



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1

Light The Darkness

Holocaust Memorial Day, which is marked on the 27th January, is an important part of our SHINE Character and Culture Curriculum; it reinforces our core values of supporting and showing kindness to others.

This year although we couldn't be together to recognise this

important day, we were able to make our own contribution as a school community and join together by watching the live streamed event, through google classroom, for those studying at home and socially distanced in the school hall for those staff and students who were in school. We were privileged to take an active role in the ceremony which was broadcast live on YouTube. We were one of eight schools who were asked to light a candle live by video link as Rabbi Eli Levin sang Oseh Shalom (he who makes peace). The event also featured holocaust survivors, young people and professional footballers talking about the significance of this event

and why as individuals we must all stand up to hatred and racism.



The theme this year was [#LightTheDarkness](#), which was relevant to how many of us have felt during the previous year and especially during the latest lockdown. Together with many people across the country, we lit candles at 8pm, we have made a video montage of the photos collected together from staff and students not just from Winstanley but from Countesthorpe Academy and Bosworth Academy, to demonstrate that one candle can have an impact but many candles together can really light the darkness.

[Watch the video here.](#)

Welcome

I do hope this finds you well in these difficult and challenging times. It has been a very strange half term and I am desperately hoping that next half term brings better news in terms of school being open. The government has promised to make an announcement on Monday 22nd February so we will communicate with you as soon as we know what the implications are in terms of return to school. We have missed the students so much and can't wait to have them back. However it has been brilliant to see how everyone in the school community has adapted to live lessons. Before this term the majority of us had never done a live lesson and yet now we have expert teachers, students and support staff all demonstrating our SHINE values and definitely 'shining brighter than you thought you could.'

Thank you parents for your fantastic support if there is anything else we can do to support you please get in touch with us. Enjoy reading the newsletter and seeing how despite school closure students have been taking part in competitions, challenges and getting recognised for their amazing work in lessons. Finally we were really pleased to take part in the Holocaust Memorial Service

which reminded us all 'To be a light in the darkness.' In these troubled times let us make sure that we all continue to be a light in our communities. Have a restful, healthy and peaceful half term.

Mr Bennett, Head of School.



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Tests in School

Over the Christmas break planning and preparation went into creating an onsite Covid testing facility, to ensure that staff and students are able to have regular tests making the school site a safer environment. The centre is run by volunteers from our school staff and the test is a simple process which is clearly explained by Mr Turner on entry. Mr Bennett was the first person to try out the new centre during the second week of term and since then all staff and students have taken part in routine testing which gives everyone at school reassurance and will detect anyone who may be asymptotic.





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Bake Off Returns

Following the popularity of our last lockdown Bake Off, Mrs Derry our Cookery Teacher has launched some new cooking and baking challenges this term. The competition is open to both staff and students, and is aimed at encouraging our students to create and try new recipes and different types of food. Student winners so far this year are Gracie-Mai (7MBR) and Ruby (8SMO) for their Victoria sandwich, Grace 8KMA for Biscuit Week and Silas (Year 9), Patrycja (Year 7) and Joe W Year 10 for their gingerbread houses. Follow @foodwinstanley on Instagram to find out about new challenges.



We're on **Instagram**, join our other 891 followers!

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In touch...

Why not follow us on social media, we post regularly on **Twitter**, **Facebook** and **Instagram** with our news as it happens...



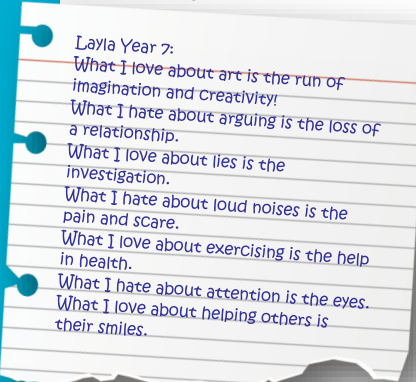
First Stories Published



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After the successful publication of our first ever 'The Winstanley School' anthology created with First Story, a new cohort of talented young writers have started this year's programme. Our writer in residence, Dan Powell, has worked with thirteen Year 7 students so far this term to write in a range of different styles. Despite the challenges of moving online, our young writers have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and below is a sample of their writing which will feature in this year's anthology. It is amazing to think that the writers taking part will be published this year with their work stored in the British Library forever!

