MANOR GREEN SCHOOL

Excellence for All

# Head's Weekly Newsletter

**Issue 5**
**3 October 2014**

Dear Parents, Carers and Colleagues

It has been a very positive week at Manor Green School with one very big highlight—at which I was very proud to be a member of the school.

We held 'interviews' for Head Boy/Girl, Deputy Head Boy/Girl and Prefects on Thursday and we had 20 very strong applicants. We are in the process of finalising a very tough decision and I will let everyone know next week who has been successful. It was an absolute pleasure to spend the whole day listening to the students talk about what they like about our school, how they would make it even better and what they currently do to help others! They really did have some great ideas and we have so many students who would do a superb job. Most importantly, I was so impressed by the kindness and empathy illustrated by all applicants. They really were a credit to our school!

I was ably supported by Stephan Stephan, Community Governor, and he summed up both of our thoughts with the quote below:

'It has been a privilege to interview so many talented and able students, and it was certainly a tough decision to make at the end to choose four out of the all the applicants.'

A big thank you to Stephan who is really going the extra mile in terms of supporting the school, as are all our governors! It is great to see such involvement across a whole range of areas of school improvement.

I want to thank our four current officers: Head Boy/Head Girl and their deputies, as they have done a brilliant job this year. Jordan Clark, Lauren Way, Sam Luscher and Laina Davis have all represented the school superbly in both external and internal situations. It is due to their success that we are expanding the student leadership team to include Prefects. Prefects will take a lead on lunchtime clubs, and will also express ideas about how we can continue to improve as a school. This Student Leadership Team and a very active Student Council, which takes the views of all students, ensures that the opinions of our students are very much at the forefront of our thinking – and certainly not a token aspect!

It has been the students who have led on key decisions over the years, including the school name, school uniform and playground equipment. Keep the good ideas coming!!

With best wishes for the week ahead.

Nathan Aspinall
Acting Headteacher

## Speaker Session on Wednesday 5th November 2014

### Information, Advice and Support (IAS) Service

First the "science" bit:

"From 1st September 2014, in accordance with the new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reforms under the Children and Families Act 2014, Parent Partnership Services (PPS) in every local authority will evolve into Information, Advice and Support (IAS) Services. Each IAS Service will provide support similar to that of a PPS, although the type of support, and who is entitled to receive it, has been significantly expanded."

**Alistair Hines and Jean Hobson from the new IAS Service will be here at Manor Green School on Wednesday 5th November at 10am to explain all about this new service; how it fits in with the SEND reforms and to answer any questions you may have regarding these changes.**

This session will take place in the Conference Room and refreshments will be available.

**NB:** In future, I've also arranged that school will hold regular termly "Question and Answer" sessions for parents and carers (taking place prior to each set of scheduled annual review meetings) when Alistair and Mrs Pringle will be on hand to inform about the transfer process from Statements to Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans.

**Sharon Carrigan**
**Family Adviser**

## Congratulations to Kinney classes

At their coffee morning last Friday, 26th September, Kinney A and B classes raised £94.50 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done to everyone involved!

## MGS School Christmas Card Project

We are holding our Christmas card competition again this year and using the winning entries for the school Christmas cards. We will be sending home all students' artwork so that parents/carers can opt to order Christmas cards using their own child's work if they wish. The competition closes today and artwork will be sent home on Monday 6th October. All orders will need to be returned to school by Monday 13th October. Please note that late orders will not be accepted.

## Key Diary Dates
## Week 6

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| w/c 6 October | | Performance Management for Teachers |
| Wednesday 8 October | 09:30 | Sports' Council meeting |
| Thursday 9 October | 19:00-21:00 | Governors' SBS Committee meeting<br>*Focus: HR—Teachers' Standards, Teachers' Pay and Teachers' Performance Management* |

## 'Circus Starr' Performances

Roll up! Roll up!

Manor Green School has yet again been offered free tickets for Circus Starr – "the Circus with a Purpose"! Many families have enjoyed a visit to these circus performances over the years.

This year we have been given 60 tickets for each performance at The Brocas, Eton College, Windsor SL4 6DJ on Wednesday 5th November 2014. These take place at 4.45pm and 7pm, with each performance lasting approximately one and a half hours.

Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested please contact Sharon Carrigan (Family Adviser) **NO LATER THAN Thursday 16th October** with the number of tickets you would like and for which performance.

