

William Ireland, Head of Secondary

November Progress Report

On Tuesday the 24th of November the students will receive their November Progress Report. This will be given out during the last lesson of the day. Please make sure that you read and sign the reply slip that will be included. The report will give you a summary of your child's progress at this early stage in the year.

Parent Meeting

There will be a parents afternoon/ evening on Tuesday the 8th of December, between 15.30 and 19.30. This is an opportunity for you to meet with subject teachers and discuss your child's progress. You may wish to book a time to talk to the Homeroom teacher, however this is more an opportunity for subject specialist feedback. There will of course be limited time slots so we do encourage you to sign up for these appointments as soon as possible. If a teacher's list is full then you will need to make an appointment in the following week during the school day. Each meeting will be a maximum of ten minutes and the sign up sheets will be coordinated through the school administration. The sheets will be available through Sally El Gindy in the school office or if necessary you can call her on 499 5197. Parents with children in both secondary and primary will need to arrange separate meeting times again through the school office. Unfortunately it will not be possible to see a teacher without an appointment.

Maths Puzzle

Answer from last week...The energetic gardener would be able to mow the lawn in twelve days. In eight days he would be able to mow 8/12 of the lawn. He leaves 4/12 of the lawn left for the lazy gardener to mow. He takes the full eight days to do this so he mows only half as quickly as the energetic one. He would therefore need 24 days to mow the lawn on his own. Twice as long as the energetic one.

Congratulations to Jonathan Harwood and Aliyah Yakub who both worked out the correct answer to the problem!

Here is this weeks puzzle – please give solutions to Miss Thompson or Mr. Jarrett before Thursday 3rd December! Good luck!

Average Number of Arms...The question is: What is the probability that the next person you meet has an above average number of arms?

Impossible

Unlikely

Likely

Very Likely

Certain

Year 7 Poetry from the English Department



Nick Toczek is a best-selling author, a full-time professional writer and performer who currently works variously as a poet, magician, storyteller, puppeteer, novelist, creative writing tutor, and journalist. He has published three dozen books and has made more than 40,000 public appearances. His poetry books alone have sold well over half a million copies! Nick visited the school last week and conducted a workshop with our Year 7 English A class. Here is a poem inspired by Nick Toczek's visit...

We have never

We have never seen a teacher teaching herself.

We have never seen an ornament jumping off a shelf.

We have never seen a nail cutter cut its own nail.

We have never seen a monkey go to jail.

We have never seen a skyscraper scraping the sky.

We have never seen a big ant or a big fly.

We have never seen a vacuum cleaner making a mess.

We have never seen a dolphin wearing a dress.

We have never seen Homer Simpson do something smart.

We have never seen a race that ends at the start.

We have never seen Qatar covered with snow.

We have never seen a river that ceased to flow.

We have never seen a cat and a mouse become friends.

We have never seen the world come to an end.