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# THE PEAKE POST

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## Message from the Head Teacher

We are at the end of an extremely busy year which has absolutely flown by. Contractors move onto the school site at 6am on Saturday 20 July, wasting not a moment to begin their work on expanding our building, providing a total of 12 new classrooms and updating our science facilities in particular. We will keep our community informed of our progress and are really looking forward to seeing and using our new facilities as they become available.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Edward Peake staff to wish you and your families a restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming all our pupils, refreshed and ready for new challenges on Wednesday 4 September 2019.

*Miss Z.J.Linington*

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# STAFF NEWS

At the end of term, it is always with mixed emotions that we say “Goodbye and thank you” to some of our staff as they move on and “welcome” or “congratulations” to others as they join us or are promoted to new posts.

“Goodbye and thank you” to:

*Miss Jones, TA*

*Mrs Taylor, TA*

*Mrs Widger, TA*

*Mr McCartney, year 6 class teacher*

*Mr Ouagena, Leader of French*

*Miss Tipper, year 5 class teacher*

*Mr Smith, SENCo*

*and of course Mr Della Valle, our wonderful Leader of Music, who is retiring after 30 years’ teaching at Edward Peake.*

Welcome to:

*Mrs Terry, year 5 class teacher*

*Miss Twitchett, year 6 class teacher*

*Ms Rook, year 6 class teacher and SENCo*

*Mr Evans, Year 8 class teacher and Leader of French*

Congratulations to:

*Mr Coverdale, Leader of year 6*

*Mr Campbell, Leader of English*



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# PE DEPARTMENT PICTURES



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# SPORT FOR ALL DAY PICTURES



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# Year 7 CLiPPA Show

CLiPPA celebrates children's poetry and the wonderful ways in which it can entertain and inspire children to write their own poetry. Every year judges create a shortlist of the best collections of children's poetry. This year a group of 29 pupils at Edward Peake were selected to shadow the judges and explore one of the shortlisted collection of poems.

Pupils reviewed 'Dark Sky Park' by Philip Gross. These poems explore extreme situations from darkness to the weather to space and odd relatives. As part of the shadowing scheme, pupils were invited to the National Theatre to watch the award show.

The shortlisted poets performed a selection of their poems alongside performances from other schools. The event was drawn live by illustrator Chris Riddell.

It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to see poetry performed live and experience a wide range of poetic forms and styles. Steven Camden was a worthy winner with his collection of poems 'Everything all at once.'

To top off the day, we received a unique hand drawn picture from Chris Riddell. We hope to take more pupils to next year's show and maybe even perform on stage.



# Belgium Trip 2019

45 year 8 students celebrated the end of their Humanities curriculum at Edward Peake with a visit to Ypres, Belgium. On this trip they started their year 9 history studies by learning about various soldiers in World War 1, the equipment used in warfare, the smell of the gases and experienced the trenches first hand.

Of course no trip to Belgium is complete without a visit to Leonidas chocolate shop where we received a warm welcome and the students filled their bags with many a tasty treat. Mr Duffy wishes year 8 all the best in their future studies and looks forward to hearing of their successes.





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# Uniform and basic equipment reminders

Please ensure your child arrives to school with the correct uniform and a range of basic equipment suitable for their lessons. All uniform and equipment should be clearly labelled.

Full details of uniform and equipment expectations can be found on page 10 and 11 of the pupil planner. A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all pupils.

Thank you in advance for supporting the school.



# Information for parents/carers

All visitors to Edward Peake MUST report to the main reception. Visitors, parents and carers are not allowed to walk on to the playground before signing in at the main office. All visitors must sign in and display a visitor's badge. Please ensure the main gates are closed as you leave the school site. This is for the safety of all members of our school community.