"*Circus Starr is an independent, charitable organisation that supports disadvantaged and disabled children across the UK. Established in 1987, we provide new opportunities for children and their families to enjoy the spectacle of live performance, creating shared memories that will last a lifetime.*"

http://www.circus-starr.org.uk/

### Term Dates 2014-2015

Term 1 starts on 4.9.14

Term 1 ends on 24.10.14

Term 2 starts on 3.11.14

Term 2 ends on 19.12.14 @1:30

Term 3 starts on 6.1.15

Term 3 ends on 13.2.15

Term 4 starts on 23.2.15

Term 4 ends on 2.4.15 @1:30

Term 5 starts on 20.4.15

Term 5 ends on 22.5.15

Term 6 starts on 1.6.15

Term 6 ends on 22.7.15 @1:30

Please note:

Year 11 leavers finish on Friday, 26 Jun 2015

All other leavers, including scho transfers and KS5/Post 16 students finish o Wednesday, 8 July 2015

### Attendance at school

Attendance at school is essential for student to progress and achieve. Ensuring thi students attend school is the legi responsibility of their parents or guardians.

The school is obliged to promote 100 attendance of its students and report ar concerns regarding poor attendance to th Local Authority.

As the Headteacher of Manor Green Schoc I have no legal right to authorise term-tim absence, apart from absences related t exceptional circumstances.

Please note that holidays do not fall into th category, however compelling the reasons fc booking them in term time...

**House of the Week**

I am pleased to report that the winning House for the week is:

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| 1st Peacock | = | 1259 pts |
| 2nd Simmonds | = | 1079 pts |
| 3rd Storey | = | 1038 pts |
| 4th Weir | = | 1026 pts |

Congratulations to all students !

Good luck to all students for next week!

## Primary Department's Stars of the Week

William Dobson, Cruz Elder, Rowan Walsh, Archie Phillips, Devonne Stribbling-Fleming, Andrew White, Bella Mays, Tyler Davies, Tanay Sharma, Jay McCloud

## Secondary Department's Students of the Week

Victoria Keates, Mason Thacker, Ryan Benlembarek, Spencer Howse-Macbeth, Nik Alexander, Raees Hussain, Skye Bampton, Nathan Doyle, Sam Luscher, Elliot Halligan, Adham Saeeid, Corey Beacham, Scott Andrews

## TLS Department's Student of the Week

Sean McFadden

## Into Film Festival: 4th-21st November 2014

Into Film Festival is coming to the Odeon cinema in Maidenhead and during the period 4th-21st November they will be showing films for free in order to "inspire young people (5-19 year olds) to watch, make and understand film in new and creative ways". There will be thousands of free film activities, workshops and cinema experiences available. Take a look at the free films linked to Maidenhead at:

http://www.intofilm.org/festival/events/locality/location/lat/51.520599365234/long/-0.72253233194351/applyfilter/true/postcode/Maidenhead

Tickets will go quickly and be aware that the Odeon is not directly involved, they are just hosting the event.

## Information items

*(Flyers attached electronically only unless otherwise stated. Please contact the school if you need a hard copy)*

- **WOW (Wide Open Worship):** Sunday 5th October, 3-4.30pm at Union Baptist Church.
- **The Cookham Copas Turkey Trot:** 12th October—5 mile senior and 1 mile junior races
- **Bucks Local Offer Information:** Thursday 9th October at 10am at The Lane End Support Group coffee morning
- Open Events: these are no longer taking place on the 9th and 16th October; the revised dates are 23rd October and 3rd November 2014. Please note that Sharon Carrigan will be attending both events and will be happy to meet up with any parents/carers if attending. This also applies to RBWM's "**Inspiration for Daily Living" event on the 3rd October**.