There are still a few places left on the Year 8 programme starting next term, so if writing is a passion of yours please contact Mr Moore.



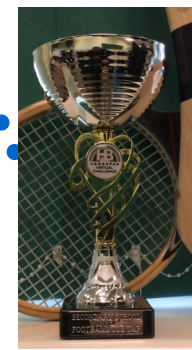
Toe Tap Champions

Sporty Winstanley students have been taking part in the physical challenges that are part of the LIFE MAT inter-school competitions.

In the most recent inter-school competition, our team of 5 - Chey, Gio, Ethan C, Ajay and Lotredge beat all other schools with a combined effort in the speed toe-tap challenge. Students had 30 seconds to tap a football with their foot as many times as possible.

Our top 5 students scored between 94 and 110 taps, more than 3 taps per minute.

Chey L, with 110 taps, beat all other students across the whole of the LIFE MAT. A fantastic achievement.



Accelerated
Reader

Don't forget you are still able to order and collect library books from school to continue with your Accelerated Reader programme. We have lots of new books in the library so simply go to our website and take a look. Select 2 books you wish to read (incase your first choice is not available). List the

books on our Google sheet, or email Mrs Bate sbate@winstanleyschool.org.uk. Books will be ready for collection between 9.30am - 3.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (term time)

We have been incredible proud of the way our students have worked hard and overcome the difficulties of this second school closure. We know how important encouragement and praise can be so every Friday we have asked staff to nominate students who they think deserve a 'Shout Out'. These are shared on our Facebook and Instagram pages every Friday. There have been over 500 students mentioned over the last term and some several times. Well done everyone, keep up the great work next term.

