

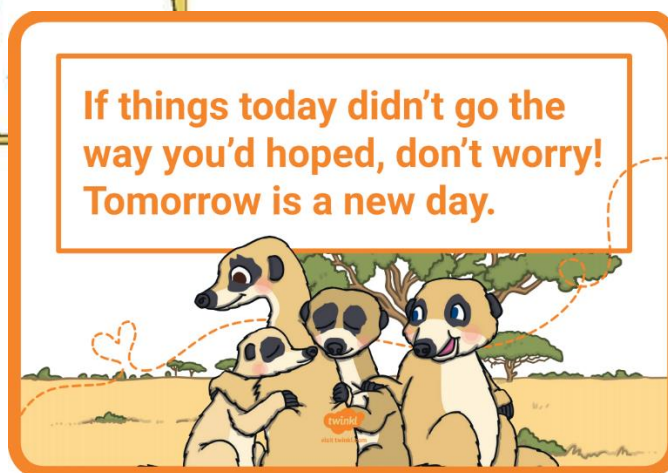
The Abbey School Newsletter

No 17/2020-21

Friday 18th June 2021



Mrs Price, has launched "Thought of the Week" as part of the school's range of activities to promote good mental health and well-being among students and staff. This is last week's; why not ask your child which thought was introduced in today's assembly?



Shantelle's award is well-deserved



Shantelle (Year 10) spent 4 days of half term as an assistant coach at a sports camp at Weydon School and by all accounts she did a fantastic job! Mr Brown, Director of Sport at Weydon, said she worked well with the primary age children, managed groups on her own doing lots of different sports and was excellent at showing them skills and techniques. Shantelle thoroughly deserved her Headteacher's award from Mr Jackson in recognition of her achievement and for being an excellent ambassador for The Abbey.



Caitlyn (Year 10), who drew this fantastic picture of a horse, is in the GCSE Art class.



Sam & Liam (Year 9) created a program using Python to make virtual dice and used it to play snakes & ladders.

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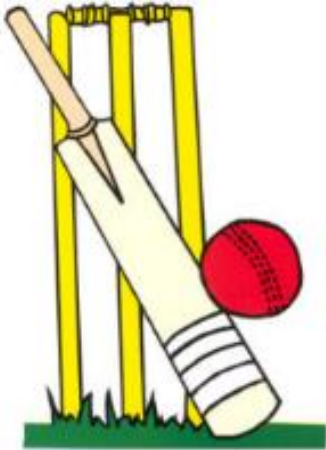


Summer Weather

During the good weather, please send in a sun hat, sun screen/cream/lotion and a filled water bottle (named) every day.



SEND cricket road show and county match day



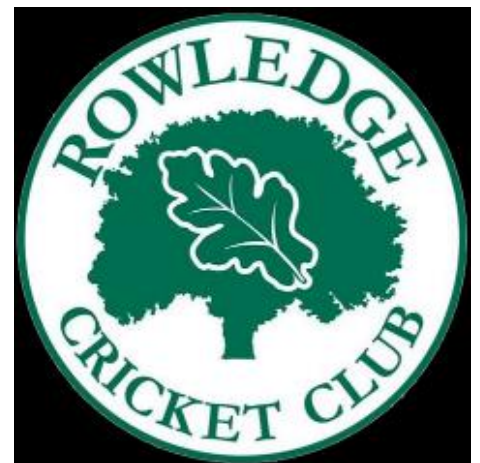
On Sunday 13th June, Rowledge Cricket Club hosted the Surrey disability cricket roadshow. 3 of our current students and 1 future year 7 student came for some free sessions with the coaches and Surrey disability players. Students got the opportunity to practice their batting, bowling and fielding skills.

There were also some free bacon rolls on offer for students and parents who came! After an hour and a half of coaching, students were invited to watch Surrey v Middlesex disability teams in a cricket match - Surrey ended up victorious. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn a new sport, from experienced coaches and players within the disability game.

There will be free coaching sessions on Friday evenings (5:30-6:30) from today. Students will have the opportunity to receive some fantastic coaching and interact with students from The Abbey, as well as other schools. They will cover all aspects of cricket, including batting technique, bowling, fielding techniques, running between wickets, player communication and wicket keeping. Each session will also end with a short game. The coaching will be delivered by fully qualified cricket coaches who have all the relevant qualifications and DBS checks.

Bar and BBQ facilities will also be made available for parents who would like to stay and watch from the side-lines! The sessions will be at Rowledge Cricket Club, School Road, Farnham, GU10 4BN.

If there are any further questions or enquiries, email bhacker@abbey.surrey.sch.uk It would be fantastic to see as many Abbey students down there as possible!



