

Blossom House Newsletter

FOR STAFF

JUNE 2017

KEY DATES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2017:

6th – 9th: Year 8
camping trip

6th: Duke of Edinburgh practice day for Year 10 (Wimbledon Common)

8th: 6.30pm E-Safety workshop for parents

11th: 10am Siblings group

12th: Whole school charity day

13th: 4.00pm Parent feedback evening (years 2 – 6 and 10, 11)

14th – 16th: Year 6 to Bowles Outdoor Centre

15th: 4.00pm Parent feedback evening (years 7, 8, 9)

15th: Duke of Edinburgh practice day for year 10 (Wimbledon Common)

Reminder of the virtual staff comment box web link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/blossomideas>

Welcome to The Zone

Not the Twilight type...

Previously known as 'The Base', you'll now find 'The Zone' in the old HR and Accounts Office.

Why the change?

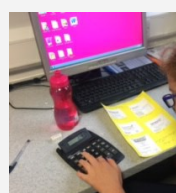
The main aim behind this re-branding and repositioning is to dispel any negative connotations that may have been associated with 'The Base.' We want to promote a positive additional place of learning for selected pupils.

What happens in The Zone?

The Zone is a space which aims

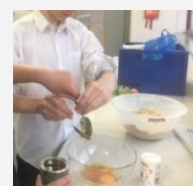
to promote both functional and soft skills in a calm environment. You will see pupils from The Zone out and about around the school working on several cross-curricular projects, as well as providing a helping hand as part of the 'Cool Jobs Crew', so if there are any jobs that you need doing, please pop down and see us.

We are always on hand to help!



How does a pupil get into The Zone?

The Zone cannot be earned as part of a reward, nor used as a sanction for pupils who are displaying challenging behaviour. However, pupils can be considered via a referral to the Behaviour Team.



Making Gingerbread Cookies

School development news

Post-16 provision development

We are currently researching a range of different study options/qualifications around Level 3 for P16, as the KS5 phase continues to grow....

Review of new structure

Two terms into the new structure means we are reviewing how it is working. This has resulted in the advertising of some new posts (for example, Head of Behaviour, 4 Behaviour Lead roles and Secondary Hu-

manities Teacher).

Replacement of BSquared

Faculty and Primary Leads are working on developing a new assessment system to replace BSquared which will no longer be in use come September 2017.

No change to lesson structure planned

To limit disruption for staff and pupils there is no change to the current lesson structure and times for 2017/18.

OBE honour

Joey was awarded an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) at Buckingham Palace on 10th May for services to children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Congratulations!



Women V

Cancer

Wishing Liz Mayo and her friends the best of luck when they take on the Ride the Night challenge on 27th May. This is the



only all women, night time bike ride in the UK and involves a 100k cycle starting from Royal Windsor Racecourse into London and returning to the Racecourse.

<https://>

www.justgiving.com/

[fundraising/](#)

[HelpUsRideTheNight](#)

Hello newbie!

A warm welcome to Tom Tracey, Peripatetic Woodwork Teacher. He'll be working on a one to one basis and with groups on a Monday.



Welcome back to Katrina Chapman!

Vacancies

All of our vacancies can be viewed on the School website . We are currently recruiting for :

Speech and Language Therapists

Secondary Teachers

Teaching Assistants in all areas

Occupational Therapist

Physiotherapist

Reminder of staff well being helpline:

0800 085 1376

Well-online.co.uk

[BMlogin/wellbeing](#)

Read all about it!

Let's play netball!

Clem would like to invite anyone interested to play netball on Wednesdays after 5pm in the playground. All abilities welcome – rules aren't really highly regarded!

Emotional Support in the Classroom

On the April INSET day the

Arts Therapies (ATCP) team delivered a workshop for secondary teaching assistants called 'Supporting Students' Emotional Needs in the Classroom.' The focus was on student and staff interactions and the impact of some of the more difficult/confusing behaviour that can be exhibited within the school environment. The workshop ad-

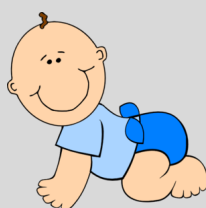
ressed some of the day-to-day experiences of the participants and was a chance to get together and share knowledge, skills and ideas. Many of those who attended said that they had found sharing their own experiences and feelings with others was helpful. The ATCP team are planning to offer these workshops to the primary teaching assistants and other members of staff at future INSETs.

Blossom babies



Logan Cyril Bridge born at 12:51am on 12th May weighing 4.4kgs. ❤️

Finn Hustwayte,
born 18th May,
weighing 7lb.



Theo Lawrence-Smith,
born 15th May

**THE FUTURE
OF THE WORLD IS IN
MY CLASSROOM
TODAY.**

IVAN WELTON FITZWATER