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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**“Don't be discouraged; it may be the last key in the bunch that opens the door”
- Anon**



Chaplain's 400



Among the texts and music iconic of the Remembrance season, few are better known than a stanza from the poem 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943). A century of repeating the line 'We will remember them' has ingrained it in most Western people. It is used on Remembrance and Anzac Days all over the world, and at other times when memorials are dedicated, or contemporary war victims are buried or remembered.

Laurence Binyon had a Quaker background. He was a distinguished scholar and researcher into art and literature, continually in the British Museum before and after World War 1. Deeply moved by the slaughter of 1914, He wrote 'For the fallen', published in 'The Times' on 21st September that year. The lines are poignant and profound in their sense of the dead, but they avoid the cliché glorifying of war and false martyrdom repugnant in much war writing. We have used the complete poem at our last two Remembrance Days. The context of the line 'We will remember them' is worth seeing. Here it is.

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
 England mourns for her dead across the sea.
 Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
 Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
 Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
 There is music in the midst of desolation
 And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
 Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
 They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
 They fell with their faces to the foe.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
 we will remember them.**

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
 They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
 They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
 They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
 Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
 To the innermost heart of their own land they are known

As the stars are known to the Night;
As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

MUFTI DAY: FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2015

The school have kindly agreed to hold a whole school mufti day in support of the Friends of RAAS Christmas Fayre. The Fayre will take place on Saturday 28th November in Gatton Hall between 11am & 2pm.

In return for wearing mufti we would like to ask for donations from year groups as listed below:

Years 3 & 4 : **New toys** suitable for the children's raffle/tombola
Years 5 & 6 : Bottles for the bottle tombola
Year 7: Toiletries /scented candles (unused please)
Year 8: Bottles
Year 9: **New Toys** suitable for the children's raffle
Year 10: Wrapped sweets, chocolate, advent calendars
Year 11: Wrapped sweets, boxes of chocolates, advent calendars
Year 12: Toiletries/scented candles (unused please)
Year 13: Bottles

Whilst we would prefer donations we understand that this is not always possible so would ask for a donation of £2

Thank you for your continued support

Friends of RAAS

SIMs Learning Gateway

With the removal of our old Learning Platform by the publisher we have been without the capability to share data live with parents and guardians about their child. I am pleased to let parents and guardians know that after Christmas you will be receiving a username and password via your email to our new Learning Gateway. As we build up to this further information including a user guide will be sent out to all parents and guardians.

Drama department news:

HUGE thanks to all those who supported our performance of Macbeth at the Leatherhead Theatre on Saturday 7th November; it was really well received and we had a brilliant day! If you weren't able to attend, we are holding a repeat performance at school on Friday 15th January at 7pm. Please note, this performance is approximately 30 minutes in duration.

This term, we have two performances coming up:

- Y9 workshare performance, on a First World War remembrance theme at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd December
- Whole school production of Peter Pan, once again featuring pupils from Y3-13 at 7pm on Friday 11th December.

Further details of these upcoming productions will be published in future newsletters. Should you wish to book to see any of them, please email oliphillips@gatton-park.org.uk, stating which performance you would like to attend and how many seats you would like.

We do not issue paper tickets for our productions, nor do we charge a ticket fee. We do however hold door collections at the end of each of our performances in order to raise money for future Drama department endeavours. At present, we are raising funds in order to participate in next year's Shakespeare Schools' Festival and to improve some of our backstage facilities.

ACTIVITIES

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Co-Curriculum Activities Programme is well under way with some activities proving to be very popular. With this in mind we will be looking at the registers to identify students who have missed three sessions, without good reason, and will remove them from that activity in order to give the place to another student from the waiting list.

It is important that we maintain good attendance across the programme as we may have to cancel activities where low numbers mean the activity is impractical to run. Obviously cancelling activities is not something we wish to do if we are to continue to offer our extensive and varied selection of activities.

Kind Regards

Co Curriculum Admin.

