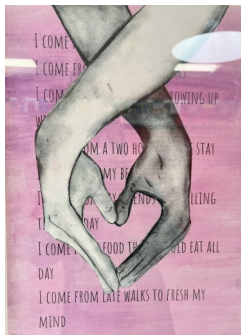


This year we celebrated Stephen Lawrence Day, on the slightly later date of 28th April, due to it falling on a weekend. It was amazing to see so many

staff and students remembering Stephen by wearing something orange for school. Leading up to this we had participated in a number of activities for students to think about what happened to Stephen and how we can be proactive in making his legacy have a lasting impact. Students produced artwork and poetry which has been exhibited in a



touring exhibition, some of the students attended the official opening which was featured on BBC local news.

Our Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors led assemblies during the week which gave us all a better understanding of what happened to Stephen and why it's so important that we all make the most of all opportunities and think about how we can all make positive changes to make society safe and equal for all.

The final assembly of the week was live-streamed to all classrooms and we were joined by Sherilyn Pereira, from the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre at DMU, who has worked closely with the school since the creation of the centre, she said -

"Every time I visit Winstanley

I feel uplifted by the

students and their work, they are testimony that they can make a difference in the world and that their work is having an impact." We were also joined by Yahye Abdi from Leicester Citizens, who said - "Change starts as an idea, gestates with words and comes to life through action."

It's fantastic to see the work we do with our young people recognised outside the school community, and the long-term impact this will have on our students as young leaders and role models.

: Welcome

What an amazing term! It has only been 6 weeks long and there have been two bank holidays and strike days, but as you can see from the newsletter we have managed to cram a lot in! As I said in my video this week It has been brilliant to see our students 'Shining Brighter' in so many ways and bringing hope to our community. We began the term with Ste

community. We began the term with Stephen Lawrence Day which has become a highlight of our year when we encourage all our students to be upstanders and to challenge racism wherever they see it. We are finishing the term with our Year 11s hard at work revising and sitting their GCSE exams. Thank you for all your support - it is a real honour to be Headteacher of the Winstanley School and work in partnership with you all. Have a restful half term ready for another busy and exciting term.



Shining Bright

We would like to say a big well done to Layla in Year 9. She was shortlisted as one of 4 students selected for the Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire's Award for a Young Person of Courage 2023. Earlier this year Layla underwent major surgery for an ongoing condition. Layla has now returned to school on a part-time basis and has demonstrated what a positive and amazing young person she is. She always comes to school with a friendly smile, a hard-working attitude and a determination to overcome her health issues. She was thrilled to be nominated and her parents are incredibly proud of the well-deserved recognition.



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**Mr Bennett,
Headteacher**



Cooking Skills

It's been fantastic to see Year 7 and 8 students growing in confidence in the kitchen and making some fantastic products. Year 8 have made shaped bread rolls, scones and pizza and Year 7 have made pizza twists, sausage rolls and dough. Mrs Derry our cooking teacher has now gone on Maternity leave so we wish her all the best for her imminent new arrival.



Creative Writing

Last week twenty of our Year 7 students were involved in a Creative Writing workshop led by Masters students from Loughborough University. They read an extract from 'The Cats We Meet Along the Way' by Nadia Mikail and then went on to develop their own 'road trip' stories and advertisements with the help and guidance of the Loughborough students.



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Positive Action

On Friday the 19th May students from Winstanley took part in a Mental Health Awareness Event at Kingsway Primary School. The event was in conjunction with Leicester & Leicestershire Citizens. Mental health support for young people is one of the key issues they are campaigning for this year. Well done to students from Kingsway and Winstanley who did an excellent job of chairing the event and for reading the powerful testimonies from other students. There were a number of key speakers, the opportunity to make 'Asks' of a

local MP and schools from across LiFE MAT were able to talk about ways in which investment could benefit more young people.

The event was a huge success and gave young people the opportunity to have their voices heard on issues that they feel strongly about.

Congratulations to Mrs Chaudhary, Deputy Head at Kingsway for co-ordinating such an inspirational and pro-active event.



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Mindfulness Matters

As part of the latest REAL LiFE curriculum mission, students have been finding out how to support positive mental health. During the last few weeks they have taken part in mindful activities during their Maths lessons, creating geometric shapes to colour in, suduko puzzles and calculated colouring sheets. In Geography lessons they took part in an orienteering session which enabled students to get out and about the school grounds for some fresh air and exercise. Mindfulness aims to help people feel calmer and less stressed, cope with difficult or unhelpful thoughts and can be a form of self-care.

