



Newsletter

The White Hills Park Federation Trust

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Our Students And The General Election

Last week, we carried out our own version of the General Election on all three Federation sites. Students were asked to register to vote in the days leading up to the election, and then cast their votes on Thursday, in a secret ballot that was as similar as possible to the experience of the adult population on the same day. I am pleased to report that voter turnout was high across the Federation, and that our students were interested and engaged with the whole process. In the days leading up to the election, we had discussed the issues and the range of manifesto policies with students during lessons and tutor time so that they could make an informed choice.

One of the big stories of this election was the engagement of young people, after many years where there had been an assumption that they were not interested in political issues. I have written in previous Newsletters that this has not been the experience in our schools, and that our students are engaged and interested in the world around them - the availability of information and discussion on the internet and social media seems to have increased this in recent years, to the point where this generation of students is as informed and involved as any. I certainly don't remember too many heated playground debates about the respective merits of Jim Callaghan and Margaret Thatcher from my school days.

Given the reports about the way young people voted across the country, you will probably not be surprised to know that Labour were convincing winners of the White Hills Park Federation student election, securing over half of the votes cast, and the remaining votes were split fairly equally between Conservatives, Green, Lib Dems and UKIP.

The full results were:

| | Alderman White School | The Bramcote School | Bramcote College |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Conservative Party | 8% | 9% | 18% |
| Green Party | 14% | 18% | 5% |
| Labour Party | <u>57%</u> | <u>54%</u> | <u>60%</u> |
| Liberal Democrats | 10% | 4% | 12% |
| UKIP | 11% | 15% | 5% |

I have written before of the work we do across the Federation to educate students about our shared British values. One of the most important aspects of this is understanding and respecting democracy, but also listening to, and showing respect for the views of others, even when they are different from one's own, taking part in healthy debate, and showing concern and compassion for others. Hopefully, all of these have been enhanced and supported by their election experience.

Paul Heery

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

| June | FED | AWS | TBS | BC |
|-------------|---|-----|-----|----|
| 17th - 18th | Duke of Edinburgh's Award Year 10 Qualifying Expedition Peak District | | | |
| 19th | Year 4 Taster Morning | | | |
| 20th | Year 4 Taster Morning Bramcote College | | | |
| 21st | Year 4 Taster Morning | | | |
| 22nd | Year 5 Taster Day | | | |
| 24th | Summer Fair 14:00 - 16:00 The Bramcote School | | | |
| 23rd - 26th | PGL Leadership Trip Barton Hall, Devon | | | |
| 24th - 25th | Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Paddling Training | | | |
| 26th | Year 5 Taster Day Bramcote College | | | |
| 26th | Yr 10 Visit to Loughborough Uni | | | |
| 27th | Year 7 Reports Issued | | | |
| 26th | Year 5 Taster Day Bramcote College | | | |
| 28th | Bramcote College Induction Day | | | |
| 29th | Year 5 Taster Day | | | |
| 29th | Year 10 Maths Lecture Nottingham University | | | |
| 30th | Year 11 Graduation Prom 18:30 - 23:30 Ramada Hotel, Nottingham | | | |
| 30th | INSET Day Schools closed to students | | | |

July

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| 1st | Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Silver Paddling Training |
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Please see our websites or login to our free app to view a full calendar of events and important dates.

End Of Year Graduation

A reminder that the end of year Graduation Awards Evenings are just a few weeks away. The dates are Monday 10th July for Bramcote School students and Monday 17th July for Alderman White School students. Graduation audit forms should be handed in by Friday 23rd June for students to qualify.

Mr K Stephan

Carnegie



For the last couple of months our Carnegie group have been reading the books short-listed for this year's award and by now all students have their favourites. The two books leading the charge for our group are 'Salt to the Sea' by Ruta Sepetys and 'Rail Head' by Philip Reeve; two very different books. 'Salt to the Sea' is set near the end of the second world war and is about refugees fleeing the advancing Soviet army, whilst 'Rail Head' is set in a completely imagined world in space.

Last week the students who had read all the books worked with students from The Becket School for



the day. First up was a quiz to break the ice and get the two groups talking to one another. This was followed by paired work with one student from each school. They had a choice of activities and needed to complete two of the them about two different books before lunchtime. Unfortunately, it was a wet day so there was no opportunity for picnicking in the park this year. After lunch new groups were formed who worked on nominating books for the Carnegie Oscars. Each group took a different category and had to decide on their nominations and put their case to the assembled audience, who then got to challenge their ideas and vote on the winner.

Ms C Welch

Sports News

The Year 7 girls Rounders team participated in the Broxtowe Borough Championships this Wednesday.

The girls had shown commitment in the days preceding the tournament by attending regular practices with Miss Farmery to get their tactical play up to scratch.

The first game was against Chilwell. Where we lacked in hard slogging we made up for with our tactical fielding, with many of the opposition's efforts being stopped before 2nd base. Unfortunately we lost that game by a mere half rounder. A couple of crucial fielding errors to blame that left the girls kicking themselves.

George Spencer was our second opponent. The fielding relationship between Kate Morris in 2nd base and Tia Thomas at backstop proved again to be a winning combination, where they stopped many a batter in their tracks. Final result, a comfortable 7-2.5 win.

We then went on to play Kimberley School for second place. When we came in to bat second we knew we had to beat 5 rounders. It was close. The communication between the girls was crucial and the split second decisions they made as a team was what swung it their way in the end. By half a rounder!

The girls finished 2nd overall. Missing out so narrowly to Chilwell was hard to take but they soon realised what they'd achieved as a team.

Mrs A Kilbane



USA Sutton Trust Success

Congratulations to our Year 12 student Millie Cockbill who was one of only 3 students across the whole of the East Midlands to have won a place on the Sutton Trust US Programme. After a gruelling and competitive application process, Millie was chosen as one of the lucky 150 winners from a pool of over 1000 students.

Millie will be spending a week at the prestigious Yale University over the summer, experiencing a week living on campus and visiting a number of other US universities in the area. Participants benefit from residential activities and receive an intensive programme of support, delivered by the US-UK Fulbright Commission over a number of months. This covers admission tests, college choices and help with applications. Millie is hoping to study at a US university and we are so proud of the hard work and dedication she has already shown to realising this ambition.

Miss F Parker

Performing Arts

We have a range of activities after school and here is a current update:

Shine – KS3 Drama club (with BHPS and BCoEPS) run with Nottingham Playhouse - The students are devising a show based on the history of The Bramcote School. This will be performed towards the end of term at a date as yet to be confirmed.

Arts Award – KS3 drama club run with Nonsuch Theatre - The students in this club are just two weeks away from completing their Bronze Arts Award. The end is almost in sight.

Community Theatre – run with Sheep Soup and Nottingham Playhouse - There are only three schools in the County doing this project. Students in this group visited Bramcote Care Home during the week to research stories some of the residents had about the community. These are going to be made into scripts, and made available for other schools to download and use.

Mr C Morley

Warner Bros Casting - No Experience Required

There is an open casting call from Warner Bros, and the filmmakers behind the upcoming Fantastic Beasts sequel. They need five young people - three aged between 13 and 16 and two aged between 16 and 18 to play new roles in the film including Newt Scamander, Leta Lestrange, Gellert Grindelwald and Albus Dumbledore as children/teenagers.

To apply, email casting.prod@wb.uc-ns.com including a recent colour photograph (taken within the last 2 months), their contact telephone number, home address and date of birth. If they are under the age of 18 a parent or guardian must send the application. No previous acting experience is necessary, but applicants need to be eligible to work in the UK, and be available for filming between August and November 2017.

The closing date for applications is Tuesday, 20 June 2017 at midnight GMT.

Miss Z Armitage

Miracles Of The Desert – A Tale Of Dinosaurs in Inner Mongolia

Saturday 17th June 2017, 4.45 - 6.00 pm, Alderman White School Hall.

In association with the Confucius Institute and the University of Nottingham, we are delighted to welcome Professor Tan Lin (谭琳), Director of the Inner Mongolia Longhao Institute of Geology and Palaeontology to the Alderman White School on Saturday 17th June for a unique talk.