CoCurriculum@gatton-park.org.uk

Digital Parenting

You will sadly see most days in the news reports of children getting into difficulty due to their online activity. At school we try really hard to educate all our students on the correct use of technology and how to protect themselves when online. We also have a great monitoring tool and set of filters that stops students accessing areas of the internet that we feel are not appropriate. These filters we have to be updated regularly due to changing legislation and new websites being available. To help at home we have produced an E-Safety Booklet for parents that is on our school website that gives advice and current legal ages for social networking. To build on this we have also ordered for each family a copy of Digital Parenting which we hope will help to keep us all up to date with the rapid changes in the technology our children are using on a daily basis.

We will be send these home via your children in the next few days.

TRIPS AVAILABLE ON WISEPAY

Sat 21 Nov	Barbarians v Argentina, Killick Cup, Twickenham	£20.00	(under 16)
Sun 22 Nov	Coral Reef, Waterworld	£6.50	
Sat 28-Sun 29 Nov	Overnight Survival Camp	£10.00	Y7
Sun 29 Nov	Brooklands Motor Museum and Mercedes Benz World	£10.00	
Sat 12 Dec	Aladdin, Harlequin	£14.00	Y7
Tues 15 Dec	Jack & the Beanstalk, Hawth Theatre	£17.95	All
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Tues 19 Jan	Nutcracker, Hawth Theatre (St Petersburg Classic Ballet)	£29.50	All
Fri 22 April	Priscilla Queen of the Desert Musical, Hawth Theatre	£37.50	Year 10+ OVER 15 yrs old

HERE'S WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THE COMING WEEK...

Fri 13 Nov	Hollywood Bowl	Y7-Y9
Fri 13 Nov	The Snow Queen ballet Harlequin Theatre	All
Sun 15 Nov	Dr Who Festival, Excel Centre	All
Sun 15 Nov	Godstone Farm	Seniors
Tue 17 Nov	Elf the Musical	All
Tue 17 Nov	K2 Climbing	Seniors
Fri 20 Nov (moved from 27 Nov)	The Hunger Games, Mockingjay Part 2, Cinema	Seniors
Sun 22 Nov	Scuba Diving Try Dive – re-scheduled from 8 th November	All

Saturday 28th November Family Christmas Decoration Making

Come along for an afternoon of creating Christmas wreaths and other decorations from the natural materials of Gatton Park.

10am-12:30pm or 1:30-4pm. Cost: £7 for adults and £7 for children.

Advance booking essential - Book online at www.gattonpark.com

Saturday 12th December Christmas Crafts (4-7 years)

Get the glitter out! Christmas decorations for younger children.

10am-12noon or 1:30 - 3:30pm. Cost £6 per child.

Advance booking essential - Book online at www.gattonpark.com

Santa Claus is coming to Gatton Park!

Sunday 29th November & Sunday 6th December

Enjoy a golf buggy ride through the park to the start of a Christmas trail. Follow the clues to receive a present in Santa's Grotto!

1 - 3:30pm (go online to book a timeslot)

Cost: £5 per child

Advance booking essential at www.gattonpark.com

Christmas crafts in Gatton Hall

Other activities available for a small charge

Refreshments available to purchase

Please note appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear as the trail and buggy ride down to Santa's Grotto is outside.



SENIOR SCHOOL

Sovereign Cup

Gordon's School 27 – 21 RAAS

Tries – Dom Streete Bharath, Leon Shattock, Dennis Bashorun

A fantastic performance by the 1st XV Rugby squad wasn't enough to retain the Sovereign Cup as Gatton narrowly went down 27 – 21 against rivals Gordon's.

Gordon's got off to a strong start when Gatton were unable to clear their lines from the kick off, spurred on by the majority of students at the school, most members of staff as well as many parents Gordon's managed to sneak over in the corner for the opening try.

Gatton through a huge defensive effort managed to get back into the game with Max Watts and Sagar Gurung leading the way with some ferocious tackling and flankers Matt Mason and Patrick White winning some crucial turnovers. After growing in confidence the boys managed to play some good rugby in the Gordon's half of the field, however Gordon's scored a breakaway try which was superbly converted from the touchline making the score 12 – 0.

