



Two Boats School

Newsletter

Friday 19th November 2021



Hello Everyone

Another week has flown by and we are half way through this term. This week Year 11 has been busy sitting their Mock Exams and they still have more than half of them still to go. Keep going guys, I am sure your hard work will pay off in the end.

The delayed A400 flight meant that Carlyne Kewn the Educational Psychologist got to spend an extra couple of days here working with our students and parents. We are extremely grateful to Carlyne for all the work she has put in with our students. Her assessments will allow us as a school to put in the required support and interventions for these students. Thank you again Carlyne and have a safe journey back to the U.K.

On Thursday we held our termly routine fire evacuation practice with the support of the Mitie Fire Department who came out to us as if there had been a real fire. These practices are vitally important as it allows us to ensure that processes and protocols are in place to ensure the safety of all students, staff and visitors. Thank you to the Fire team.

The Concept contractors will be carrying out some electrical work replacing all our lights to more efficient and effective LED ones. This work will be carried out during the evenings/nights so will not affect the school day.

Christmas is fast approaching and even though numbers of students and staff will decrease, plans are still going ahead for our usual events.

The Christingle service will take place at 7pm on the evening of 5th December at St Mary's Church. Our school Christmas Nativity will be held at 7pm on the evening of the 7th December at school. Thank you to Father Ernest and Jenny for your help with these events. The school Christmas meal will take place on 8th December and school will close at 12.30 on Thursday 9th for the Christmas holidays. More details of these events will follow nearer the time.

A reminder to all parents of children aged 12 - 17 years of age about the COVID vaccine meeting with Dr Bill on Monday here at school at 5.30pm.

That's it for this week.

Tania Maggott
Head teacher

Carlyne Kewn – Education Psychologist Two Boats School Visit

It has been a very special experience this year to be welcomed into the school and to have the privilege of charting the progress of so many children. There have been many individual success stories with children and young people making sustained progress in their academic work and becoming much more confident in their abilities. The atmosphere in school is supportive and welcoming – every child is valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.

Well done Mrs Maggott and all the teachers for providing an environment where children can flourish. My very best wishes to all and many thanks.

Carlyne



Year 5/6 Newsletter

During the past half term, Year 5 and 6 have been learning about the history of Ascension Island, from the 1500s to present day. We began by chronologically ordering an Ascension Island timeline to discover what happened and when.

As part of our topic on Ascension Island, we learnt more about William Bate, who played a great part in Ascension Island's history. He was responsible for giving Georgetown its name, along with developing the water catchment tank and pipeline from Dampier's Drip. We went to see the remains of the water catchment tank at Dampiers and also discovered that many workers lived in the caves between Two Boats and Dampier's Drip.



We also learnt about the role the Telegraph played on the island and how Morse Code was used to relay messages from Africa and beyond back to the U.K. We began by turning text into Morse Code. We then practised tapping out our messages using a simple circuit with a



buzzer attached. This was lots of fun! We then learnt about the Eastern Telegraph Company and their time on the Island. Can you see the current AIG building? It was used as their main offices on the island?

Savannah – “We explored many cave houses. The bit I found most interesting was the fact that they had 2 separate rooms and lots of storage space inside.”

Kiara – “I learnt that a woman lived in the caves near Dampiers. Her nickname was Cinderella.”





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We have also been learning about the natural history of the island. We would like to say a huge thank you to the conservation team, who hosted us on Wednesday this week. We had lots of fun learning about: how the island was formed; how long it took for living things to inhabit the island; how native species came to be on the island, E.g. the Ascension Frigate bird and how introduced living things came to be on the island, e.g. rats, cats, sheep, goats, banana plants, guava plants etc.



Rosie – “My favorite part about our trip to visit conservation was when we tried to blow bottle tops (imitating seeds) across the ocean to Ascension. We then watched a nature video about Ascension.”

Riley – “I really liked using drama and puppets to make a little play to show what we had learnt... Do you like my shark face???”



We are looking forward to visiting the BBC Relay on Friday and would like to say a big thank you to Mr Lutman for inviting us.

Aaliyah – “I really enjoyed the Ascension history quiz, because it was hard and fun at the same time and I learnt a lot about Ascension’s history.”

Aisia – “My favorite part was when me and Kiara were telling the history of the sheep and rats using puppets.”