



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents

### Arrangements for Staff Absence

Sadly, from time to time we have to make arrangements to cover for staff sickness. There are four members of the teaching staff on long term (more than a week) sick leave this term. We are trying very hard to ensure that students' learning experiences are unaffected by this.

Mrs Howes' Mathematics classes are being covered by Mr Andrew Smith. Miss Roberts' classes are being covered by a combination of other members of the English Department and agency supply staff; Mrs Eggleston's classes continue to be covered by members of the English Department. Mr Cooper's classes are being covered by Ms Carr and agency supply staff. I am very grateful to colleagues who have agreed help us out either by joining us or by taking additional classes.

In the catering department, the work of Mrs Hughes continues to be covered by agency staff. We send our good wishes to all of our absent colleagues and hope that they make good progress.

**Charlotte Marten**  
Headteacher

## Loire Valley Trip

### Monday 5 November to Friday 9 November, 2012

There are a few places left on the above trip. If you are interested and in Years 10 to 13, there is a Parents Information Evening being held on **TUESDAY 31 JANUARY** at 6.30pm.

This meeting is also for parents whose daughters are already on the trip.

**Ms Bowers**

## Badminton

The Year 8 badminton team came 5th in the recent tournament against schools in Rugby. Although we came 5<sup>th</sup>, most of the team had never played before as we only have one badminton court in the gym. On the night they learnt the rules and normal game play, overall, the night was really enjoyable.

**Miss French**

## Year 9 Indoor Netball League

**Team: Lauren Basham, Eleanor Long, Rachael O'Connor, Flo Chapman, Harriett Cotterell, Simrun Johal and Jaina Mistry.**

The first match was against Bilton. We started off slowly and Bilton were ahead 5-4 at half time. In the second half the girls played very well and worked really well together and won 13-9.

The second match against Ashlawn was a fantastic match! Ashlawn were very strong and took an early lead, 6-2 at half time. In the second half the girls gave 100% and worked as a team to pull the game back to win 10-9. Well done girls!

**Ms Clarke**

## Big Bang National Science Fair 14th-17<sup>th</sup> March 2012

This is a brilliant event where the student competitors not only display their project work to schools, judges, and member of the public but everyone who visits gets to attend interactive Science Shows, visit scientific exhibitors and learn lots of cool things about Science.

This year, three projects from Rugby High School will be competing in the National Science Competition over 3 days, so good luck to Corrie Porter, Terri-Anne Faulconbridge, Jenny Eyre, Eve George and Holly Williams, all in Year 13, and Anna Bates, Hatty Jack and Alice Hargreaves in Year 10.

Year 9 students are also lucky enough to have been invited to attend for the day, so you need to return your reply slips ASAP if you have not already done so. The event is at the NEC this year and anyone else wishing to go can buy public tickets for the Saturday by visiting [www.bigbangfair.co.uk](http://www.bigbangfair.co.uk).

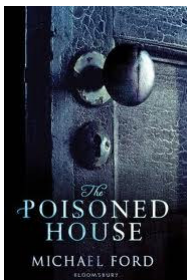
And the success of last year's gold CREST team is still ongoing.....

Sarah Parsons and Charlotte Porter, now studying at University, have both been asked by The Royal Academy of Engineering to take part in the judging panel this year, which is a real honour!

**Mrs Mighall**

## Book of the Week

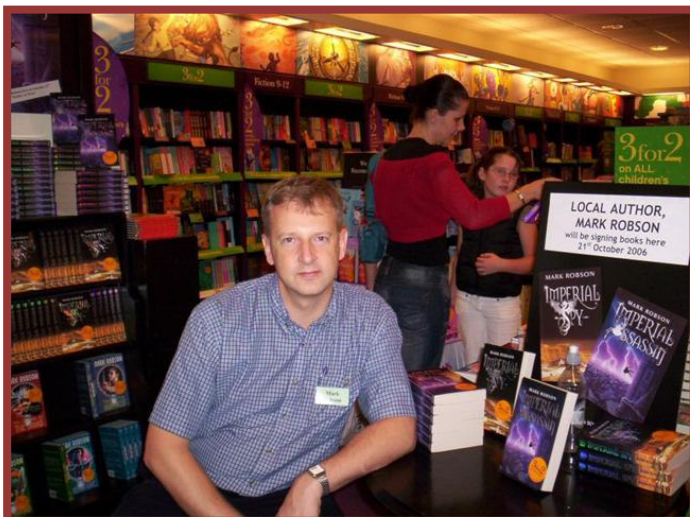
**"The Poisoned House" By Michael Ford**



Abigail is a maidservant in Greave Hall, an elegant London household governed by the tyrannical housekeeper, Mrs Cotton. Whilst the widowed master slips slowly into madness, Mrs Cotton gradually usurps the position of the gentlewoman of the house and reserves her most despot treatment for Abi. In the dead of the night, Abi makes a desperate bid for freedom but is soon captured and returned to Greave Hall. As Mrs Cotton's malice intensifies, a ghostly presence distracts Abi with clues to a deadly secret... Read on to find out more...