## Medicines and injuries

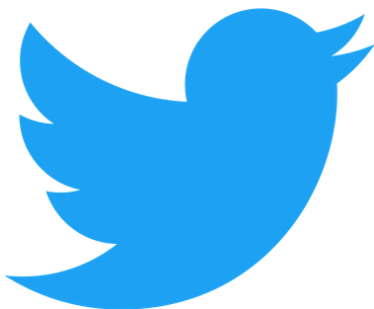
All medicines sent in to school must be clearly named and labelled. Only medicines prescribed by a doctor will be permitted in school, accompanied by a letter from the parent/carer. Children who suffer injuries or who are suffering from an illness may require a PEEP (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan) when they return to school. Please contact the main office who will be able to issue further guidance on this.

## Keeping in touch

Don't forget to check the school websites for daily updates, latest news articles and upcoming event information. Please note our school Facebook page is no longer in use. Twitter is our main social media channel. Thank you to all members of our community who are following our wonderful school.

Visit our school Twitter page to see news items, photographs of our wonderful community and daily updates.

Follow us @EdwardPeake



# WELLBEING AND VALUES DAY 2019

Thursday 11 July was our Edward Peake Wellbeing and Values Day. Our community experienced strategies to improve wellbeing as well as those that can help us when we are in need of additional support. Mr Eve delivered a fantastic assembly to introduce the day.

The whole school community demonstrated a range of Christian values throughout each activity.

The day was very much centred on appreciating the simpler things in life and being mindful of the world around us such as: Mural; Juggling; Mindfulness Colouring; Mindfulness Jars; Yoga and Meditation; Keep Calm; Dream Walk; Mindfulness Reading; Gardening; Gratitude Journals; Mindfulness Bookmarks; Mindfulness in Exercise; Cultural Mindfulness; Mindfulness in Games; Thoughtful Spaces; Mindfulness Safari; Wellbeing Animals; 'Spark'; Music for Wellbeing; Petanque; Famous Failures; Friendship Bracelets and Bike Smoothies.



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# WELLBEING AND VALUES DAY 2019



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# ART DEPARTMENT PICTURES



# MATHS UPDATES

## PUKMT Junior Maths Challenge Champions

Well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 students, for their fantastic achievements in the Junior Maths Challenges.

The challenges began back in April, with 40 entries resulting in Edward Peake Middle School students achieving 1 Gold Certificate, 5 Silver Certificates and 14 Bronze Certificates.

From there, the very highest performers were invited to take part in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad or the Junior Kangaroo.

An extra special well done goes to the following students for their outstanding achievements:

**Jessica for achieving the following:**

**Best in School.**

**Best in Year 8.**

**Gold Certificate.**

**Junior Kangaroo Merit.**

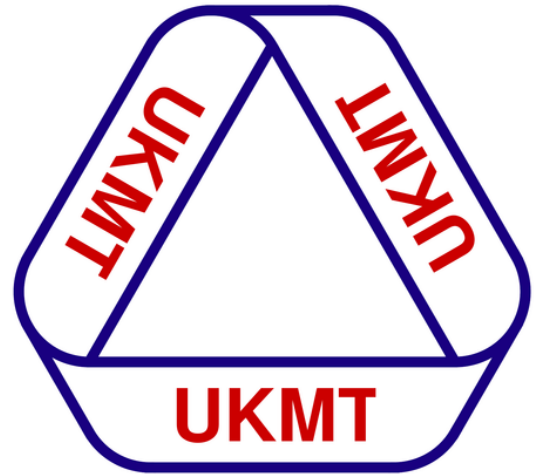
**Dylan for achieving the following:**

**Best in Year 7.**

**Bronze Certificate.**

**Georgie, Ellie , Euan, Maisie , Oliver for achieving**

**Silver Certificates.**



The Maths Challenges are part of the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT), a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year-old UK school pupils.

In the last academic year over 650,000 pupils from 4,500 schools took part in three individual challenges, the UK's biggest national maths competitions.

The Junior Challenge is aimed at students in Year 8 or below. It is the UK's most popular mathematics competition with over 300, 000 students taking part each year.