Slowly and surely our boys (sporting their fantastic new kit from sponsors Harrison Catering) got themselves back in the game with some superb carries from Cam McArthur, Ademola Odusanya, Kyle Elstob and Man of the Match Dennis Bashorun. After putting Gordon's under severe pressure a penalty was awarded in front of the posts, an easy three points surely? Charlie Longley had other ideas by taking a quick penalty and handing the ball over to fellow Vice-Captain Dom Streete-Bharath who wriggled his way through the tiniest of gaps to score under the posts. Longley duly converted to make the score to 12 – 7 at half time.

The start of the second half was a similar story to the start of the game with Gordon's scoring early on to make it 19 – 7.

Another try soon followed to make it 24 – 7, the crowd thought that was it and Gordon's would cruise home for an easy victory but Gatton had other ideas, this time it was the backs that created the advantage with fly half Bailey Hanchett Sprague getting the ball down the line to Dom Streete Bharath who made a break before offloading to Leon Shattock who took full flight to speed around the covering defence and score with Longley converting. A superb try that was applauded by the home crowd. 24 – 14 going into the last quarter.

With the wind in their sails Gatton pushed for another score, play went into the Gordon's 22 with substitute Emanuel Oduja causing problems with his powerful running. The ball eventually made its way to Dennis Bashorun who fought his way to the line with three defenders hanging on to him. Longley again converted. 24 – 21 with the crowd becoming noticeably anxious. Play went into the Gordon's 22 again but after being penalised a couple of times Gordon's managed to escape and take play up to the Gatton end. A scrum in the middle of the field right under the posts gave Gordon's one last attacking opportunity, however scrum half Longley was deemed to have gone offside at the scrum and a penalty was given. The Gordon's kicker had the simple task of knocking over the penalty to make the final score 27-21 to Gordon's.

It was a game that could have gone either way with both teams playing some fantastic rugby which entertained the hundreds of spectators including Mr Skidmore and Mr Spencer Ellis who had travelled from Gatton.

1st XV Coach Mr Carne was extremely proud and pleased by the performance and is looking forward to the boys pushing on from here for the rest of the season. Fellow coaches Mr Stafford and Mr Brown were very impressed with the work ethic and energy the boys put into the game.

Captain Patrick White although disappointed at the end will now look to lift his squad ready to take on St George's Weybridge in the 2nd round of the NatWest Vase next Wednesday.

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS



RUGBY

FIXTURE	RESULT	MAN of the MATCH
Friendlies		
Year 7 vs Richard Challoner	RAAS 0 Richard Challoner 22	
Year 8 vs Richard Challoner	RAAS 12 Richard Challoner 0	Magnus Runman Jaysun Yakoubov
Year 9 vs Richard Challoner	RAAS 54 Richard Challoner 12	An excellent all round team performance
Surrey Schools County Cup Round 2		
Year 11 vs Glyn	RAAS 7 Glyn 24	
Year 9 vs St Peters	RAAS 28 St Peters 7	
Sovereign Cup		
1stXV vs Gordons	RAAS 21 Gordons 27	



NETBALL

FIXTURE	RESULT	MAN of the MATCH
District League		
Year 7 vs Oakwood	RAAS 8 Oakwood 2	Frankie Chamberlain
Year 8 vs Oakwood	RAAS 4 Oakwood 2	
Year 7 vs Beacon	RAAS 12 Beacon 1	Keeley Hilliard
Year 8 vs Beacon	RAAS 8 Beacon 1	Abbey Neville
Year 7 vs Oxted	RAAS 15 Oxted 4	Keira Oyugi
Year 8 vs Oxted	RAAS 3 Oxted 12	
Emerging Sixth Form League		
1st V11 vs Glenthorne	RAAS 18 Glenthorne 3	
Duchess of Gloucester Cup		
1st V11 vs Gordons	RAAS 10 Gordons 26	

RAAS vs St Johns

Netball Match

By Bubbles Baylie and Liv Ashley

On the 10th November 2015 our netball team of 10 faced a tough match against St Johns Primary School. The first quarter of the game was a bit rough and tough, one team member, Bubbles, threw a long ball but was then tripped over by a member of the opposition and fell over on to her back.