*"Evocative and gripping, this thrilling ghost story set in Victorian London is unputdownable...A must-read"*  
(Bookfest)

**Recommended by our Lower School Reading Group for all students**



## Local Author, Mark Robson visits Rugby High School

Do you like stories about magicians, or spies? Perhaps you prefer demons, or huge, fire-breathing dragons?

If so, come and meet Mark Robson, author of the Imperial and Dragon Orb series on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Mark will be delivering sessions to all year groups throughout the day and will be available for book signing sessions in the library at break and lunchtime. So, if you would like to stock up for your reading month, please remember to bring your money to school on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**.

## Reading Initiatives 2012

Somewhat a tradition, Rugby High School Book Month will be kicking off soon in February.

This year we will be celebrating in style as our theme this year will be ***This Sporting Life!*** to celebrate the 2012 Olympics.

So here's a review of events which will shortly be coming your way. The **Sponsored Read** will take place beginning of February for 4 weeks, when students from Years 7 and 8 will be competing for the Reading Shield by participating in RiBiT and BARC Awards. Our Sponsored Read beneficiary this year will be **Whizz Kidz, a national charity which gives disabled children the equipment, support and life skills they need to be just like any other child.**

During Book Week, there will be a **Reading Tent** with teachers reading extracts from their favourite books, Reading Raids, Book Swaps and competitions galore! We will be showing the film "**Cool Runnings**" during Book Week and we will be finishing off in style with our ever popular **Book Character Fancy Dress Day** when bonus points will be awarded for the most original and innovative costume. So, come and join in and have **FUN!!**



**Recycling Rota**  
Week Commencing  
Monday 23 January, 2012  
7H

### Maths Quiz

**THE ANSWER TO MATHS QUIZ 297  
WAS: 949**

For the solution and this week's question see the Maths notice board outside the staff room.

#### Quiz 299

How many circles of radius 1cm can be drawn inside a circle of radius 7cm?

## Box Top Tokens

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the 'Box Tops for Books' scheme so far. If your family eats Nestlé cereals, please remember to tear off the token on the top of the box and bring it into school and give the tokens to Mrs Chaudhry or post them in the box on the Librarian's desk. If you would like to find out more about which Nestlé brands are included in the scheme, please visit [www.boxtops4books.co.uk](http://www.boxtops4books.co.uk).

Please note that this scheme will be coming to an end in March 2012 so please send in as many tokens as you can. So far we have collected over 500 tokens....

## Scholastic Book Club

The 'Cover to Cover' January 2012 leaflets have arrived and if you wish to stock up for the reading month please collect your order form from the library. There is no obligation to buy, but if you wish to place your order, cheques for 'Cover to Cover' should be made payable to **Rugby High School**.

**The closing date for all orders is 10 February, 2012.**

## Puffin Book Club

The new look Puffin catalogue has now arrived and with the new group online ordering service you can order books online and have them delivered to our school free of charge, or collect an order form from the library and hand it in to the Librarian **by 10 February, 2012**. There is no obligation to buy, but if you wish to place your order, cheques for the Puffin catalogue should be made payable to **Puffin Book Club**. The magazine contains the latest titles from top children's authors as well as some great non fiction books. So hurry and grab your catalogue!

## Recycled Christmas Presents Appeal

Did you receive any Christmas presents this year, however big or small, which you'd be prepared to donate to our charity raffle?

If you have any such gifts, please bring them in and put them in the collection box under the stairs. Further details will follow.

Remember - one person's unwanted gift could be another's treasure!

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Form Charity Committee**

## Trips & Visits

### Maths at Dunchurch Infants

Wednesday 25 January

### Engineering at Coventry University

Wednesday 1 February

### Psychology Residential Visit to London

Thursday 2 February to Friday 3 February

### "The Taming of the Shrew" at RSC

Monday 6 February

### Reinforcing Learning at Bawnmore (English)

Tuesday 28 February

## And finally.....

### What if it snows?

The seasonal possibility of snow always brings with it the question of school closure. Although this is rare, we need to be prepared for bad weather. In the event of it being necessary to close the school there are a number of ways you can check:

**Listen to local radio** – Rugby FM (107.1 fm), Mercia (97 fm), and BBC Coventry & Warwickshire (94.8 fm)

**Sign up** for free text message alerts at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

**Check our website** for updates: [www.rhswebsite.co.uk](http://www.rhswebsite.co.uk)

**If the school is closed, students will be able to access MOODLE for work.**