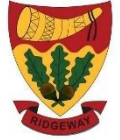


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Dear parents and carers,

We have trialed our first paperless parents evening booking system for Primary years and we will follow a similar format for Secondary years in March. We would welcome any feedback that parents might have as we try to make the parent evening processes work smoother for all concerned.

Already this year, we have had a number of events at school for pupils and parents. We would like to thank you all for taking the time to come out and attend these events. We do appreciate your time and input. Over the next few months there are more events organised for parents and pupils and we would encourage you to attend if possible. Certainly the Pre-teens and teenager wellbeing evening looks like an opportunity to share the burden of parenting teens?! Look out for the fliers and dates to remember in the body of this letter.

Kind regards

Mike Bennett

Year 8 into 9 Options

Many thanks to the parents and pupils who turned up for the options evening on Thursday 11th January. We were very pleased by the turnout and evidently underestimated the chairs the needed, hence us having to put extra chairs out as the presentation started. We hope this didn't distract you?!

The deadline for completed options forms is 2nd February. Please feel free to contact us at school if you would like some information or clarity on the process.

Some dates for your diary

Pre-teen and teenager workshop – Thursday 8th February 6 – 8 pm.

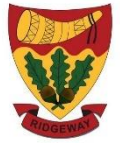
We are hoping to host and present a workshop evening where staff and parents can share tips and ideas on working with, offering guidance to and living with pre-teen and teenagers. See advert below

Secondary Parents Evening – Years 7, 8 & 9 parents evening – Thursday 15th March, Monday 19th March and Thursday 22nd March 4 – 7 pm.

Parent Evenings are an important event in the calendar as it gives parents, teachers and pupils to discuss the progress being made within an academic year within a subject. However, please do not think or feel that this is the only opportunity that you have. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress in a subject or at school, then please follow our communication flow chart below. Also, staff email addresses are on the schools website, so should you question be able to be answered via email, then please contact us this way and we will endeavour to reply within 48 hours of receiving the email.

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This week we have gained 2 new members of our school community. These 2 young guinea pigs have joined our resident guinea pig Frosty and as you can see they have all settled in very well together and enjoy each other's company. Frosty has gained a lot of confidence in just these few days and is looking after the newcomers.



Some of the pupils now have lots of experience with the animals and are very confident in handling and looking after them. Others are just starting to come to our Animal Clubs each break and lunch time, to meet new friends, have a chat and interact with all our school pets.

The benefits of pet therapy and the benefits they can bring to our health have been widely documented. Remind yourself of the benefits of pets by reading this link: <https://pets.webmd.com/ss/slideshow-pets-improve-your-health>

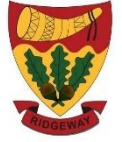
It's not just furry pets either that can make you happy... have a look at Profiterole, our bearded dragon and one of the year 9 pupils who has taken Animal Care Btec as one of his options.

Learning about subjects you care and are passionate about can be fun and very rewarding, helping you to achieve your future goals.



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Year 9 geography

We would like to keep you up to date with what we are learning so that you can encourage your child at home. Please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you have any questions.

What are we studying this month?

Tropical Storms - We will be studying this topic until the end of January. This is part of Paper 1 - Living with the Physical Environment.

The key concepts that we will be studying in this topic are: -

Global distribution of tropical storms (hurricanes, cyclones, typhoons).

An understanding of the relationship between tropical storms and general atmospheric circulation.

Cause of tropical storms and the sequence of their formation and development.

The structure and features of a tropical storm.

How climate change might affect the distribution, frequency and intensity of tropical storms.

Questions you could ask at home... By the end of this unit, all students should be able to answer the following questions. –

Where are tropical storms found?

How do they develop?

What are their key features?

How does climate change affect their distribution?

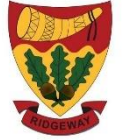
Useful websites to help:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zpxgk7h/revision>

www.gcsepod.com

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Year 6 Set 2 English have been producing writing about World War One. They have written diary entries, emotive poems and non-chronological reports. Some outstanding work has been produced. Special mentions must go to Jessica Hunter for her incredible diary entry, Gabriel Hayward for the amazing vocabulary he has used in all three pieces of work, Poppie Cox-Dawkins for an incredibly emotive poem and Jacob Tagg for a superbly detailed non-chronological report. Poppie's poem is below. I hope you are as impressed as I was!

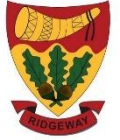
Mr Frost

World War One Poem

*Trenches like freshly dug mass graves,
Sand bags, stiff as torsos, soaked in stale blood.
The smell of death, rotten flesh and chargrilled remains,
Limbs scattered like autumn leaves at their final resting place,
Souls in their prime, blown apart like a flower blown from its stem.
Eyes, like shattered mirrors, multiplying the image of destruction and
sorrow,
Shells whistle overhead mixed with the cries of wounded men,
Then momentarily silence, waiting in anticipation, for the next
deafening roar,
Stomach rumbling, like the sound of distant thunder,
Waterfalls of blood entwined in the valleys of death,
The distant memories of days gone by.....fading with each soul
destroying second,
Hope fading away, as my shadow speaks to my dream,
While I thought that I had been learning how to live,
I had in fact been learning how to die....*

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Sporting News

10 students competed in the county cross country last weekend with 3 of Ridgeway's students qualifying for the English Schools event. We wish Lily and Joe the best of luck at the English Schools cross country event held in Leeds.

L.Saxon = 1st Junior Girls
J. Cunliffe = 5th Junior Boys
W. Lane = 11th Junior Boys



Year 9 Girls become District Badminton Champions qualifying for the county event next Friday.



Year 9 Girls Basketball remain undefeated.

Year 8 Rugby have reached the county cup semi final beating St Bedes 12-0



16 students will attend the BBL Cup Finals at the Barclaycard arena this weekend.

23 Year 8 and 9 students are going on tour to Edinburgh in April to test their rugby skills against Scottish opposition.

Ridgeway Rugby teams have now completed the home nations touring Ireland Wales and now Scotland in consecutive years.

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German Exchange

We are once again looking forward to welcoming a number of exchange students from Germany along with their Teachers. They will be arriving at Ridgeway on 1st February and will be here for a week of exciting activities. We feel very excited to be able to offer our students such a fantastic opportunity.

Due to unforeseen circumstances we do have a Student who is in need of a host family. If there are any families who would like to take part in the exchange could you please advise the school ASAP.
