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Last week, Year 8 pupils had the privilege of working with Anthony Glenn from 'Shaking Up Shakespeare' to develop a performance of the Julius Caesar. On Friday, the school enjoyed sharing in pupils' achievements and in the evening, parents and staff watched the unique interpretation of the play. Year 8 embraced the opportunity to work with a professional actor and worked hard to produce the play and recite Shakespearean language. Thanks must go to Anthony Glenn and Mr Streeter for their support and guidance of Year 8.

Rehearsal SATs week in Year 6 helped pupils to experience exactly what to expect in May. Pupils took all of this in their stride and are now working hard to ensure that they build on their successes. SATs week is 7 to 11 May 2018. Well done to those who are attending our SATs revision club on Thursday after school. We have been impressed by the number of Year 6 pupils who have given up their own time to come along.

Across the school, we have been focussing on effort and developing attitudes which help us all become effective, resilient learners. The actions and words we use send very powerful messages which influence how pupils think about themselves and their learning. Linked to our work, we have been considering the follow use of language which may be helpful at home as well as in school:

Do say:	Don't say
It really shows when you work hard at your writing/football/painting.	You're a great writer/footballer/artist!
The effort you put in makes us so proud.	We are so proud that you got an A.
That was a struggle for you, and you kept going - Well done.	That took you ages.
Emma can't swim yet, but if she keeps trying, she'll get there.	Emma's not a natural swimmer.
Hasn't Fred's commitment and practice paid off.	He's really talented!

There are a number of letters that have gone out this week, including :

- Parent/Carer Consultation Booking form
- Middle Years Day— Friday February 9

It is important that a response is returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you to those parents who have already responded however if you have not received them, please look in your child's bag, or download a copy from the school website.

We continue to be impressed by the effort our pupils are putting into their work and look forward to seeing them step up to more challenges over the coming weeks.

Mrs Jandu and Mrs Rawlings

ANTHONY GLENN - JULIUS CAESAR

Last week from Tuesday 16 January to Friday 19 January, year 8 were in the hall with Anthony Glenn practising their drama techniques, Shakespeare speeches and scenes ready for the Friday performance of 'Julius Caesar.'

They were incredible - truly focused, energetic and awe-inspiring in both the performance in front of the school (their first proper run through) as well as in front of parents on the Friday evening. I was immensely proud of all their huge efforts and their respect, cooperation and participation.

Once again, thank you year 8 and Anthony for all your amazing work!

If you would like to purchase a copy of the DVD of the performance, will be available at a cost of £3.00 from the school office.



Mr Streeter Leader of English

MOBILE PLANETARIUM

On Thursday 25 January, Year 5 travelled into our solar system with the Astronomy Roadshow. They were amazed by the stars and all of the wonders of our universe. They experimented with gravity on and density of the planets of our Solar System and our Sun. They were also shown videos of space walking and a scale model of Apollo 13.

The children will be able to test their newly acquired knowledge of our sky at night when we go on our Twilight walk at Aylmerton.

Mrs L Tucker
Class Teacher



UK SAFER INTERNET DAY - 6 February 2018

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

At Roysia, we regularly remind pupils of the enormity of the importance of being safe when using this resource. We would encourage parents and carers to have an awareness of how your child is using the internet. Further information available at www.saferinternetday.org.uk or www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents



MID YEAR REPORTS

Mid Year Reports will be sent home on Friday **2 February**. We would encourage Parents/Carers to go through the reports with pupils ahead of the Parent/Carer Consultations the following week.

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

Tuesday 6 February 4-6 pm & Thursday 8 February 6-8 pm

You should have received a letter from your child asking you to select a preference for your appointment with your child's class teacher. Please return this as soon as possible in order to secure your preferred time.

Your consultation will take place in your child's tutor room:

5E	Miss Tucker	Room 1	7W	Miss Williamson	Room 8
5C	Mr Carter	Room 3	7C	Mr Collins	Room 7
6M	Mr Murray	Room 4	8H	Mrs Hitchcock	Room 10
6V	Miss Visage	Room 5	8S	Mr Streeter	Room 11

If you would like to speak to any teacher please indicate this on your appointment form.

