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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ambitious Staging and Cream Teas

'Hang the treasure, it's the beauty of the sea that has turned'.

Auditions began this week for the Year 6 scholars' forthcoming staging of Robert Louis Stephenson's Treasure Island. It is hard to comprehend that the children in this class will shortly depart. The cohort are so incredibly harmonious and add a visceral dynamic. Next month, they begin a five day, four night educational visit to the Isle of Wight. They will spend time at Carisbrooke Castle, the Roman Villa at Brading and will sail around the Needles and Trinity Lighthouse at Covehill Bay. Mid-week, staff will treat them to a traditional cream team at Godshill, an exquisite thatched-roof, timber-beamed village.

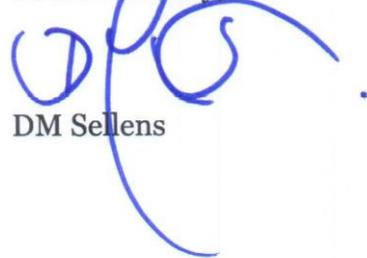
To Trigger Curiosity

In a departure from the norm, the whole school summer curriculum event will focus on science. In the past, all such ventures have tended to celebrate art. In an attempt to afford a new challenge and to avoid repetition, we have, on this occasion, opted to recalibrate and concentrate on the beauty of science and the natural world. Led by Mr Scott Gourley, this important initiative will, I hope, trigger curiosity through discussion and the practical application of this discipline.

Inventive Turn

Year 6's writing was internally moderated earlier this week. Imaginary letters from the poet John Keats to his beloved Fanny Brawne, short stories inspired by the Small Miracle of Dunkirk and essays that explore the notion of identity, are just three examples of compositions that demonstrate inventiveness and the capacity to embrace opportunities to scribe expansively. One factor in the success of the children in regard to the above, is their unerring commitment to reading quality literature. Reading can develop knowledge, imagination and vocabulary, as well as the understanding of the nuances of English grammar. This half term holiday, please ensure sufficient time is put aside to read with your child.

Yours sincerely,



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