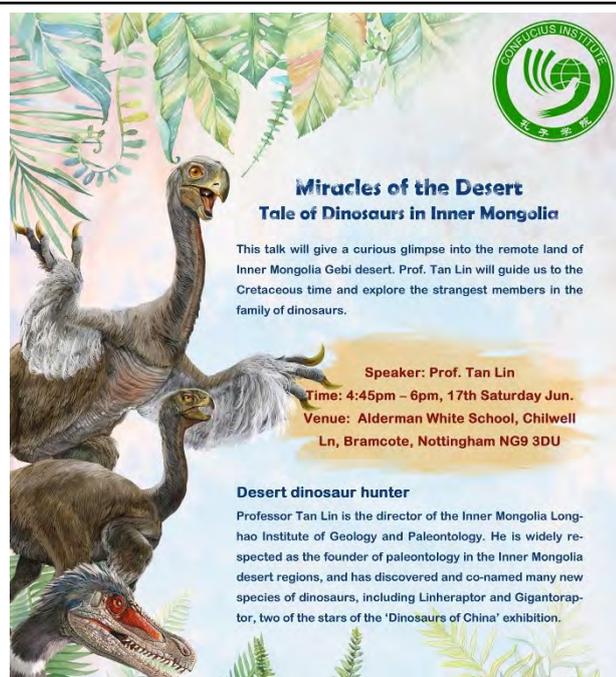
Professor Tan Lin is a long-established and pioneering palaeontologist in China and is widely respected as the founder of palaeontology in the Inner Mongolia desert regions.

He and his colleagues have discovered and named many new species of dinosaurs, including Linheraptor and Gigantoraptor, two of the stars of the World Exclusive [‘Dinosaurs of China’ Exhibition](#) taking place in Wollaton Hall and Lakeside Arts from 1st July to 29th October.

In his talk Professor Tan Lin will take us back to the Cretaceous Period and explore some of the strangest members of the dinosaur family.

Admission is FREE and all are welcome to what promises to be an insightful and fascinating talk.

Mr K Stephan



Miracles of the Desert
Tale of Dinosaurs in Inner Mongolia

This talk will give a curious glimpse into the remote land of Inner Mongolia Gobi desert. Prof. Tan Lin will guide us to the Cretaceous time and explore the strangest members in the family of dinosaurs.

Speaker: Prof. Tan Lin
Time: 4:45pm – 6pm, 17th Saturday Jun.
Venue: Alderman White School, Chilwell Ln, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3DU

Desert dinosaur hunter
Professor Tan Lin is the director of the Inner Mongolia Longhao Institute of Geology and Paleontology. He is widely respected as the founder of paleontology in the Inner Mongolia desert regions, and has discovered and co-named many new species of dinosaurs, including Linheraptor and Gigantoraptor, two of the stars of the 'Dinosaurs of China' exhibition.

Head Boy Oliver Walker To Cut His Hair For Charity

Oliver Walker is the head boy at The Bramcote School and on 24th June he's having his hair cut off at the Summer Fair. He's donating his hair to The Little Princess Trust to be used towards making a wig for a child who needs one. He's also splitting any sponsorship money 50/50 between the Stroke Association and Young Minds, which is a teenage mental health charity.

If you would like to sponsor Oliver, [his online sponsorship page is here](#), and there will be a paper form in school.

Jane Walker



GCSE Religious Studies

This week, all Year 9 students across the Federation had an assembly regarding the option of continuing to study GCSE Religious Studies in Year 10 and were given a letter to take home. All Year 9s have studied the first unit of the course in their RS lessons this year and have the option to continue as an additional GCSE, during school time, from September. All students who wish to take the GCSE in Religious Studies should complete the reply slip and return to reception by Wednesday 21st June. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by email (jennifer.read@whpfederation.org).

Mrs J Read

The Launch Of Alderman White School's Gardening Club

On Tuesday 13th June some keen gardeners and Duke of Edinburgh volunteers saw the launch of 'Dig It' - 'Stand Tall and Grow Strong', our new gardening club at Alderman White School. We will be working on the garden area behind New Block in order to eventually create an outdoor space that is accessible to both students and the community and can be utilised as an outdoor classroom area. Volunteers and Duke of Edinburgh students working upon their Skill Section (Natural World - Gardening) and volunteering section (working with the environment) will be attending the club on a Tuesday lunchtime and Wednesday after school. We are very grateful to The Beeston Consolidated Charity for their financial backing to get the project under way and to our local Beeston and Stapleford Rotary Club for the offer of a poly tunnel. We are looking for anyone who has experience or access to materials that will add further value to this project. For example, benches, outdoor garden games, paving, BBQ's, trellis, raised areas etc. Please contact julie.francis@whpfederation.org if you can help.



