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This week's newsletter has been written by some of our students following our Team Morning on Wednesday.

For some time, staff have been discussing whether our team names should better reflect the values and aspirations we want to inspire in our pupils. After much thought and planning, we are delighted to have finally made the change.

This year, our teams have been renamed after influential scientists whose discoveries, determination and curiosity have helped shape the world around us. We hope this will become an annual tradition, with a different theme each year. In the future, our teams may be named after artists, historians, authors or other inspirational figures, giving pupils opportunities to learn about a wide range of people who have made a positive impact on society.

Our Team Morning was a wonderful opportunity for children to learn more about their new teams, work together and celebrate being part of our school community.

Now, over to our students, who are excited to share more about the day and their new team identities!

Mrs Berry

🍽️ Talking Around the Table

How can being curious help us to learn and grow?

Scientists work together to solve problems. When have you worked as part of a team to achieve something?

If your team was named after you, what qualities or achievements would you want people to remember?



A new launch of the house teams

We have had a bit of a change and now our house teams are named after famous scientists. We spent a wonderful morning together in our house teams learning about the scientists. It was great to see our school values in action as Y1 to Y6 supported each other in their learning and worked well as a team on a variety of research and craft activities. We were also very excited to learn that the staff have joined our teams too, and will be encouraging pupils in school day-to-day.

Year 6

Blue team - Turing

Hi, we are Saskia and Frankie, the blue team house captains. Our team is named after the famous scientist Alan Turing. He saved millions of lives by helping to create the special computer that supported the defeat of the German machines used to communicate in World War 2. Turing was awarded an OBE for his services during the war. He was well known for cracking codes and being very intelligent. He is also known as the father of computers because his work was a big step towards the computers we have today.









Yellow team - Curie

Hi. We are Autumn and Seb and we are house captains for the yellow team. Our team is now known as team Curie, after the famous scientist Marie Curie. She made amazing discoveries and showed great resilience through her life. Curie was born in Poland. She loved maths and science, but because she was a girl, she was not allowed to go to university. She moved to France and worked hard doing research about radioactivity. She was the first female to win a Nobel Prize. She went on to win another Nobel Prize which was really impressive. Her mobile x-ray machines helped soldiers in World War 1. She felt it was more important for her work to help people rather than to make money from it.





Green team - Hawking

Hello. We are Georgia and Jack and we are the house captains for the green team, now known as team Hawking. Our team is named after the famous scientist Stephen Hawking. When he was a teenager, Hawking built a computer out of wooden clock pieces. He studied black holes and space. He is famous for saying this: "However difficult life may seem, there is always something that you can do and succeed at."
This is the same for everyone at our school.

Red team - Johnson

Hello, this is Adalina and Zach and we are the red team's house captains. We want to inform you about our new team and where the name came from. Our Scientist is Katherine Johnson. She had a passion for maths and surprisingly started high school at 10 years old because she was so fabulous at maths. She had to move schools, because they didn't let black students attend. Johnson continued to work hard and started university at 15 years old! She got degrees in French and Maths. She went on to work at NASA, and because of her, Neil Armstrong was able to walk on the moon. She worked for NASA for 33 years.
Just like our team name's history, the red team will be out of this world!





Dear God,

Thank You for the wonderful gifts of curiosity, creativity and learning. As we begin this new chapter with our scientist teams, help us to wonder, explore and discover more about the world You have created.

Guide us to be responsible in all that we do. Help us to make good choices, care for one another, and use our talents to help those around us. May we learn from great scientists who asked questions, persevered through challenges and worked to make the world a better place.

Bless our school community, our families and our friends. Help us to grow in wisdom, kindness and responsibility every day.

Amen.

