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BACK WITH A BANG AT INSET!

A number of new staff have joined us this September. We had a wonderful time welcoming them at the INSET programme at the start of the month.*

The sense of camaraderie and excitement for the new year ahead was palpable.

*(INSET is a serious business but we might have sneaked in some fun too.)



SAILABILITY

Our school has had a long association with RYA, Frensham Pond Sailability.

This is an organisation enabling adults and young people with long term disabilities or illness the opportunity to experience the freedom of sailing.



Sailability offers challenges, provides inspiration, teaches independence skills, and improves well-being, both physical and emotional.

On a beautiful, tranquil, Autumn morning, six of our students were able to take to the water once again. The inexperienced sailors were provided with an experienced helper buddy to assist them in developing their skills and work towards independent sailing.

The morning was enjoyed by all.



Sessions continue once a week until October half term.



I am thrilled to be joining Undershaw and I can't wait to share my passion for music with the students. I have 15 years' experience of teaching Music at KS3, 4 and 5.

Before my career in teaching I worked for 9 years in a wide range of roles supporting adults and children with a range of learning disabilities and SEN, in schools, colleges, day centres and homes. I supported students in accessing their local communities and in finding work placements.

I loved this work and always imagined that one day I'd be able to combine this experience with teaching music.

Undershaw is the perfect place for me to realise that dream.



JAMES LINDSAY, THE MUSIC MAN

"I am incredibly proud of the buzzing, thriving, wholly inclusive and award-winning departments I've developed over the last fifteen years. In 2015, I was honoured to be named 'Teacher of the Year' in the London Borough of Merton in recognition of all I'd done to develop musical learning in my current school. In 2017 the Music department received an ISM Bronze Certificate in recognition of our outstanding Exam results and I've supported several of my students to win a range of local and national competitions as performers and composers."

I cannot wait to hear the students at Undershaw perform in bands, choirs, ensembles and shows.

I'm open to all tastes and will love helping every student I work with to develop their skills and create their own music.

I am so excited to work with the other performing arts subjects to create some truly exciting and original collaborative work.

I find teaching young people an immense privilege and I cannot wait to meet you all.



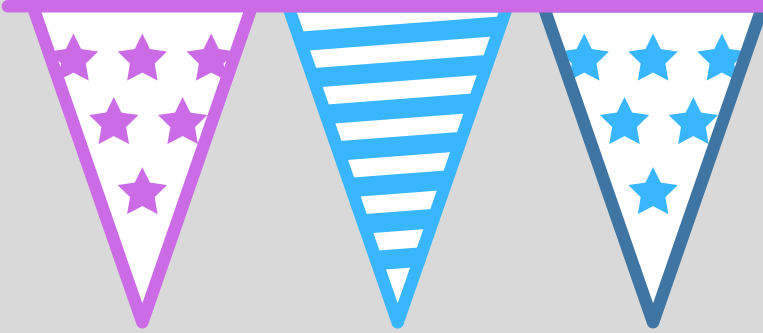
HAPPY NATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANT DAY!

Our Pastoral and Curriculum Support Assistants are fabulous and do such a wonderful job.

Celebrating National Teaching Assistant Day on 16th September was, therefore, very important to us.

A huge thank you goes out to all our teaching assistants from everyone at Undershaw!

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ANTICS GET WONKALICIOUS!

There was much excitement in KS2 as they welcomed some very brightly coloured visitors into their midst.

None other than Willy Wonka and two of his Oompa-Loompas ! This event took place as a *Sensational Starter* to our Chocolate Project!



WILLY WONKA WELCOMED THE CHILDREN TO THE WORLD OF CHOCOLATE AND QUIZZED THEM ON THEIR CHOCOLATE KNOWLEDGE.

THE OOMPA-LOOMPAS THEN DID A DANCE AND FOR A FINALE THE CHILDREN SEARCHED FOR THE GOLDEN TICKET!

IT HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER ONE OF THEIR CHAIRS AND THE WINNER RECEIVED A LARGE BAR OF WONKALICIOUS CHOCOLATE!*

*OTHER CHILDREN ALSO RECEIVED A TEENY BAR FOR JOINING IN! (AND PERHAPS THE STAFF TOO)



Are you a parent/carer of a child with SEND?

Join our 'Waverley - Family Voice Surrey' Facebook group to connect with other families and to be kept up to date on what's happening in your area for SEND.

ONLINE SAFETY SPOTLIGHT:

TIK TOK AND WHATSAPP

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TIK TOK

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat.

Its main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers.

TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity and has featured near the top of download charts ever since.

Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.

WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls.

The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them.

Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as stranger danger, live location sharing and disappearing messages.

To view the Parent
Guides please
follow the links:

[TIK TOK](#)

[WHATSAPP](#)

If you would like to contact Ginny regarding any concerns you have about E-Safety and how to keep your children safe online, please email her directly virginia.couzens@undershaw.education

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

AND FINALLY...
THERE'S ALWAYS TIME FOR CAKE!



What fabulous weather we had for our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon!

We had **cakes**, **cuppas** and **cash** at the ready to raise funds for a great cause.

The students enjoyed a wide range of beautiful cakes and some fun playing swing ball in the sunshine.

It was lovely to welcome parents on-site too to support the school and the charity.

In total we raised £132.80! A massive thank you to all involved.