



# Ickniel Community College

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## Newsletter – 11 March 2022

Date	Event
14 Mar'22	"B" Week
17 March	Subject Focus Day
23-25 March	School Show
31 March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
7 April	End of Term (non-uniform day)
8-24 April	School holiday
25 April	School Resume – "B" Week

### School Musical

We are very much looking to our annual school production which, this year, will take place from 23-25 March. Please see the note from Adam Rowe, Head of Drama, below, with regard to buying tickets...

Ickniel Community College  
presents



ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book by  
DENNIS KELLY

Music & Lyrics by  
TIM MINCHIN

Wed 23 March 5pm 7:30pm  
Thu 24 March 5pm 7:30pm  
Fri 25 March 5pm 7:30pm

All tickets £9  
available from the Finance Office

Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

**Mat Hunter**  
Headteacher

## Matilda

I am very pleased to be able to officially announce that tickets for our production of Matilda will go on sale from 9am Monday 14 March, priced at £9. Rehearsals have been going so well and I am sure it is going to be a fantastic production, so please do come along and support the show. Entertainment is guaranteed.

Tickets are only available to buy online and not on the door. Last year we sold out four of our five shows so you may wish to get online early to avoid disappointment. **Payment can be made on either your computer or through the ParentMail App where you will see Payments as an option in your parent feed. Once in Payments, you will be able to view items “To Pay” or visit the “Shop”.**

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we have two different casts so please use the information below to ensure you are buying the tickets for the version you wish to see. All students are in all performances and will be part of the ensemble when not performing their named roles.

Part	Cast member	Cast member
Mr Wormwood	Danny Leys-Richardson	Bethan Rogers
Mrs Wormwood	Tilly Carter	Greta Quinn
Matilda Wormwood	Mo Horsley	Sam De Ocera
Lavender	Ashley Reyes	Izzie Hector
Miss Honey	Lily Allenden	Rosie Molloy
Agatha Trunchbull	Caitlin Hope	Billy Bowerman
Performances	Wednesday 7:30pm Thursday 5pm Friday 7:30pm	Wednesday 5pm Thursday 7:30pm Friday 5pm

Mrs Phelps – please note that this role will be performed by the same students for both shows on the same evening.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Poppy Gore-Smith	Ella Mathews	Aimee Lewis-Costello
Freya Fanchi	Mia Lynn	Millie Dawson

Finally, we will be providing refreshments and programmes on the evening for a small charge so you may wish to bring some money along as we are not able to take card payments.

**Adam Rowe**

## Online Safety – What is Yubo?

Please follow the link below to an article for parents on Yubo. We have a number of students in school that attempt to use this platform from their chromebooks and so there is a good chance that they are doing this from home or on other devices too.

In short, Yubo has an age limit of 13 and has some worrying features such as live location sharing and live streaming. It has also been criticised because of the number of inappropriate chats that have happened on the platform, often of a bullying or discriminatory nature. Whilst it does make attempts to stop this, it only does so by suspending chats. Users can get around this if they are persistent enough.

If, as parents, you are made aware of any other platforms or online trends that you are concerned about, please do share this with us in case we aren’t already aware. This way, we can ensure that they are blocked in school and staff, students and other parents can be made aware.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/what-is-yubo>

**Vicky Pickford**

## Subject Focus Day

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, we will be running our final subject focus day of the year. I have attached an overview of the day to the newsletter for your information. Please do share with students so that they know how best to prepare for the day.

**Charlotte Gibson**

### **Comic Relief**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, we will be supporting Comic Relief and trying to raise as much money as we can for this great cause. We will be running a non-school uniform day on Friday and students are encouraged to come dressed in red. The senior students will also be running a bake sale and a treasure hunt so please don't forget to bring in some spare change. We would also be really grateful for any baked goods that could be donated to the bake sale. You are also welcome to donate via our just giving page [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd2022](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd2022)

Thank you for your support.

**School Council**

### **Young Carers**

Next Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022, is Young Carers Action Day. It is often hard, unless we are told directly, to know who of our students play an active role in caring for a parent or sibling. Young carers and young adults look after someone in their family who is either ill, disabled, has a mental health problem or addiction. If your child is a young carer and you have concerns about them and or they need support in school please email me [jane.bellars@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:jane.bellars@icknield.oxon.sch.uk) . Attached is information on organisations who can provide additional support.