Let yourself SHINE



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Aaliyah Sharma, Aarush Asthana, Adam Hunt, Adam Tahiri, Adam Wierzchowicki, Ajay Stanley, Alex Wheeler, Alfie Battle-Ward, Alfie Smith, Amara Emejuru, Amy Ihaza, Andzelika Barcikowska, Anna Fedorcuka, April Roberts, Archie Watts, Ashleigh Swanson, Ashley Perrin, Ashley Russell, Ashton Pearce, Aston Scott, Avinder Mathura, Bailey R, Benas Buividas, Bobbi Freeman, Brad O'Sheehan, Bradley Percival, Brandon Whitmore, Brenden Tompkins, Cameron Gollings, Castell Francis, Cayson Perkins, Charlie Bryant, Charlie French, Charlie Horne, Charlie Smith, Chelsea Mayap, Chiara Teixeira, Chloe Preston, Chloe Walton, Chloe Wright, Colton Blankley, Connor Shakesby, Damari Grey, Daniel Kolanko, Darcie Buncher, David Stone, Daya Flora, Derren Jones, Devon Jepson, Dhanya Patel, DJ, Dominykas Jasmontas, Dorinthia Clayton, Dru Mulji, Dylan Hall, Dylan Powell, Ebonnie Statham, Ebony Blake, Edward Jones, Ellie Mae Durney, Ellie Mae Wakefield, Ellie Thurman, Ellis Moseley, Esme Douthwaite, Ethan Spencer, Eva Richmond, Faith Addison, Faith Thomas, Fikri Pala, Finley Mann, Fletcher Dakin, Georgia Kirk, Georgia Rodwell, Georgina Lang, Grace Crawshaw, Gracie M, Gracjan Sliwinski, Guvinder Nagra, Hargun Kaur, Harley Anderson, Harvey Bentham, Holly-Grace Clarke, Howard Chan, Ibrahim, Isha Modha, Ismail Ferrec, Iye Kakay, Jacob Smith, Jada Clarke, Jade Lapworth-Smart, Jake Page-Winn, Jamie Harley, Jasmeen Flora, Jasmin Galliard, Jasmina Baines, Jayden Perkins, Joe James, Joe Vickers, Joe Wainwright, Jonathan Pearson, Joseph Dalby, Josh Handford, Joshua Copeland, Julia Emejuru, Julianne Mayap, Julianne Mupenda, Kacie Buncher, Kacie-May Perrin, Kamran Assi, Kata Fedorcuka, Katie Lee Smith, Kayden Oakes-Wilson, Keira Allen, Keira Leigh Bennett, Keisha Kambarami, Kelly Tyrell, Kelsey Tidmas, Kerry Brookfield, Khalid Uddin, Kian Edwards-Ketnor, Kiera McManus, Kieran Mackness, Klejda Kamberaj, Kyle James, Kyle Kissane Stevenson, Kyle Richards, Kyle Warren, Lacey Hickey-Jordan, Lacey Jayne Watkinson, Lacey Whitmore, Laith Ali, Layla Barnett, Layla Betteridge, Leah Laing, Leila Johnson, Leo Goodwin, Lewis Sharp, Lexi Murray-Walker, Lexi-Marie Wain, Lexie-Rose Laing, Liam Bakewell, Liam Frazer, Liam Lockton, Libby Bryant, Libby Gurney, Lilli-Grace Davie, Lily Green, Lorina, Lotredge Muteera, Lottie Northern, Macauley Alston, Macie Welsh, Macie Goodman, Malachi Layne, Malachi Seal, Manraj Nagra, Marc Moselely, Mareks Valvads, Marissa Harding, Maryam Aslamzadeh, Mason Taylor, Max Wright, Maya Modha, Megan Bland, Micheal, Milly Whiteman, Mohammad Kakay, Mollie Ann Duffy, Molly Elton, Mona Sandhu, Natasha Spencer, Nela Sieczko, Neveah Ball, Nikola Fride, Nikolina Zalewska, Nile Graves, Oli Greenwood, Oliver Wells, Olivia, Omid, Oscar Galliard, Paigan Hartshorn, Paige Harris, Patrick Bennington, Patrycja Bejenek, Patryk Greszta, Peyton Denton, Rabeeka Qureshi De Leon, Rahul Modha, Rahul Premkumar, Rayan, Razvan Tomita, Reece Richards, Remi Dalby, Reuben Dothwaite, Rhian Hennessey, Rhiannon Harrison, Rihanna Dozie, Riley Newton, Roni Rayner, Rory Buxton, Roxanne Neville, Ruby Saunders, Ryan Warren, Sakhray Jagpal, Sam Clark, Sam McLean-Carr, Scarlett Reid, Sean Bownes, Sebastian Partyka, Shakira Stone, Shalom Mizha, Shannon Spencer, Sharna Sundi, Shay Kerrod, Shelemiah Mizha, Shivanshu Rana, Sid Key, Sienna McLaughlan, Sierra Gunn, Silas Timson, Simram Singh, Sophie Perrin, Spencer Faulkner, Spencer Hamill, Sukhraj Jagpal, Sukhpreet Sahi, Tahlia Linnell, Talia Perkins, Tegan Bruce, Teja McManus, Thomas Bateman, Thomas Ogidi Sochukwuma, Tia-Dora Carelse, Toby Nyombi, Troy Hurd, Tyler-Jayne Jackson, Tyrell Calitri, Victor Piorek, Vlad Oprea, Wiktor Kociemba, Zara Thomas and Zoe Lapworth-Smart.



Virtual 'Hot Choc Friday'



On Fridays a small group of students are selected to join Head of School, Mr Bennett for Hot Chocolate Friday. When it was announced that schools would close we decided to create 'Virtual Hot Chocolate', so that students could still be recognised for their hard work across all subjects, their attitude and generally being great Winstanley students. Every week a different year group is chosen and their HOY selects five students, they are sent a DIY hot chocolate pack through the post and they have an online chat with Mr Bennett and their Head of Year.

This term all these amazing students have been recognised and received a certificate.

Year 8 - Tyrell Calitri, Lottie Northern and Amy Ihaza.

Year 9 - Rabeeka, Charlie Bryant, Spencer Hamill, Chelsea Mayap, April Wright and Macauley Alston.

Year 10 - Dhanya Patel, Ashton Pearce, Marc Moselely, Daya Flora and Adam Hunt.

Year 11 - Ashley Perrin, Khalid Uddin, Sienna McLachlan, Georgia Rodwell, Shalom Mizha and Connor Shakesby.

Year 7 - Harley Anderson, Lily Green, Patryk Greszta, Neveah Ball and Reece Richards.



Take the Challenge

Every week we are launching new 'Challenges' to help students take a break from the screen and try something different. There is something for everyone, whether you enjoy sports and being active, mental challenges using STEM or you like creating something tasty in the kitchen. New Challenges will be emailed to students on a weekly basis or you can find them on our website - [CLICK HERE](#).