire frame and painted so similar you could not tell them apart. He put on a pair of cotton gloves. Now for the most risky part. The switch. He went over and cautiously opened the front panel 3. He reached in and with a steady hand removed the helmet and gently placed it in a padded section of his bag. 6. He quickly picked up the replica and placed it inside. He then resealed the glass box and turned the lock picks. click. click. click. click. click. click. The lock pics were out 8. He made a dash for the doorway 9. 10.... Made it. All of a sudden a large group of tourists came stumbling into the room, perfect he could blend in with them. He fused with the group and made his way to the exit. As he walked towards the exit he passed several security guards. Would they suspect him? Would he be found out? A drop of sweat dripped from his brow. He was past and he was out. He was safe for now...

Back at his flat he pulled on a book on his book shelf, click, it slid back and then across to reveal a secret room. Full of... empty shelves, display cases and stands. He went in and took out the helmet. He placed it onto a red velvet cushion on a stand at the back of the room and placed a glass dome on top.

This was going to be the start of many great adventures!

Craft Club!

Look at this wonderful cushion, made by Beth this week in Craft Club! Beth chose some beautiful fabric and used her sewing skills to produce this - well done!



Science Lab

We are so excited that, following lots of hard work, the science lab has now reopened! Holly class enjoyed a brilliant practical Science lesson this week, where the learners combined acid with a series of reactive metals to see what would happen. Thank you to all of those involved in making it a brilliant classroom!



Swimming

Please note - **Ash** and **Hazel** classes will be having swimming lessons on the following dates:

Thursday 25th May

Thursday 8th June

Thursday 15th June

As with the other classes, we will be using the swimming pool based at St Luke's Campus, which is only a short walk away. Please could you send learners in with their swimming costume, towel and goggles. They are very welcome to wear a swimming hat or rash vest, but this is not compulsory. If they have ear plugs for swimming, please make sure they can put them in themselves or let Emma or Grace know if they need help. If your learner has any concerns or is not confident in the water let Emma know.

Food Tech

This week, Beech class made some incredible chicken fried rice, with some learners handling and slicing up raw meat for the frying pan for the first time - a huge achievement! Larch class pulled together to produce an amazing chickpea and cauliflower tray bake curry with ginormous flat breads which were baked under the grill. Post 16 learners continued practicing their individual recipes this week, with learners handling raw fish to make homemade egggy fish fingers and another learner making a jerk style, gluten free chicken recipe.

Elm & Holly classes made an incredible Indian inspired roasted cauliflower recipe with a lip smacking dressing made with; yogurt, lemon juice, toasted curry powder and turmeric, ginger, coriander and mango chutney. Isaac in Ash class shared his selected recipe with Emma (PE) and he did a great job, sharing the different methods of preparing a gorgeous breaded chicken recipe, served up with a zingy salad. Some of Hazel class had a go at making an adapted toasted oats and blueberry compote with water melon whilst the rest of the group were catching up making a classic Dahl with flatbread recipe. Oak class tackled a tricky samosa recipe using filo pastry to form perfect triangle shapes of balanced spiced vegetables.

Next week, Beech and Larch are making a chicken noodle soup and Holly and Elm are making a hot & sour prawn soup. Hazel will make a spicy prawn noodle dish and Ash & Post 16 learners will continue their practical assessments. Oak will be making some breaded prawns and Asian inspired fruit salads. A **final note to families at home** - please can we try to bring in reusable food storage boxes on the days your learner has food tech in order to bring the food home to share and enjoy!



Brilliant biographies!

In preparation for an extended piece of writing next week, Holly class have been interviewing teachers and writing up their biographies. We thought this way for the Magdalen Court community to get to know the teachers, as well as sharing some fantastic work! First up, we have the longest serving member of staff - Mr Bushrod, written by Zac!

Jeremy Bushrod



In Freedom Fields Plymouth a man named Jeremy Bushrod was born, a long time ago . From a young age he had a job in school as the milkman, he loved his job and it was an important since it was just after the war ended he started so the world needed milk.

About four years later he got a job as a bin man where he would carry people's heavy metal bins down the street and into his truck this was a hard job since people would put their ashes in the bins which would make them very heavy since the ash set like concrete.

After that Jeremy Bushrod got a job as a public toilet cleaner which he enjoyed very much because it made him look important since he had a bright yellow van and a bright yellow vest.

His actual date of birth is not known because he refused to disclose this information however in a personal statement from him he quoted “my Good fellow I’m 400 years old”. To this day he has many accomplishments such as creating his own type of bacteria, with an unpronounceable name.

He enjoys collecting grass, since when he was university he did a module on plant life protection which he found interesting. At one point in his life he tried to travel from Bulgaria back to England which was unsuccessful since he was arrested by a pair of quite large Bulgarian men with machine guns and trench coats, who were a bit angry with him and put him in prison for a while but he was released. In later life one of his favourite locations to travel is Brittany in France.

Next Week

Please find the schedule for next week below - featuring Outdoor Ed, Food Tech, Swimming and Exams.

THE WEEK AHEAD



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
KS4/5 Chemistry Exam	Outdoor Ed Holly & Elm (Forest school)	Outdoor Ed - Oak (Forest school)
Food Beech (Chicken Noodle Soup)	Food Larch (Chicken Noodle Soup) Post 16 (BTEC practice) Hazel (Spicy Prawn Noodles)	Food: Holly & Elm (Hot & Sour Prawn Soup) Ash (BTEC practice)
		Swimming - Larch, Beech, Holly
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
KS4/5 Physics Exam	KS4/5 Ancient History Exam	
Outdoor Ed Larch & Beech (Forest school)	Outdoor Ed Hazel, Ash & Post 16 (Haven Banks)	
Swimming Oak & Elm	Food Oak (Fried Chicken Rice)	

 **NOTE**
It's getting sunny! Please make sure learners on Outdoor Education have plenty of water and a hat!

Safeguarding

It's Mental Health Awareness week in the UK and this year, the theme is Anxiety. We hope you saw our social media post, where our learners shared their top tips for looking after their mental health! They had some brilliant ideas, like listening to music or spending time in nature. Your mental health can also be really impacted by the way we spend time online and so we've included a helpful poster about how to look after your wellbeing online. Limiting screen time and remembering to pause before you post or comment are great tips!

Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



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