In the second third the opposite team scored a goal. Unfortunately, Evie, fell then in went their next goal.

In the last round, thanks to Bubbles, we made a quick come back and scored our 1st and final goal.

We sadly lost.

Well-done RAAS to all of the junior netball team and obviously St Johns Primary!

Rank Weston

Congratulations to our new house prefects-

Jessica Thorne

Nicole Limbu

Alfie Rodd

Kevaughn Johnson

Bubbles Baylie

Kitt Simms

Allen Rai

Tyler Burnett

I am really looking forward to working with
you all this year.

Mrs Mac





Star of the Week
Autumn Term
Week 7



3P	William Chapman	For a much improved effort in school and a brilliant start to the new half term.
4M	Josh Bowring	For working hard in all subjects across the curriculum and good behaviour during transition periods.
5C	Lily-Jayne Love	For trying her best in all lessons.
5S	Nicole Griffiths	For working hard to ensure she arrives at school with everything she needs for the day.
6L	Kevaughn Johnson	For being a mature and responsible member of the class.
6S	Johnny Singh-Anderson	For always modelling excellent behaviour.



The Golden Book
Autumn Term
Week 7



Luke Bailey	3P	For brilliant work dividing 4 digit numbers in maths.
Theo Bendall	3P	For excellent imagination in writing a Teacher Hunt.
Cameron McCarthy	4M	For really imaginative similes and metaphors in his poem about fireworks.
Yasmin Jones	4M	For excellent work calculating fractions of amounts in maths.
Annabel Canning	5C	For some thoughtful and mature contributions in PSHE
Theo Boyd	5C	For demonstrating excellent understanding of the story of Beowulf in literacy
Jake Bendall	5S	For using a good variety of fronted adverbials in literacy.
Fraser Mills	5S	For sharing some super knowledge about Earth and Space with the class at the start of our new topic.
Evie Owsnett	6S	For improved concentration and effort in literacy
Cathan McAuliffe	6S	For fantastic subject knowledge in our new science topic - electricity.
Bubbles Baylie	6L	For excellent effort in numeracy.
Joe McCallion	6L	For fantastic use of subordinating conjunctions.

Our winning streak will start with communication

Salford kicked off but as soon as they kicked the ball Fin.W stole the ball and started the counter then Fin did a dummy shot but then passed to Paul, of course Paul went for the shot and scored. After that Fin stole the ball he passed it to Ota as soon as he did that Ota went for the shot and slipped Ota quickly got up and passed the ball to Ben. Ota came off then Charlie came on Paul, Charlie and Fin did a counter attack Paul got fouled and Charlie took the free kick he didn't get enough dip but he doesn't like dip although it hit the crossbar. Then it was a goal kick, Paul from defence he made a run and scored, Kevaughn and Finley. M broke down a little so Salford scored. Ota went in goal because Luke felt sick we kicked off but as soon as we started they nicked the ball ben came for a slide and they got a penalty and so they scored there was the whistle for half time. Tobenna got put on and our defence strengthened.

Charlie was in goal Paul scored again and again and again after Salford scored two goals against Charlie. Then they kicked off Fin got the ball then passed it to Arif then he scored. Fin and Paul got subbed of then ben scored. The final goal was by Fin but most of us thought that Paul scored at the end. It took everything we got from defence (Tobenna Okoli, Kevaughn Johnson and Finley Morgan) to mid and attack (Ben Lehain, Paul Sena, Ota Imina, Arif Neama, Finley Wilsher, Charlie Bye and Luke Betts). Man of the match was Paul and Ota and Ben got special mentions but we all still played equally good and in the end we got our first win (7-4)

By Charlie, Fin, Ota and Tobenna.