# SINGING AND DANCING

# FRIENDSHIP AND FUN

# BIBLE STORIES

# REFRESHMENTS

# DRAMA

# PRAYERS

We will meet on these Sundays in 2014-15:

**October 5th**
**November 2nd**
**December 7th**

**3.00 - 4.30 pm**
The Hub Union Baptist Church
Easton St High Wycombe HP11 1NJ

01494 473889 for details or
***administrator@unionbaptist.org.uk***
All people with disabilities must be accompanied by a carer

A Christian worship group for young people and adults with learning disabilities and their carers, family & friends at Union Baptist Church

WOW

***Wide Open Worship***

Cookham Running Club

Presents,

# THE COOKHAM COPAS TURKEY TROT

## 5 mile senior and 1 mile junior races

### October 12 2014

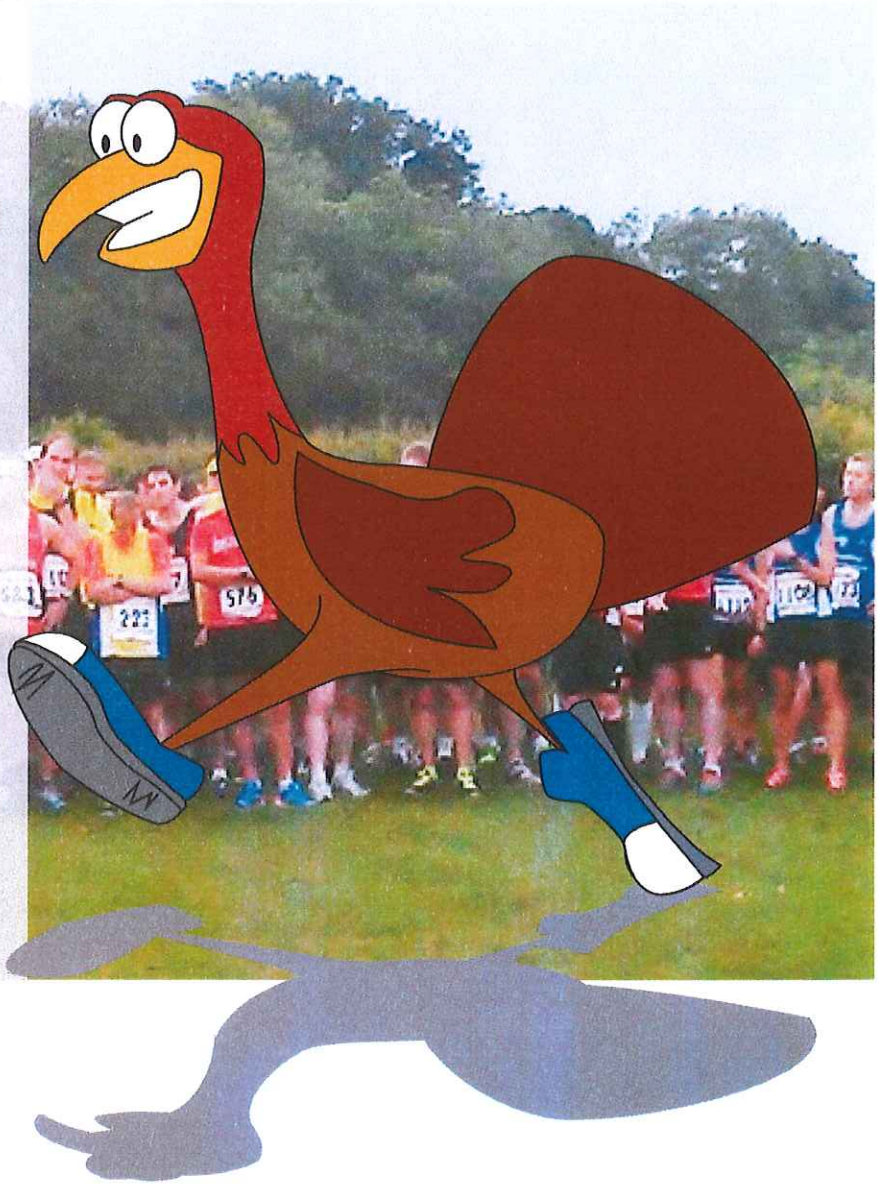
Come and join us in the UK's most authentic Turkey Trot race, hosted by Copas Turkeys on their beautiful private farmland and trails. Open to runners of all abilities, the undulating course takes in stunning views across the Chilterns towards Windsor Castle as runners wind their way through fields and along trails.

There are free-range turkey hamper prizes for first man and woman home in the 5mile race.

Senior 5 mile race open to all runners aged 16 and over. Entry limit 400.

Junior 1 mile race has prizes for the first 3 in the 8-11 category and forst 3 in the 12-15 category. Entry limit 100 per age group.

