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Newsletter



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Swimming Eyes

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to our committed team of 'Eyes' who supervise the children's swimming lessons in school. Mrs Chantler, Mrs Banks, Mrs England, Mrs Munro, Mrs Dierker-Duncanson, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Leyland and Mrs Hearn have done a sterling job giving up their time so far this year and we are really appreciative of their generosity.

'Eyes' is a vital role, without which we would not be able to offer swimming lessons. Unfortunately, due to changes in circumstances, some of the people above are no longer able to supervise the sessions they were covering. This leaves us with a significant number of lessons either without 'Eyes' or with only one person, when it is ideal to have two. On a short-term basis (to ensure we have been able to continue lessons), we have had to remove TAs from other roles in school so they are able to support swimming lessons. This is not a long-term solution and I am therefore asking again if there are any parents who would be able to offer an hour of their time on a weekly basis to help us rebuild our team of 'Eyes'. It would be such a shame if we were forced to cut our swimming provision, as it is such an enjoyable part of the school day as well as a valuable life skill being able to swim.

Please speak to Mrs Sharpe if you have any time to offer on a Monday to Thursday afternoon between 1:15 to 3:15. I can assure you, your offer will be gratefully received.

Grease Production

I must say huge congratulations to the children who have taken part in the performance of Grease at John Taylor High School this week. After considerable hard work, both at choir and at rehearsals, our children have learned a number of rather tricky songs. Their standard of performance has been exceptional; not only their volume, but also the pride and enjoyment which has been evident each show.

It is also pleasing to see the number of ex TRJS pupils who have roles in the performance or are engaged supporting backstage and with sound and lighting. Thank you to parents for your marvellous support in the audience as ever. It felt more like a TRJS reunion than a Rydell reunion in some parts! Good luck to everyone performing in this evening's show – it promises to be amazing!

National Science Week - Journeys

This week has been action packed – as well as Grease, we have also managed to mark National Science Week with a couple of fantastic assemblies, a workshop for the Science Ambassadors and a whole school Science morning where children moved around a range of activities and experiments in their House teams.

Look out in next week's newsletter for much more information and a few photographs.

Thank you to Mr Heath from John Taylor High who helped to launch the event with his assembly and to Miss Press, our Science Leader, for all of her enthusiasm in organising and co-ordinating.

Help me! Please! Miss Branson is on the look out for a parent who would be willing to come in on a Friday morning to support Y3 with their times tables and spelling tests. If you have a couple of hours between 9am and 11am that you could spare – she would love to hear from you.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe