

Shining Brighter!

On the 8th March we hosted our 3rd annual 'Girls SHINE Brighter' event to coincide with International Women's Day. Our female students assembled to hear from some fantastic key speakers including Amanda Blanc, Group CEO of Aviva and David Wilkinson from the Space Centre. Girls also had the opportunity to take part in a 'round robin' session where they were able to speak to women from a whole host of careers to find out more about their roles, career paths and the road to success. The event was hosted by our Prefects to encourage leadership skills and the importance of both boys and girls taking steps to #breakthebias and encourage a gender equal future.

Towards the end of the event we had a live link up and joined other schools in our MAT. This enabled our students to voice their own hopes and expectations for the future. Currently women only make up 8% of CEOs in the top 100 companies in the UK*. By empowering our students we hope they will strive for equality so that women become influential decision makers of the future.

Welcome

I have been doing Easter assemblies this week and focusing on some of the key messages from the story that Christians remember. I have been struck again by the hope that Christians gain from the resurrection of Jesus. Ever since I was given the incredible privilege of leading The Winstanley School I have wanted the school to be a real beacon of hope in our community. As the newsletter makes clear this has been happening in all sorts of ways and it's great to see the Winstanley community 'shining bright' and bringing hope. Thank you for all your support, it is truly fantastic to work in partnership with you. Make sure you have a blessed, relaxing and peaceful Easter.

Dave Bennett, Headteacher

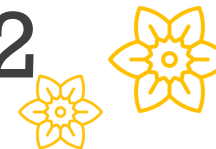


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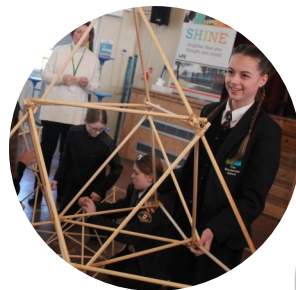
On the 3rd March we celebrated 25 years of World Book Day. It's the biggest celebration of reading and aims to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child the opportunity to own their own book. It was fantastic to see so many staff and students dressing for the occasion: our Maths team used The Wizard of Oz for inspiration, English chose Alice in Wonderland, Humanities dressed as characters from Peter Pan and Art and Design were inspired by Roald Dahl. It's a great way to start conversations about favourite stories. Students in Year 7 and 8 all received a new book as well as their £1 voucher, we hope they feel inspired to pick up a book and start reading!



We can build it!

Some of our Year 8 girls took part in 'Changing the face of construction' an educational initiative run by Blaby District Council. It is an event for girls to find out about the different roles within the construction industry and take part in games and activities related to construction roles. A big thank you to the volunteers:

Jo and Clem - Blaby District council, Tillie - Davidsons Homes and Yasmin and Nyasha - Lendlease



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Red Nose Day

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Supporting Ukraine

We had a fantastic Red Nose Day at Winstanley, it was great to see so many staff and students wearing red to show their support, and of course there are always some who go the extra mile! All week leading up to Red Nose Day, our House Leaders ran bake sales at breaktime in the hall, these proved hugely popular. However, the most popular fundraiser was throwing things at Mr Megginson and Mr Bradley. Throughout lunchtime, students queued up in the sunshine to throw beans, mushy peas and rice pudding – well done to both of them for being such good sports, needless to say they had a good wash down before afternoon lessons! In total we raised £508.37 which will go to some great causes both here and abroad.



Like most people in our local community we wanted to help the people of Ukraine as we have seen the terrible events unfolding in their country. Yet again we are amazed at the generosity of our students, parents and staff. With just 24 hours notice we collected a vast amount of items to send to the people of Ukraine. Mr Bennett delivered the items to the Ukraine Centre in Leicester, who were overwhelmed with the support they have been given from across Leicestershire. We would like to thank everyone who donated the much needed items and we hope that it will be a lifeline to those who find themselves in such terrible circumstances.





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Trying Teamwork

During this term some of our Year 9 students have been working with Ryan from Leicester Tigers Foundation. He has been running a 6 week programme designed to support teamwork and raise self esteem and confidence through rugby. The students have really enjoyed their sessions and it's great to see them shining bright through this initiative.



We are now on **Instagram**, join our other **1043** followers!

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Storytime...

On Friday 25th March, the First Story creative writing group were invited to take part in The University of Leicester's Literary Leicester Festival. Students took part in a series of lively warm up games and then switched their focus to tackling some creative writing. They thought about personal anecdotes and then had to formulate the story based on "freeze frames". They also wrote about a new rule - that you could only smile once a day! Whole new worlds were conjured up in the minds of our young people as they imagined how these subtle rules could shape our society for better or worse. They then had lunch in Victoria Park, basking in the sunshine and after a tour of the university campus, they headed over to the Attenborough Arts Centre to showcase their work from earlier in the day. The students had a great day and made the school proud.



On Monday 4th April, we also held a First Story Anthology Launch Event, where students were presented with a copy of the book which they have contributed to. It was amazing to see their words in print, and this will hopefully inspire them to continue their enjoyment of creative writing.

Easter Wishes

As we approach the end of term we once again want to engage with our wider community and wish our neighbours a Happy Easter. Students have been out in some April showers with Mr L Scrimshire over the past few days delivering chocolate eggs and cards and giving our best wishes to our neighbours.



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Room for Reflection

We are thrilled to see our new prayer room finally taking shape after weeks of planning. The room has been funded by Friar Lane and Braunstone Baptist Church and Maz and David from the church have been adding the finishing touches. It is hoped that the room will be used by all students who need a quiet space to pray, and will eventually reflect the vibrant mix of faiths that make up our school community. With Easter and Ramadan approaching it will be a perfect place for students who may want a peaceful place to reflect on significant religious events.

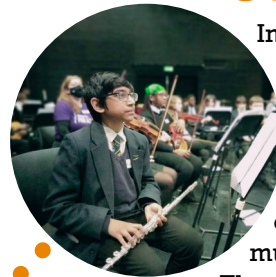




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Bradgate Park

Students who are taking part in DofE had a glorious day to take part in their first practice expedition. They walked through Swithland Woods and Bradgate Park, 8.9km in total. Led and navigated by the students themselves, it was their first opportunity to do some map reading and follow a map route.



Orchestra

In March our school orchestra had a day rehearsing with other schools from the midlands for the Orchestras for All Modulo project at the Midlands Arts Centre in Birmingham. They are learning two pieces of music arranged for Modulo; Crossfade and Allegro. During the last part of the day, the students were creating a mash-up of musical ideas to stitch the two pieces together. The next Modulo meet is national with 35 schools joining together to make one huge orchestra.



Harry Potter

The English Department had an amazing time taking students in Years 8 and 9 to Harry Potter Studios earlier in the term! The students loved being able to visit Diagon Alley, walk through the Great Hall and open a bank account in Gringotts to store all their knuts, sickles and galleons. A magical day out!

History

At the beginning of April Year 11 history students visited Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire to support their learning for the GCSE topic 'History Around Us'. The trip was to see how the site had evolved over time. The castle has 900 years of history to explore evolving from a vast medieval fortress to an Elizabethan pleasure palace. Students really enjoyed climbing the towers, enjoying the sweeping views and finding out more about the people who lived and worked in the castle.



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Trips and Visits

Blood Brothers

The English Department loved taking Year 8 and Year 9 students to see Willy Russell's musical Blood Brothers at The New Theatre in Peterborough. Tears, laughter and surprises were on display at various points in the play! It was such a pleasure for our students to see a show in the theatre, especially as these opportunities have been so limited.



Stephen Lawrence Day 2022

The appointed Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors met with Baroness Doreen Lawrence at De Montfort University's Stephen Lawrence Research Centre to talk about what Stephen means to them and take part in filming a video. The SL Ambassadors are gearing up for events in Stephen's memory which will take place after the Easter break.



Don't forget to look out for #HotChocFri every week on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!