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Weekly News Friday 10th January 2020

Happy New Year!

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we hope you all had an enjoyable time with your families and loved ones. Please ask your child/children about the unusual breakfast that they experienced in the school assembly this morning.

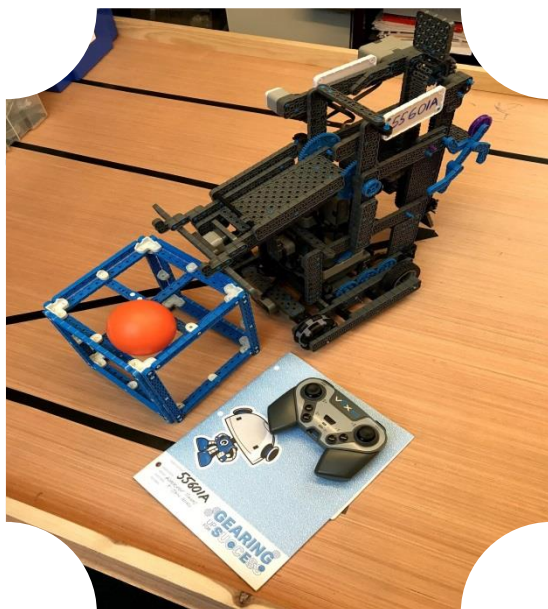
We look forward to a full calendar of events in the term ahead, both academic and social.

VEX Robotics Competition @Nissan

On Wednesday, a small team from our robotics club made the journey to the Nissan car plant in Sunderland to take part in the regional finals of the VEX robotics competition “Squared Away”. The team had to design, build and program a robot to be able to pick up various cubes and place them into particular positions on a large playing field. The robot also had to pick up a number of plastic balls and arrange them inside and on top of the cubes.

The competition comprised three elements. Our team had to work with another school to drive their robots via remote control and move the squares and balls. They then had the whole playing field to themselves to complete the task. Finally, they had to program their robot to clear the field autonomously.

Our team posted the top score for the programming task, and made a good attempt at the driving challenges. However, ultimately, another school won the competition. We all enjoyed the experience and we shall return next year.



Karl Hopwood – Esafety Expert

On Friday 24th January, we will welcome Karl Hopwood. Karl is an independent esafety expert. He is a member of UKCCIS (UK Council for Child Internet Safety) and sits on the advisory board for the UK Safer Internet Centre and the education advisory board for CEOP. Karl has worked for a number of key players in the UK and abroad including CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre), BECTA (British Educational and Communications Technology Agency), the European Commission and several Local Authorities within the UK. As an ex primary headteacher, he continues to work closely with children, young people, parents and teachers to develop safer online behaviours and the promotion of digital literacy. Karl has been employed for the last 5 years as an in-house consultant for INSAFE which is the coordinating node of the

EU safer internet programme where he is responsible for the coordination of safer internet helplines across the EU. He has also worked extensively with the BSA and IAPS to promote esafety in their schools and is a trustee of the Marie Collins Foundation.

Karl will be working with pupils throughout the day and he will host a parental workshop in the evening at 6pm in the Concert Room. (Details will follow)

Senior English

Pupils in Mrs Gettins' Form 2 English class have relished the independent learning challenge set this half-term in preparation for their class read: *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Following on from John Boyne's *Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, pupils will be comparing Anne Frank's personal experiences of her confinement in the secret annex with the fictional story of Bruno and Schmel. Pupils have focussed their research on various aspects of Nazi Germany, the persecution of the Jewish community as a whole from 1933 and the life of Anne Frank and her family.



Junior Design Technology

In our D.T. class we are on a new topic – Making Bread! Mrs Bullen brought in lots of different breads for us to taste and we had to guess what type of bread it was, and describe what it looked like. The naan bread was very popular; its flavour was very delicate and it had a lovely after taste, it was very flat and peppery – yum! The rye bread wasn't as tasty and only three out of seventeen of us liked it. The wrap and the seeded brown were the next most popular. The rest of the breads we tasted were all different and some of us hadn't tasted them before. We really enjoyed it.

Written by George Jeffreys (J5) with contributions from his class.



LTSDA 100 Club Draw

October

1st prize, £30 - Liz Vassie

2nd prize - £20 - Julie Higgins

November

1st prize - £30 - Kevin Dixon

2nd prize - £20 - Kirstin Evans

December

1st prize - £30 - Caroline Tyser

2nd prize - £20 - Janet Jelley

Pupil News

Congratulations to Isla, Form 1, on being selected to take part in Scottish Opera's - Midsummer Night's Dream. This will run from 31st March – 25th April. We look forward to hearing all about this in the near future.

More information can be found at: <https://www.scottishopera.org.uk/shows/a-midsummer-nights-dream/>

Staff News

If you would like to support our Deputy Headmaster, Mr Whitcombe and Director of Music, Dr Hardy in the upcoming performance of Sister Act at The Maltings, Berwick. Please book your tickets from The Maltings or online at: <https://www.maltingsberwick.co.uk/events/theatre/7068>

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All Day [Form 5 GCSE Mock Exams](#)
Concert Room

▲ 14 Jan



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Concert Room



17:30 – 18:30 [Ski Trip Information Evening](#)
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At 09:00 [iGCSE Maths Paper 2 \(am\)](#)
Concert Room



17:30 – 18:30 [J5 Robinwood Parent Information Evening](#)
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