# USEFUL INFO

## PARKING

Please park with care and help make the area around our school a safe place for all members of our community.

If you need to drive your child to school, for the safety of all our families, please remember:

*No parking on single or double yellow lines.*

*No double parking.*

*No stopping, dropping or parking on the school grounds.*

*Keep clear of the yellow zig zags.*

*No parking on corners or junctions especially near the school entrances.*

*Please do not block driveways*

*Please do not drive on to the school site unless it is an emergency or you require a disabled parking space.*



## REPRESENTING EDWARD PEAKE

All members of our community are important and pupils should respect and adhere to the school values when travelling to and from school. Pupils should wear their uniform with pride, respect the local environment and be respectful to all members of the wider community.



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# USEFUL INFO

WAYS TO ASK HOW SCHOOL WAS,  
WITHOUT ASKING HOW SCHOOL WAS!

*“What was the best thing that happened at school today?”*

*“How did you help somebody today?”*

*“Tell me about something kind somebody did for you.”*

*“When were you the happiest today?”*

*“What would you like to learn more about at school?”*

*“What was your favourite part of lunch?”*

*“Tell me one thing you learned today.”*

*“Did you see anyone showing a value?”*

*“Tell me a value you showed today.”*



Biggleswade food bank was set up by members of Biggleswade Baptist Church in 2009 to help local people who find themselves in financial crises.

Telephone: 01767 312667

Email: [office@bbchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@bbchurch.org.uk)

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## Summer Holiday

### Learn to Ride & Cycle Confidence

Get kids riding in a safe, off-road environment, supported by local Sustrans schools officer Alister Barclay.

Choose a one-hour time slot and location that suits you, then contact [alister.barclay@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:alister.barclay@sustrans.org.uk), 07917 084663 for further details and to sign up.

#### Saturdays at Priory House

Central Bedfordshire Council car park,  
Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ

Saturday 3rd August  
10:30-11:30 Beginners only

Saturday 10th August  
10:30-11:30 Beginners & Improvers

Saturday 17th August  
10:30-11:30 Beginners & Improvers

Saturday 24th August  
10:30-11:30 Beginners & Improvers

#### Sundays at Watling House

Central Bedfordshire Council car park,  
High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1LF

Sunday 11th August  
10am-11am Beginners  
11am-12pm Improvers

Sunday 18th August  
10am-11am Beginners  
11am-12pm Improvers

Sunday 25th August  
10am-11am Beginners  
11am-12pm Improvers



#### British Cycling Go-Ride for confident cyclists and improvers

Every Saturday morning at RAF Henlow 10am-12pm.  
£3 per session. Sign up to the Youth Cycling @ RAF Henlow Facebook page.





# PTA NEWS



Support the Edward Peake Middle School Lottery.  
Guaranteed winner from our school every week.  
You also have a chance to win the weekly £25,000  
National Jackpot.

<https://bit.ly/2Uq3C2o>

Sign up now for a chance to  
win 1 of 5 £50 restaurant vouchers.

**We have raised £595 so far this school year**

## CONTACT US



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Have you registered to support us  
through Easyfundraising yet? It's a really  
simple way to raise money for us  
just by shopping with retailers like  
Amazon, John Lewis, Argos and eBay!  
**Find out how: <https://bit.ly/2OBUrql>**  
**We have raised £34 so far this school  
year.**



# CHARITY FUNDRAISING



## Mafambisa Children's Charity

*\*Non uniform day*

# £255.34 RAISED!

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# REFLECTION

God of the ages,  
you are the beginning of our journey  
and our strength as we pause along the way.

Hold us by the hand as we grow,  
show us where to seek you,  
and guide our steps that we may find you.

Give us devoted hearts that we may love you,  
and your peace when we reach our journey's end.



I WILL INSTRUCT YOU  
& TEACH YOU IN THE  
WAY YOU SHOULD GO  
I WILL COUNSEL YOU  
WITH MY LOVING EYE  
ON *you*  
PSALM 32:8