For online and postal entry details visit www.cookhamrunningclub.com



# The Cookham Running Club
# 5 Mile Copas Turkey Trot

12th October 2014

**ENTRIES ON THE DAY £15**

• **Limit of 400 Runners per race** • Races start at 9:30am for Junior Trot, 10am for the Turkey Trot. Prizes to Senior Race Winners • Junior races for ages 8-11 and 12-15. Senior race open to all runners aged 16 and over • One lap course •

**Last Postal entries to be received by 10th October 2014**

**ENTER ONLINE: www.cookhamrunningclub.com**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **First Name:** | | **Address 1:** | |
| **Surname:** | | **Address 2:** | |
| **Gender:** | | **Address 3:** | |
| **Age on date of race:** | | **Town:** | |
| **Date of Birth:** | | **County:** | |
| **Phone:** | | **Postcode:** | |
| **Emergency Contact:** | | **e-mail: (block capitals)** | |
| **Name of UKA Affiliated Club** | | **Affiliation Number** | |
| **Affiliated Entry Fees** | **£10.00** | **Un-Affiliated Entry Fees** | **£12.00** |
| **Total Fees Enclosed** | **£** | **Total Fees Enclosed** | **£** |

*Cheques should be made payable to **Cookham Running Club**. Do **not** send cash in the post. Entries will only be acknowledged if an email address is provided. Closing date for postal entries is 10th October 2014.*

I declare that I will be aged 16 years or over on the day of the race(s), which I have entered, and I am medically fit to run. I agree that the organisers and sponsors will in no way be held responsible for any injury (including fatal injury), illness, accident to my person, and loss or damage of my property as a result of my participation in this event. I understand that these details will be held on computer by the race organisers for the purpose of this event and future events. I agree to abide by any adjudication by the race referee, which I understand will be final. I will abide by the rules as supplied with the numbers and laws of UK Athletics governing this event.

Please tick here if you do not want your email address used for marketing purposes ☐

**SIGNATURE**_____ **DATE** _____

**RACE NUMBERS TO BE COLLECTED ON THE DAY,**
**PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 30 MIMNUTES PRIOR TO RACE START TIME**

Send your completed entry form & signed cheque (no SAE required) to:
**Turkey Trot Entries, Timbers, Sutton Close, Cookham, Berks, SL6 9QU**
Enquiries E-mail: CRCcommittee@gmail.com
Web: www.cookhamrunningclub.com (including pictures & results)
Results available on website

Cookham Running Club

PRESENTS

THE COOKHAM COPAS TURKEY TROT

# 1 Mile Junior Turkey Trot

**12th October 2014**

**Starts at 9.30am (followed by 5 Mile Senior Turkey Trot at 10am)**

**ENTER ONLINE:**
**www.cookhamrunningclub.com**

Junior races for ages - 8 years to 11 years
- 12 years to 15 years

**Limit of 100 runners per race**

**Last Postal entries to be received by 10th October 2014**

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| **First Name:** | | **Address 1:** | |
| **Surname:** | | **Address 2:** | |
| **Gender:** | Male Female | **Address 3:** | |
| **Age on date of race:** | | **Town:** | |
| **Date of Birth:** | | **County:** | |
| **Phone:** | | **Postcode:** | |
| **Parents Emergency Contact:** | | **e-mail: (block capitals)** | |
| **Entry Fees Post or online** | **£3.00** | | |
| **Total Fees Enclosed** | **£** | | |

*Cheques should be made payable to **Cookham Running Club**. Do **not** send cash in the post.*

Entries will only be acknowledged if an email address is provided.

PARTICIPATION

I would like my child to participate in the 1 Mile Junior Trot. I understand that it is a cross country running race that requires a reasonable level of physical fitness. I confirm they are 8 years and over on the day of the event and have their parent/guardians permission to participate. Once you have entered we will not provide any refund, transfer or credit either in full or in part whatever the circumstances of the entrants' non-attendance.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS- DELCARATION OF FITNESS LEVEL

I confirm that they do not have any medical condition (back injuries, heart conditions, high blood pressure etc) that would make it unsuitable for them to participate in this event or cause an incident which could result in injury to themselves or others. I do accept that there exists a risk of personal injury when undertaking extreme sporting activities of this nature.

