

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.

Unfortunately we were still in lockdown on the 4th March so we had to celebrate World Book Day virtually this year. Staff put together a video showing which books they were reading and the English Team did their live lessons dressed as book characters. There were activities for students to take part in at home as well as an

- assembly via google classroom. Students who were in school may have had a surprise to find a dinosaur roaming the corridors with his favourite book—Jurassic Park. We think it may have been another of Mr Scrimshire's fabulous costumes! It was certainly a fantastic way to get everyone to think about the importance of reading and their favourite books.



Welcome

Wow - what a three weeks. It has been brilliant to have the buzz of a school full of students working hard and enjoying being back. I am so proud of how everyone in the Winstanley community has worked together to make the return to school so positive. Thank you so much for all your support in ensuring it has gone so well. As you can see from the newsletter despite all the limitations because of Covid the students have managed to be involved in a whole variety of activities. They have clearly been showing our SHINE values and have been 'shining brighter than you thought you could.'

On another note we have given the students enough tests to continue testing over the holidays so please keep using them on Wednesday and Sunday and reporting results - it is all part of our small effort to reduce the impact of Covid in our community. I do hope you have a great holiday and enjoy having a little more normality. May you know peace and have a blessed Easter.



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Headteacher**

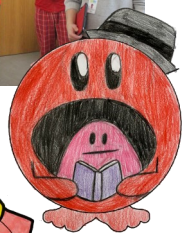
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Red Nose Day

On Friday 19th March we held our first whole school fundraising event this year. Red

Nose Day and Comic Relief raise money to make a difference to people across the UK and around the world. The Covid pandemic has made many people's lives more difficult than ever so supporting such a fantastic appeal is important to our school community. Staff and students wore something red for school and donated £1, students were also asked to share their best jokes and design a red nose, here are some of the winning designs. We raised £217.67 in total for this amazing cause, well done Winstanley and well done to our house leaders for organising the activities.



Leading the Way

The Stephen Lawrence Student Ambassadors have started this academic year with a clear plan. We have student ambassadors in every year group. Together they have planned a range of fun activities to support our SHINE values and promote the legacy of Stephen Lawrence.

Activities include an art exhibition, cooking challenges and virtual tours of the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre based at De Montfort University.



Our ambassadors have demonstrated strong leadership skills by representing the school in live interviews with BBC Radio Leicester, and being a part of a [local webinar panel discussion](#) with Baroness Lawrence of Clarendon, OBE. A personal thank you message goes to The Right Honourable Stuart Andrew Lawrence for gifting badges to our ambassadors.



New Friendships

The Religious Studies department at The Winstanley School have taken advantage of remote lessons by connecting students across Countesthorpe Academy, Bosworth Academy and The Winstanley School virtually. This was achieved with support from The Schools Linking Project. One of the aims of the project is to build a sense of togetherness with other children. Key stage 3 students across these three schools exchanged information, with the aim of getting to know people different to themselves and build community connections.

'The linking classrooms project provides a great opportunity for students to consider what makes a vibrant community. The resources on concepts such as ubuntu are highly engaging and extremely powerful.' Mr Rigby-TWS

Students also commented on their experiences of the project

'I think that these sessions are important because we are learning the true meaning of equal'

'One thing that stood out to us was how people feel like they have to change to meet others expectations and how they feel like they can be judged by someone who doesn't even know them.'

'We should share this information because if other people see this then we can make the world a better place.'

We plan to create more opportunities to build connections between students across the LiFE MAT community.

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Fantastic Footy



Our new 45m x 28m floodlit 3G pitch is now up and running. It is a fabulous facility that improves the quality of learning and football for all levels. The first ever goal on the new pitch was scored by Lotredge M . All year groups are enjoying playing on there at lunch time, clubs and during PE lessons.

It will also be available for community users when the current restrictions are lifted.



Excellence

Our safe return to school should be credited to the amazing members of staff who volunteered in our on-site lateral flow testing station. They began their work shortly after the Christmas break initially testing staff and students who were in school. Since school has reopened the centre has completed over 1400 student tests. Special thanks go to Leroy Scrimshire, Walter Tandhi, Toni Dring, Liz Lucas, Karolina, Chris Mountain, Dawn Cornes and Mr Turner whose coordination of the whole operation ensured a smooth experience for everyone who used the facility. We have now moved to home testing and all students should have received their testing kits.



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Independence

As we approach the end of term we once again want to engage with our wider community and wish our neighbours a Happy Easter and to let the more vulnerable residents know that we are still here for them if they need help or support. Students have been out with Mr L Scrimshire over the past few days delivering chocolate eggs and cards and giving our best wishes to our neighbours.



Hard Work

Every Friday we celebrate the hard work and achievements of students by inviting them to have Hot Chocolate with Mr Bennett, Headteacher. We were able to continue this throughout lockdown by doing 'Virtual Hot Chocolate', and recognise the efforts of students learning from home. It's fantastic to be able to do this again in person though, this was our first one after returning to school with Year 10 students. Follow us on Twitter to find out more.



SHINE

Supporting Others



Our staff have been getting active and raising money for a great local cause. We kicked off our latest challenge just before February half term, staff were challenged to walk, run, cycle 5km, nominate another 5 colleagues and donate at least £5 to the [Braunstone Town Food Bank](#). So far we estimate that we have raised around £320 with more staff to still complete their challenge. If you would like to support us you can donate using the link above, or if you prefer to donate food items they would also be gratefully received at Braunstone Town Civic Centre.



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Never Giving Up

Sporting success is all about determination and never giving up, our students have definitely been demonstrating this and shining brightest in the sports challenges organised by Hinckley & Bosworth SSPAN. Congratulations to Ethan C for winning the 5 Cone sprint challenge. This is the fifth time that one of our students has beaten all other students across the whole of the Hinckley and Bosworth area.



Fantastic effort from our Winstanley students as usual.

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