

# The RGS Mail

## **March 2018**

Dear Families. Students and Old Scholars

Undeterred by the snowy start to March, Mrs Owen and the English team have been running an outstandingly successful Readathon in our school library today (02/03/18). Starting at 7 am and reading continually for 16 hours until 11 pm, staff, students and friends of the school have been reading from their favourite books using a relay system. Readers and students were treated to a vast variety of literature spoken in a wide range of languages including English, Irish, Manx, Afrikaans, Greek and Ndebele!

Students have been encouraged to collect sponsorship so that a donation could be made to "Read for Good", an organisation which helps buy books for children on hospital wards. The Readathon has been a fantastic initiative which has encouraged us all to read as well as raising funds for an excellent cause. I would like to thank Mrs Owen and her colleagues in the English Department and everyone who has taken part in this excellent event. You can see some pictures in RGS Mail.

There are so many things in our school like this which are a source of great pride to us all, not least the work of Mrs Cottier and Mr Spencer who work so hard all year round, but particularly in the lambing season in addition to their day jobs, Mrs Cottier and Mr Spencer have maintained a round the clock vigil to ensure the safe delivery of the offspring of our RGS sheep. They took turns to stay on-site overnight for a period in excess of 6 weeks to be on hand to ensure that all was well with the sheep. I would like to thank both of them officially for capturing the true spirit of several values in the RGS "Way of Being" in the work that they have done.

"Fairness" is the featured "way of being" value for this half term and students have been reminded of the contribution made by the island's Sophie Goulden to the cause of women's rights. The film "Suffragette" will be shown to Year 9 students this week to celebrate the achievement of Sophia Goulden's daughter, Emmeline Pankhurst, whose story reminds us of the sacrifices made in the cause of promoting "Fairness".

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On International Women's Day on 7<sup>th</sup> March, the RGSA Film Club will be showing "Wonder Woman", details of which are also enclosed in this month's edition. As I told the students in assembly, it is sadly still necessary to champion equal rights for women even today, especially since the results of the "Drawing the Future" survey completed by students in our partner primary schools indicate that gender stereotyping is still an issue.

I would be delighted if you would support these events and also our live screening events in the Northern Theatre Experience in order to enjoy quality entertainment and to open up new avenues to learning.

Talking of learning, Year 11 students will soon be encouraged to sign up for Easter revision sessions to help them with their exam preparation during the holidays. I take the opportunity to remind you that the Easter holidays commence on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March and students return to school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Let's hope that March which has "come in like a lion", goes "out like a lamb"!

Anneth Bako

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Votes for Women in the Isle of Man

A Talk by Dr Robert Fyson

Ramsey Grammar School Building
Friday 9th M Opm
Tickets £5 (Coffee)

CELTIC GOLD APSON TRAVEL - PORT ERIN SHAKTI MAN AFRICA OK PAGE OR TEL: 803246

Facebook.com/SophiaGouldenCampaign Email: friendsofsophiagoulden@gmail.com

Isle of Man Registered Charity - 1216

#### Ramsey Grammar School Readathaon

In support of World Book Day and Read for Good, RGS held a 7-2-11 Readathon on Friday 2nd March. The event ran for 16 hours in total and participants were invited to read aloud from novels, poems etc. on a relay basis. Here are just a few pictures from the very successful event.



# Ramsey Grammar School Association Film Night Presents



# Come & Celebrate International Women's day with us.

## Wednesday 7th March 2018

Ramsey Grammar Lecture Theatre

Please use West Building entrance

Doors open at 7:00pm. Film starts at 7:30 pm.

Price includes nibbles and refreshments.

Adults £6. RGS Students & U16 £3.

Reservations available from School West Office on 811100 or Gerri on redheads@manx.net/412181.

Tickets available on the door unless sold out.

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## **Bingo Night**

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March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018.

7:00 pm for 7:30 pm start.

Jackpot Game of £100 Cash Prize separate £1 game.



Books of 6 - £10.

Raffle and fun for all the family. Further details contact Gerri at <a href="mailto:redheads@manx.net">redheads@manx.net</a> / 412181



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## Ramsey Grammar School Association

## 100 Club

March



Date of next meeting

Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 in the East Building. All welcome to plan new RGSA events for coming year.