



Mr Wilson's Weekly Message



This week we have been busy getting the school ready for our reopening on Monday. We are missing our students a phenomenal amount, and we cannot wait to have the first wave of pupils back next week. Again, I want to stress to all members of our community that our staff and pupil's health and safety is always our utmost priority. Therefore, we are only opening because we believe it is safe to do so. We will maintain social distancing, never share resources, regularly wash hands, provide additional hand sanitiser and thoroughly clean all surfaces multiple times each day. At the end of every day, all classrooms will be deep cleaned to ensure they are safe to use the next day. We respect that parents will be best placed to determine if their child should return to school at this point. We can assure you that, based on government scientific advice, we have made it as safe as possible for your child to return to school. However, we appreciate there may be other factors affecting your decision (e.g. the health of other family members). As such, children will be encouraged, not compelled, to return, and home lessons will remain in place for all students. On Wednesday, I held both an assembly for Year 10 pupils and a parent forum to discuss the plans for reopening. It was so lovely to hear support from both parents and pupils on the reopening.

For key stage 3 pupils, again, I would like to reassure parents that we will continue to create outstanding home learning resources to allow all pupils to continue with their education. This will continue until we are given the go-ahead from the government to open the school up to all year groups. It is so important that all pupils remain on track with their learning, whether that is in school or at home. To support this, we will be having end of year assessments for all year groups. Further communication regarding how these will work will be shared within the next couple of weeks.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your support, understanding and encouragement at this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Mr Wilson's Commendations

With the end of year assessments around the corner, it is excellent to see so many pupils engaging in their home learning. This week's commendations are as follows:

Mr Lewis would like to congratulate the following pupils for their fantastic work submission on Show My Homework; Siobhan, Hayden, Thenisha (7H), Jack, Vitoria, Abigail (7R), Giulia, Filip, Niamh (8H), Justin, Xin-Lin, Lola-Rae (8R), Danna, Daniela, Scarlett (9H), Harry, Phoebe and Simon (9R).

Team English would like to say well done to the following top readers this week; Taurie Palmer, Giff Nkiribari, Donovan Corbin, Niamh Faleye, Hamza Iqbal, Gabriela Correa, Adem Yahiaoui, Omar Abdel Hamied and Lara Ivanovic.

The Science department would like to congratulate the following pupils for all their hard work on Educake this week; Dennell Dansoh, Niamh Faleye, Mary Rose Bumanglag, Giorgio Debiasi, Aedriel Baltazar and Jamil Khan.

Miss Coulson would like to congratulate the following pupils for being Seneca superstars, topping the table this week; Mikail and Junior (7L), Naib (9I), Madison, Anita, Samuel (9U), Adam, Alejandro, Victoria, Amiin, Anna Elena, Melak and Loyan (year 10).

Finally, Miss Ling would like to say a massive well done to Souha Kerkoud, Catalina Paredes, Ana Rafaela Ribeiro Rijo, Jabel Semambo, Victoria Venegas and Denver Gadd for their consistent hard work and excellent submissions.

Well done to all the above pupils and keep up the hard work.

THA Gets Reading

The English department was running a reading competition to coincide with the reading homework. Students were given 4 weeks to read as many books as they can and pass Accelerated Reader quizzes on them. The student, in each class, who acquired the most amount of reading points by the deadline would be crowned the winner and receive a £10 book voucher. The lovely aspect of this competition was that every class could potentially have a winner!

The points were tallied, and the winners are listed below. Congratulations to:

Year 7: Donovan Corbin, Ibrahim Farooque, Abigail Hadaj, Maria Cendon Ferreira, Taurie Palmer, Christopher Milsan-Koroma and Alfred Ravrini

Year 8: Niamh Faleye, Hamza Iqbal, Anas Koudy and Pedro Aguiar Cendon Ferreira

Year 9: Adem Yahiaoui, Lara Ivanovic, Omar Abdel-Hamied and Naib Haque

Your book vouchers are being organised and will be with you shortly! A huge well done to you all and happy reading!



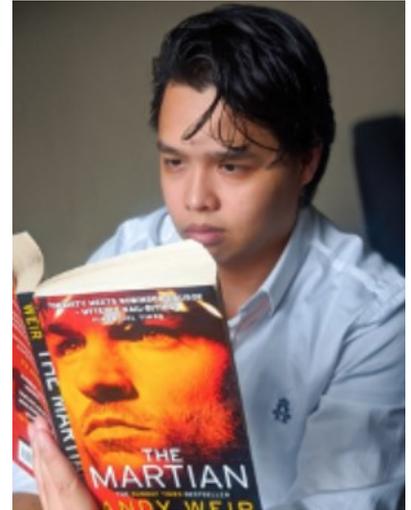
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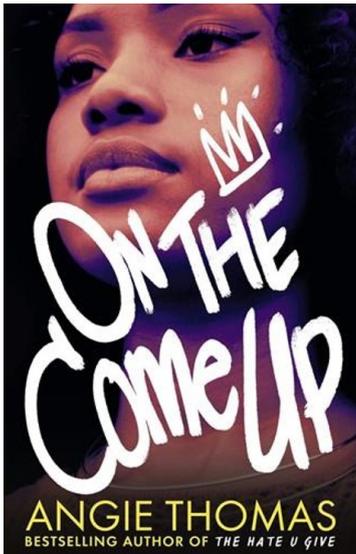
What are you currently reading? – Mr Bacolor

I am currently reading 'The Martian' by Andy Weir. After SpaceX and Nasa's space launch last week, it inspired me to pick up this book. This fictional novel is about an astronaut who was separated from his crew during a mission to Mars. Stranded alone, he has to survive until the next mission to Mars arrives! I like how the author uses 'log entries' to display the main character's thought process: reflecting on the everyday problems he is facing and then finding the solutions for it. This book has kept me entertained through the character's resilience, problem-solving and the application of many scientific concepts!



Recommended Reading

On the come up, Angie Thomas



If you enjoyed last week's recommended reading, then you are in luck. The award-winning author of The Hate U Give returns with a powerful story about hip-hop, freedom of speech– and fighting for your dreams, even as the odds are stacked against you.

Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time. As the daughter of an underground hip hop legend who died before he hit big, Bri's got massive shoes to fill. But when her first song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, Bri finds herself at the centre of controversy and portrayed by the media as more menace than MC. And with an eviction notice staring her family down, Bri no longer wants to make it– she has to. Even if it means becoming the very thing the public has made her out to be.

THA House Competitions

This week's house competition was the toilet roll challenge. We had some great entries from both staff and pupils. I hope you enjoyed creating them as much as I enjoyed watching them all. I am pleased to announce that this week's winner is Aequitas. Head over to our twitter account to check out the winning video. Look out for more house competitions on SMHW in the upcoming weeks.



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