YOUTH MAKES MUSIC—16 March

If your child has been invited to take part in the annual "Youth Makes Music" concert in Cambridge please can you fill in the permission slip highlighting collection details.

If you would like to attend the concert please complete the yellow form and return to the school office in an envelop with either cash or a cheque (made payable to The Rotary Club of Royston) by Monday 19 February.

PUPIL ABSENCE

The school's incoming text number is **07860 003487**. If your child is absent please text with details **on the day of absence and each day thereafter**.

Alternatively you can e-mail us at admin.roysia@rsat.org.uk. It is important that you contact us **before 10 am**.

HOME MADE PUTTY/SLIME

Please can we ask pupils not to bring in home made putty or slime as this will be confiscated.

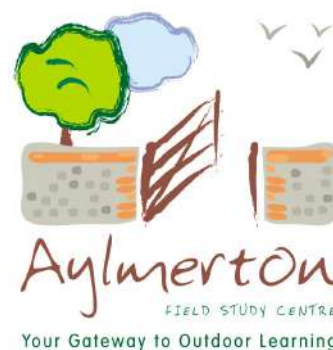
FRANCE VISIT - YEAR 7/8

Please be advised that the next instalment of £50 for the Year 8 France Trip is due by **Friday 2 February**.

AYLMERTON VISIT- YEAR 5

We will be holding an information evening for parents and children attending the Aylmerton visit on **Monday 5 February**. The meeting will start at 6pm and will be held in the school hall. We don't anticipate this meeting lasting any longer than half an hour.

A parental consent form has been sent home to all pupils attending the visit and we kindly ask this is returned to the office by Wednesday 31 January.



SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

On Thursday 25 January, 16 pupils travelled to Freman College to take part in the School Games Sportshall Athletics Competition. All participants were involved in a number of events including Speed bounce, Obstacle relay, 6 Lap Parlouf, Javelin and much more. The pupils were very well behaved and competed fantastically. Well done to all!

Girls Team:

Anna- Rose Knight, Elise Willis, Lucie Miller, Amber Waldock, Emilie Scott, Seren Prosser, Maisy Edridge-Wilkinson, Isabelle Revell, Olivia Darby, Danielle Fulton

Boys Team :

Alpha Jallow, Garner Heath, Harry Langdon, Oliver Hill, Dean Scholes, Theo Young.

Miss Williamson
Leader of PE



FRIENDS OF ROYSIA UPCOMING EVENTS

The Friends of Roysia raise funds which are given to the school to purchase resources for pupils as well as organising fun activities for our community.

Forthcoming events:

Bingo - 26 January: doors open at 7pm with eyes down at 8pm. Tickets include £2 which includes your entrance and last game of the night. Other games £1 each.

School Disco - 9 February: disco starts at 7-9pm. Tickets cost £2.50 which will be available for pupils to purchase during break time from Monday 5 February.

Sam Bowen & Beth Moorley
Friends of Roysia

MIDDLE SCHOOLS DAY - 9 FEBRUARY 2018

Roysia and Greneway teachers are continuing to plan a joint enrichment day on **Friday 9 February**. The intention of the day is to allow staff and pupils from both schools to come together and engage in collaborative working. Throughout the day all pupils will be involved in a range of activities to develop team building skills as well as allowing everyone to work in collaboration and share thoughts and ideas for the prospective new school.

Pupils are not required to wear uniform on the day but will need to bring in a packed lunch, however, those who receive free school meals will be provided a pack lunch from the school kitchen. Additionally, pupils will need to bring in a snack to have at break time as the kitchen will not be open on this day. All pupils must ensure they have their diary and writing equipment with them.

Please be aware those in **Year 5,6 & 7** will be on the **Greneway site** for the duration of the day. **Year 8** will be situated on the **Roysia site**.

All pupils will be required to start at **8.45am**. Roysia pupils who need to be taken to the Greneway site from Roysia will need to arrive at the early time of **8.20am** to ensure they do not miss the start of the day.

The school day will finish slightly earlier than normal, with all pupils being dismissed at 3.20pm. If your child is required to return to Roysia please be advised they will not be back until 3.45pm at the earliest.

A letter with all the details and a permission slip has been sent home, if you have not received this please do contact the school office or check the website.