Students really enjoyed the activities and we hope they were useful research for their mission.

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Aspire Club

Our new Aspire after-school club is proving really popular, especially Nintendo Switch Club on a Tuesday. There are activities most days, it provides students with an opportunity to try out new activities, a safe space to spend time with friends and hot food. The full timetable of activities can be found on our website. There's something for everyone including a wide range of sporting activities, cooking and study club which gives students a quiet space to complete homework.



Theatre Skills

This term a group of our Year 9 and 10 students have continued to work with Zoe from Curve. She has been working on a long term project which enables students to express issues which they are concerned about through drama workshops. Sessions have included discussion, self expression, creating chants and movements.

During their last session they explored the impact of poor mental health within a classroom setting by using improvisation skills. They went on to create some powerful still-images entitled "It's like I'm trapped in my own thoughts".



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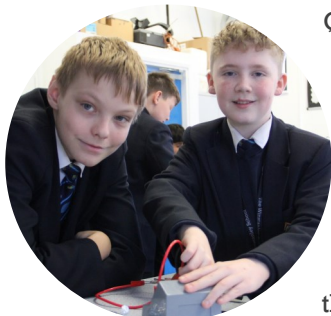


Engineer Solutions

In April our Year 7 students took part in a workshop to uncover engineering skills they didn't know they had

with Energy

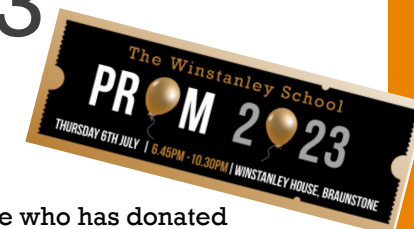
Quest. It was an interactive session to challenge them to think like an engineer and work through a practical problem to create the best solution through trial and error. It links in with our Real LiFE Curriculum which encourages students to perfect their work through developmental stages working together and seeking the best outcome.



Winstanley Life Spring 2023

Dress to Impress

We would like to say a really big thank you to everyone who has donated dresses and suits for our Year 11 Prom. We have got a beautiful selection that will enable students to attend and look glamorous without the big price tag! We hope the items will be returned and we can use them again next year. If you have any suitable items sitting around in your wardrobe and would like to donate them our Prom committee would be really grateful. Our Prom committee have also organised bake sales to raise money for table decorations. The tickets have now been allocated on a first come basis and we hope it will be a lovely event to celebrate the end of exams and the end on Year 11s time at Winstanley.





Supporting Others



Our Year 8 students have been taking part in an intergenerational linking project engaging with members of the Memory Cafe at the Brite Centre. The club offers support to older people with Alzheimer's and their families, our students have really enjoyed writing to them and receiving letters back. The project benefits our students by giving them a greater understanding of the issues which face the older generation, encourages confidence and creates a greater capacity for community cohesion.



Independence

Year 9 and 10 students who are taking part in the DofE Bronze Award have been out on practice expeditions at Thornton Reservoir this week. The object of the walks was for the groups to follow a simple route using an OS map,

work together as a team and get used to carrying their backpacks. It was perfect walking weather, cloudy and not too warm. The students all took part in sessions on first aid and map reading and the idea of the practice expedition is to see if there are any areas which need improvement before they go out on their assessed expedition where they will camp overnight.



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Hard Work

Year 8s have been working hard in their art lessons. They have been practicing their painting techniques using acrylic paint and exploring primary and secondary colours. They will then progress on to creating animal pictures using limited colour palettes to create striking and original artwork. We look forward to seeing the finished artwork soon.



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Never Giving Up

Well done to Mrs Hendra who completed the London Marathon. She completed the 26 miles through the streets of London in 6 hours, 4 minutes and 40 seconds. It was a huge personal achievement for Mrs Hendra, who has applied to enter several times. It's fantastic to see our staff 'SHINE brighter than they thought they could', inspiring our young people to 'never give up' to achieve excellence.



Our Year 11 students have made a great start so far with their GCSE exams. They are approaching them in a mature manner and taking advantage of the extra revision sessions offered in school. We are nearly half way through now with half term to relax as well as study, ready for a fresh start after the break. We will have some extra sessions at school over the half term break, these will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, full details can be found on our website. We want all of our students to get the best possible outcomes in their exams so attendance at revision sessions is really important to enable students to 'SHINE brighter than they thought they could'.

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

