

# Celebrating Books

World Book Day is an organisation on a mission to give every child and young person a book of their own. It's also a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.



On 5th March we had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. There were lots of opportunities to get involved and share stories throughout the day. Mrs Bate, our Librarian hosted book quizzes and also had a Lucky Dip Book giveaway so students could take away and keep some pre-loved favourites from the library. Staff from across the school dressed up as well known book characters and students also got creative with their outfits too. All students who dressed up were given a prize for contributing to the day and getting everyone to think about the importance of reading.



## Welcome

Welcome to our 'normal' Easter newsletter. We didn't want to miss out on celebrating and telling you all about the fantastic things we had done over this term before we closed. As you can see from the newsletter it was a very busy term and many of the students took the opportunity to 'Shine Brighter than they thought they could.' Thank you for all your support over

this term and especially as we have moved into school closure. I do hope this finds you and your families well. Have a peaceful and hopeful Easter.

**Mr Bennett, Head of School**



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## Last day blues

With the announcement that schools would be closing from Friday 21st March, our Year 11s time at Winstanley came to an abrupt and unexpected end. Many were

disappointed about not spending their last days with friends who were self isolating as well as the uncertainty at that time around exams and results. It was an emotional day for staff too saying goodbye to a wonderful year group who had continually worked hard, excelled and met our school shine values in many ways. Mr Turner, Head of Year 11, said that although it seemed like a sudden and very final end to their school year we hope to all reunite at a celebration event when everything is back to normal again. Students hard work will be recognised by exam boards through assessment, with the option to take an exam at a later date. Full details of this can be seen on our website in the exams section.



# Understanding Identity

On March 5th Dr Kennetta Hammond Perry - Director, Stephen Lawrence Research Centre and her team delivered in class workshops to key stage 3 and 4 students. The students were thoroughly engaged in learning about what happened to Stephen Lawrence and explored themes of identity and difference. We are looking forward to strengthening our relationship with De Montfort University, with more partnership opportunities.

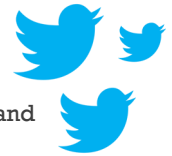


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## Sing Up

On the 6th March Winstanley students took part in the a rehearsal for a performance organised by Mark Delisser (vocal coach on The Voice and The Masked Singer, he was also invited to sing at the royal wedding). The event organised by Leicester-Shire Music hub would have taken place at The Morningside Arena with choirs from around the county but unfortunately it was cancelled. Keep a lookout for an online performance on Lockdown Gigs on Google Classroom.



## Coding Success

In November last year all Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 and 10 Computer Science students competed in the National Bebras Algorithmic Thinking Competition. 14 students from Winstanley achieved in the top 10% in the UK.

This is an outstanding achievement. On Friday 13th March they competed in The Oxford University Coding competition. We await their results.

### Congratulations to:

- Year 7 - Dov Jas, Alex, April, Shakira, Kyle and Leo
- Year 8 - Warren
- Year 9 - Reuben and David
- Year 10 - Dylan, Khalid, Rahul, Toby and Sukhpreet.



## World of Work

During the week before school closures were announced many of our students were still able to undertake their work placements, despite the increased restrictions that were already being put in place. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to find out more about careers and areas which they would eventually like to be employed in. Students who took part were fantastic ambassadors for our school, one student has been described as the most polite and independent young man they've ever had on a work placement. For those who remained in school it was English, Maths and Science as usual but students also worked in groups on a Business Enterprise Project to create a product to sell for Mothers Day. They had the chance to use many industry skills including teamwork, finance, communication, leadership and resilience while also completing market research.



## Supporting Others

- Well done to Lukas in Year 11 for an excellent letter he has written to an elderly member of the community as part of his home learning during the first week of school closure. His English Tutor, Miss Bray said that it not only showed empathy but also demonstrated his fantastic writing skills.



## Let yourself SHINE Independence

Last week the Geography team set their first of many creative challenges to make home learning fun. Each challenge lasts a week and the best entries are featured on social media, with the winner getting a little prize through the post. Ruby in Year 9 was



this weeks amazing winner, what a fantastic effort! Runners up were Gabriella - Year 7, Lacey - Year 7 and Kaylah Year 9. Well done to everyone who took part.

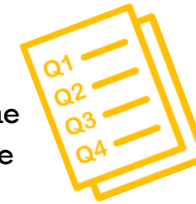
Find out who's **Shining Bright** every **Friday...** on **Facebook** and **Instagram!** Follow **The Winstanley School**



## Hard Work



Maths superstar Reuben has gone through to the 2nd stage of the UK Maths Challenge Competition. This is a great achievement and he should be very proud of his hard work.



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## Never Giving Up

- It's taking both staff, students and parents time to get used to new ways of working during the current school closures. In the first week many had to overcome technical difficulties but Drew (8HBA) showed resilience and found his own work to do on Sam Learning when he wasn't sure how to access his Google Classroom. The work he found was much harder than he was used to and he impressed his teacher Miss Jackett with his perseverance. Well done for 'never giving up'.

## Excellence

We have received lovely emails about two of our students who went on recent work placements. Finlay in Year 10 spent a week at Oakfield Garden Maintenance, his supervisor said that nothing was too much trouble for Finlay, he was up and waiting to be picked up every morning and was willing to have a go and learn the jobs we completed through out the week Jack went to work at Boots, his supervisor said 'I have to say I was very impressed with his attitude to work especially in these uncertain times. He was punctual, positive and keen to learn, a real breath of fresh air'. Well done to both of them for 'Shining Brighter' in the world of work!