Mr Hacker

Advance notice for September

Innovate IFG

School meals will be:

- £2.50 per day
- £12.50 per week

<https://innovate2020.cashlesschool.co.uk/>

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Exclusive Online Safety Trial for Abbey Students



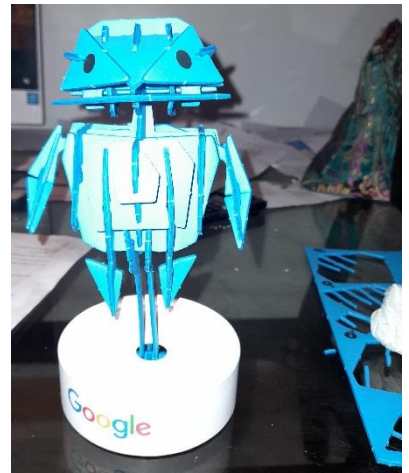
We have been lucky enough to have been selected by Parent Zone and Google to trial the new **Interland** Online Safety Quiz.

This consisted of following instructions and completing an online safety quiz to build your very own Google trophy.

The response has been fantastic with many pupils bringing their trophy back into school or sending photos in.

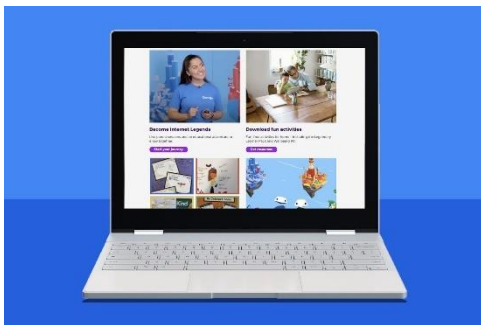


Here are some of our Internet Legends!!!



If you would like any more information about Parent Zone click the links below:

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... and for those students, parents, carers, and staff trying to figure out Mr Molloy's TWC challenge which was:

What were the two events that caused the internet usage in the UK to significantly drop in the last 18 months?

... the answers are:

1. *When Boris Johnson held his first press conference announcing a national lockdown*
2. *The very first clap for the NHS*



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Where are they now? ... another in the occasional series about our alumni



As our current Year 11s prepare to leave us next week we have news of a former student who left 4 years ago in 2017. Charles was House Captain of Neptune and later Head Boy at The Abbey and, as a student tour guide showing visitors and prospective parents around the school, recognised for being well-mannered and reliable. He was also an accomplished runner, member of a running club in Guildford and recipient of a Surrey Young Sporting Performance Award; a real asset to the school cross country squad.

His Form Tutor, Mrs Shead-Jones remembers *“a delightful, polite, lovely boy who grew in confidence throughout his time at The Abbey. It's so lovely to see how he has continued to grow in confidence and achieve so much since leaving us.”*

After leaving the Abbey, Charles went to Merrist Wood and studied Animal Management for 2 years (achieving a Level 2 Diploma).

As part of his work experience for the course (September '18) he worked at a doggy day care centre (K9DC) and had a part time job at a Christmas tree farm pruning trees etc. The doggy day care role turned into a full-time job and involved working as part of a team. His duties included: training of dogs, walking, discipline and agility training; dealing with customers and giving feedback about their dogs' progress and behaviour.

His proud Mum, Charlotte tells us he was a really popular member of the team and they all cried when he left!!

Due to Covid and everyone working from home, Charles was put on furlough from the doggy day care centre and was only required to work part time. He started looking for a career and applied to St Joseph's Specialist Trust. He blew them away with his first interview and was taken on as a Maintenance Assistant in September 2020.

This was a new role half cleaning and half grounds maintenance. He is now mainly involved in the outdoor work and is getting training in lots of practical skills. He has recently passed a 2-day course on strimming safety and maintenance. He hopes to learn tractor and trailer work soon. Charles has students work alongside him for an hour in the garden (mainly doing weeding or planting) as part of their work experience and reports confirm that he is extremely patient and kind.



School dates for this term

Thursday 24th June 2021		Last day of school for Year 11 students
	5:30-10P.M.	Year 11 leavers' Record of Achievement presentation/Prom
Friday 25th June 2021		INSET Day (School closed to students)
Thursday 1st July 2021		Year 7/8/9/10 progress review day
Monday 5th – Friday 9th July 2021		Year 10 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th July 2021		Induction Days for New Students starting in September
Sunday 11th July 2021		Friends of The Abbey Family Fun Day & BBQ
Wednesday 14th July 2021		Sports Day
Wednesday 21st July 2021	1:50p.m.	Last Day of Term for Students School closes early at 1:50p.m.
SUMMER HOLIDAYS		
Wednesday 1st September 2021		INSET Day (School closed to students)
Thursday 2nd September 2021		INSET Day (School closed to students)
Friday 3rd September 2021		Back-to-School

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