**Jane Bellars**

### **Senior Students**

It was great to see our Senior Students leading year group assemblies this week celebrating International Women's Day.

Congratulations to (left to right) Louis Bolton (Deputy Head Student), Caitlin Hope (Head Student), Llyana De Ocera (Deputy Head Student) and Ollie Esson (Deputy Head Student) for a really thought-provoking and interesting presentation.



**Mat Hunter**

### **Maths Problem of the Week**

The Maths Problem of the Week and the solution to last week's problem are attached.

**Nick Owen**

## DofE

Well done to Tom H & Thomas T who have uploaded all their section details with evidence for each section. A special congratulations to Holly G (volunteering) and Bethan R (skill) who have uploaded their assessor's report for their first section!

Please can we remind students that they need to attend the after school training to be properly prepared for the expeditions. Training is on Tuesdays after school until 4:15. Please talk to Miss Scane or Dr Hicks if you have any questions.

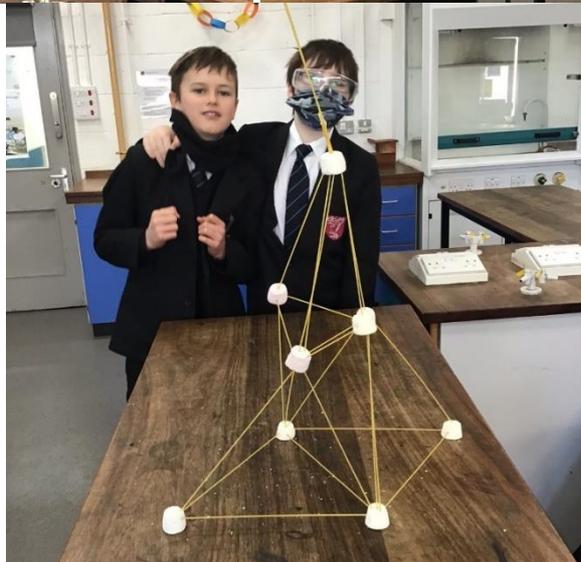
Dr Hicks' group will be cooking so you will need to bring something to cook such as pasta or a hot drink. Remember to bring anything you might need to eat or drink it with such as a mug or a fork. Miss Scane's group will be putting up tents. If you have a suitable 2- or 3-man tent, please bring it with you; feel free to leave it in room 33 for the day. If you don't have a tent, we will be able to lend you a tent to put up on Tuesday.

If you are close to finishing one of your sections, you need to ask your adult assessor to complete the assessor's report. This should be done using either the report card in your welcome pack or by the assessor going to this website [www.dofe.org/assessor](http://www.dofe.org/assessor) and filling in all the details. You will need to tell your assessor which section you are completing and your eDofE number. A reminder that your assessor must complete your report and family members cannot be assessors. Please ask if you are unsure.

**Miss Scane and Dr Hicks**

## Science Club

This week at Science Club (for year 7 and year 8 on Tuesday lunchtimes) we had an engineering challenge! Students were given spaghetti and marshmallows and had to construct the tallest tower! You can see from the pictures some of the towers under construction and Adam and Orson's finished tower! Next Tuesday we will be doing a chemical reaction challenge so any year 7s or year 8s are welcome to join us!



**Miss Scane and Dr Miller**

### **World Book Day Quiz Results**

I am delighted to announce that the Tutor Group who won the World Book Day Quiz is **10JW**. They have achieved the top score of **45** and who impressively answered all the questions correctly. A huge congratulations Mr White`s Tutor Group who are clearly great readers.

Well done to everyone who entered!

**Nicky Eales**

### **CareersNews**

Within this week's CareersNews, I have left in the details from last week of the two job opportunities with local companies. We have also been approached with an additional local offer for Childcare Apprenticeship opportunities at a new nursery opening in Chinnor. If you have a student in Y11 who is soon to be a school leaver and would like to know more, please look in this week's CareersNews. May I also remind the final few Y10 students who have either not sorted themselves a Work Experience placement or not handed in their completed paperwork that the deadlines have now passed. This is a compulsory part of our students education and all students in Y10 are expected to take part. If you have any concerns please do contact me: [helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:helen.richardson@icknield.oxon.sch.uk)

**Helen Richardson**