SIXTHFORM

The Sixth Form community has returned from various scatterings across the UK and the world. After a short breather for half term we have come back to mountains of work in preparation for our fast approaching mocks.

The girls' netball team, captained by Desi Mamudu, achieved a tremendous victory over Glenthorne High School in Sutton 18:3, while the boys' inter house football has already begun with Kent vs Gloucester this Thursday.

UCAS Application: the first 4 applications have now been sent and the rest of the applicants are putting the finishing touches to their personal statements. The wait now starts to hear whether or not the University of your choice will offer you an interview. Good luck to everyone.

Year 13 is attending a 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' presentation next week at the Dorking Halls, Dorking. The event is co-ordinated by the Surrey Fire & Rescue Service with the aim of making young people aware of their responsibilities as drivers. Previous years that attended said that the presentation had a considerable impact on them and certainly made them more aware of just what is needed when driving.

Edward Fremont-Barnes

**WEEKLY
MENU**

Royal Alexandra and Albert School Week Three

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Irish Shepherd's Pie	Jamaican Beef Curry	Creamy Chicken & Tarragon Cobbler	Beef, Neep & Tattie Pie	Classic Chip Shop Fish & Chips	Matador Madness	Brunch
Corned Beef & Potato Hash	Caribbean Jerk Marinated Chicken	Liam's Portsmouth Pollack Pie	Haddock Cullen Skink Potage	Potato Topped Turkey & Ham Pie	Spanish Butter Bean & Chicken Stew	
Boxty Cakes with Irish Cabbage	Plantain, Sweet Potato & Black Bean Stew	Cheddar Cheese, Broccoli & Potato Gratin	Vegetarian Haggis & Clapshot	Carrot & Swede Pasty	Roasted Aubergine & Courgette Frittata	
Served with: Dublin Coddle & Minted New Potatoes	Served with: Coriander & Allspice Braised Vegetables, Rice & Pidgeon Peas	Served with: Steamed Broccoli, Garden Peas & Seasonal Salad	Served with: Savoy Cabbage, Roasted Vegetables & Rumbledethumps	Served with: Homemade Mushy Peas, Baked Beans & Curry Sauce	Served with: Patatas Bravas, Buttered Chard, Spinach, Greens & Roasted Pepper Salad	
Barm Brack with Custard (Irish Fruit Cake)	Tres Leches Coconut Cake	Fruit Roly Poly with Custard	Apple Frushie (Scottish Apple Pie)	Butterscotch Pudding	Magdalenas Caseras (Spanish Muffins)	Jason's Juice & Smoothie Shack
Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
Luscious Louisiana Night	Chinese Banquet	Burger Joint	Northern Takeover	Eastern Promise	Toni's Italian	Roast of the Week
Smoke House Style Beef	Sweet & Sour Pork	Homemade Prime Beef Burger	Lancashire Hot Pot	Beef Goulash & Sour Cream	Assorted Pasta & Sauces (Selected by Toni, our Italian culinary expert!)	Home Roast with Traditional Accompaniments
Louisiana Hot Sauce Chicken	Cantonese Style Chicken	Mozzarella & Field Mushroom Burger	Beef Rag Pudding	Pork Stroganoff		
Mac 'n' Cheese	Tofu & Ginger Chow Mein	Popcorn Chicken Burger	Tom's Blind Scouse & Dumplings	Field Mushroom & Garlic Strudel		
Served with: Chipotle Salad, Baby Roasted Potatoes, Slaw & Chilli Sweetcorn	Served with: Prawn Crackers, Egg Fried Rice & Cucumber Ribbon Salad	Served with: Coleslaw, Relish & Shoe String Fries	Served with: Buttered Cabbage & Tater Hash	Served with: Sauerkraut & Czech Dumplings	Served with: Garlic & Herb Ciabatta & Italian Salad Bar	Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Root Vegetables
Key Lime Pie	Banana Fritters	Chocolate Chip Muffins	Manchester Tart	Andrew & Arthur's Favorki (Polish Pastries)	Genoise Cakes with Vanilla Butter Icing	Carrot Cake