Miss J Francis

Hemlock Happening

Despite the weather last Saturday the Federation was represented by many acts from performing arts at the annual Hemlock Happening event on Bramcote Hills Park.

Acts including the Year 7 Dance Group from Alderman White School and the Year 7 and 9 Dance Club from The Bramcote School took to the field to perform in front of family, friends and the public at what is always a fun and popular event.

Well done and a thank you to all those who performed.

Mrs G Metcalfe and Mr C Morley



Award Shortlist For Kyle

Kyle Ross-Waddell (Year 10 at The Bramcote School) has been shortlisted to the finals of the Nottingham Post Broxtowe Awards. His category is the Sport Personality of the Year and there are three in the final. He and two guests have been invited to the Award Evening with a meal at the Walled Garden at Beeston Golf Club on 22 June, where the winner of each of the ten categories will be announced.

We are very pleased that he has been recognised for his contribution to the sport of Short Track Speed Skating.

Cate Ross-Waddell



Alderman White School's Year 7 Quiz Night

On Friday 9th June, parents, staff and students enjoyed a quiz night, pizza and ice creams courtesy of 7KID and 7ZHA, led by Ms Kidd, and supported by Miss Zhang, Mr Stephan, Mai Lee and the PTA. It was a fantastic family atmosphere, and Quiz Master Tom Green hosted the event with confidence and humour. Thanks to all involved. Congratulations to the winning team The Green/Hawkins Coalition and runners-up Simon's Heroes, who were a part of a three way tie break; they broke the tie by successfully naming Jack Walker as Chairman of Blackburn Rovers Football Club when they took the Premiership title in 1995. Well done!

Miss J Francis / Ms K Kidd

Beeston Library Re-Opening

Beeston Library will re-open after it's refurbishment, on 5th August 2017 at 9.00 am. We look forward to seeing everyone back and hope you love our new look library and its improved services and resources.

Lesley Sneath - Library Manager

Volunteers Urgently Needed!

The Bramcote School Summer Celebration is almost here!

The PTA are urgently looking for more volunteers to help to run the day:

11am to 12 noon to set up

2pm to 3pm to run a stall

3pm to 4pm to run a stall

4pm to 5pm to tidy up

We have a few helpers, but ideally need at least 10 more parents to spare some time to help makes this a success. Please get in touch via email on pta@thebramcote.school or text us on 07812 955814 if you are able to spare some time.

Thanks for your continued support.

The Bramcote School PTA



The Bramcote School
Summer Celebration

We are relocating onto the Bramcote College site over the summer, before our anticipated move into new accommodation in 2019.

Come and help us to say goodbye to the building, in which thousands of students have been educated over 69 years on

Saturday 24th June - 2pm until 4pm

Live Entertainment • Disco Dome • Gladiators • Sumo Suits
Soak the Teacher • Sporting Challenges • Games • Stalls
Refreshments • Cream Teas • Ice Cream • Candy Floss
Tombola • School History • And Much, Much More...!

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SAVE THE DATE!

It's

**ALDERMAN WHITE SCHOOL
SUMMER FEST**

on **SATURDAY 8th July**

TIME: 12 noon - 3.00 pm

VENUE: The Courtyard, Alderman White School

ENTERTAINMENT: SummerFest Brass Band

Dance Acts * Nott^m Chinese School Performers

Bouncy Castle * Coconut shy * Giant games

Model Car Grand Prix * Virtual games

Hot snacks * Cakes and Ices * Strawberries and cream * Pimms * Hamper Raffle *

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/open space



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www.broxtowe.gov.uk/for-you/parks-and-nature-conservation/parks-open-spaces



The "Survey Monkey" questionnaire is quick and easy to complete.

For further information please contact the Parks & Environment Team on 0115 917 3625.

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