SAFETY

I confirm that they and I will comply fully with any instructions given to them in the interests of safety by the Event organisers. I shall also ensure that they and I do not undertake any activity that could increase the risk of injury to themselves or others.
I acknowledge that they and I are responsible for our own safety (and the safety of their possessions) when participating in this event.
In the unlikely event of an accident, or loss or damage to their or my personal effects, I understand and accept that in no circumstances will Cookham Running Club, its servants or agents, be responsible for any accident or subsequent injury resulting from participation in this event or loss/damage to their personal belongings.

PHOTOGRAPHY DECLARATION

I consent CRC and its appointed photographers photographing or videoing my own and/or my child's involvement in the Turkey Trot and publishing those photographs online.

AGREEMENT

I acknowledge and confirm that I have read this Health & Safety Declaration and Photography Declaration in full and I accept the terms contained therein.

I understand that these details will be held on computer by the race organisers for the purpose of this event and future events. I agree to abide by any adjudication by the race referee, which I understand will be final. I will abide by the rules as supplied with the numbers and laws of UK Athletics governing this event.

Please tick here if you do not want your email address used for marketing purposes ☐

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**_____ **DATE** _____

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Enquiries E-mail: CRCcommittee@gmail.com Web: www.cookhamrunningclub.com/races.html Results available on website

# Bucks Local Offer Information

**On Thursday 9th October 2014 at 10am**
**The Lane End Support Group (LESG) coffee morning**
**Taking place at The Sure Start Centre, Edmonds Road, Lane End**
**Open from 9.30AM – 11.30AM**

- **Tahir from Bucks children and young people's services will be coming to tell us about how Bucks will help children and young people 0-25years who have special educational needs and disabilities.**
- **This has been introduced through the Children and Families Act 2014 so that the provision is responsive to local needs.**
- **This will include health, travelling to school, leisure activities, training and work, social care services to independent living.**
- **This is an opportunity to ask about concerns and issues that you may be experiencing and find out how the Local Offer can help you!**

**For any queries please contact Lo Smith**

**01494-881147 / lorrainesmith00@gmail.com**

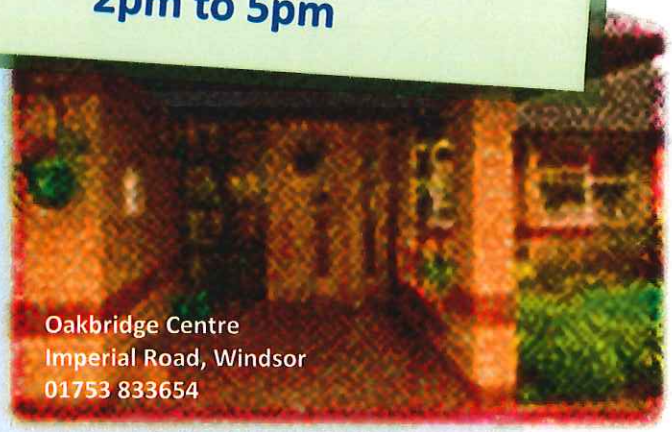
# Open Events

**revised dates**

**Boyn Grove Community Resource Centre**
**on 23rd October 2014**
**5pm to 8pm**

Come and see what we do

**Oakbridge Centre in Windsor**
**on 3rd November 2014**
**2pm to 5pm**



Boyn Grove Community Resource Centre
11 Courthouse Road, Maidenhead
01628 685737

Oakbridge Centre
Imperial Road, Windsor
01753 833654

Catering by . . .

"Bridge that Gap" Coffee Shop

**At these Open Events there will be lots of people you can talk to including ...**

**Staff and Service Users from Boyn Grove and Oakbridge Centres ♦ Members of the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities ♦ Transition Team ♦ Ethnic Minorities Community Worker ♦ Windsor and Maidenhead Mencap**

**You can see interactive displays, ArtAble and The Boyn Mowers.**
**Don't miss out on these exciting opportunities to find out more about your local Day Service.**

Promoting Day Services in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

✂ Please detach and return to Boyn Grove Resource Centre or Oakbridge Centre by Friday 3rd October 2014.

**Name**: .....

I would like to come to the Open Event at Boyn Grove Community Resource Centre.
I would like to come to the Open Event at Oakbridge Centre.
*(Please delete as appropriate)*

I shall bring ..... (number) guests with me.

E-mail: TheBoyn@rbwm.gov.uk *(optional)*