



Ashlawn School Newsletter

Friday 17 February 2023

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Message from Associate Principal

It has been a long and dark half term but the sun is now out and it is good to see spring approaching. Spring is a time for renewal and reflection. A time when we start to plan for the coming year. As a school we have started that process and are looking forward to meeting the judgements of Ofsted.

We have had over 40 parents who have joined us in our planning for 2023. As a result we are creating two parent groups, looking at teaching and climate. I am looking forward to meeting with these groups after half term.

I am happy to report that the school remains purposeful and focused on learning. The work being done on managing behaviour is having an impact on the majority of students and where students are getting it wrong we are working with parents to support the child together.

We have started to plan for our new reading strategy. Further details will come to you next term, including how your child can get involved in World Book Day.

As we reflect on the purpose of education there are a number of people that come to mind.

Firstly, a Chinese proverb that reads:

“Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.”

Secondly, and one of my favourite authors, Douglas Adams who, among some of the funniest books I have ever read, once said

“If you really want to understand something, the best way is to try and explain it to someone else.”

We are all always learning and growing. We all fail and we all learn from each step that we take. We should never forget that everyone of us is on a journey of discovery. By supporting each other and learning from our own mistakes, we benefit ourselves and the world around us.

I wish all of our staff and students a well deserved half term and look forward to seeing them all in one week's time.

Paul Brockwell



Dates for the Diary

Monday 27 February

Start of Term

Thursday 9 March

Year 10 Parent Consultations

This week's college winner is **Evans** - well done!



1863



1824



1674



1546



1522



Residential trips are back!

Year 11 and 12 students enjoyed a 4-day exploration of Paris

Twenty-one students studying French GCSE or A Level spent four days in sunny Paris last week.

Students and staff had a fantastic time exploring many of the landmarks. They walked along the typical Parisian streets of Montmartre and went up the Eiffel Tower to admire the views of Paris. They cruised along the Seine river and tried macarons, croissants and pains au chocolat on the Champs Elysees. And they even met "la Joconde" in Le Louvre museum.

Our students were outstanding throughout the trip; they showed curiosity and embraced French culture fully. We could not be prouder of them and we hope this little escape makes them fall in love even more with our fantastic culture and language !



Ashlawn Readathon 2023

From Friday 17th February to Friday 17th March

We're running a Read for Good Readathon and we'd love our students to join in.

- Students will be given their own sponsor card and bookmark which they will need to fill in with their name and class, and make a note of when the sponsor card needs to be returned.
- Students can make a list of what they plan to read (remember, all reading is good reading!) on the inside of the sponsor card.
- Friends and family can sponsor their Readathon
- It's really easy for sponsors to pay online at www.readforgood.org/sponsor – and it means you don't have to worry about handing money in to school.
- If a sponsor can't sponsor online, they can write it on your sponsor card and give you cash or a cheque to bring into school.

We hope you will help us to help others by encouraging your child to read and gaining sponsorship from family and friends.

The money raised will provide books and storytellers for children in hospitals across the UK. Plus, our school will get 20% of the total amount students raise to spend on books



To find out more visit www.readforgood.org.

Library Update

WORLD BOOK DAY 2023

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday March 2nd

Every year, World Book Day vouchers are very popular, with lots of students using them to buy the dedicated £1.00 books or putting the voucher towards the cost of a new book.

This year, the vouchers are digital and can be downloaded from the Word Book Day website.

[Download your voucher](#)

Click on the relevant button to download your voucher!

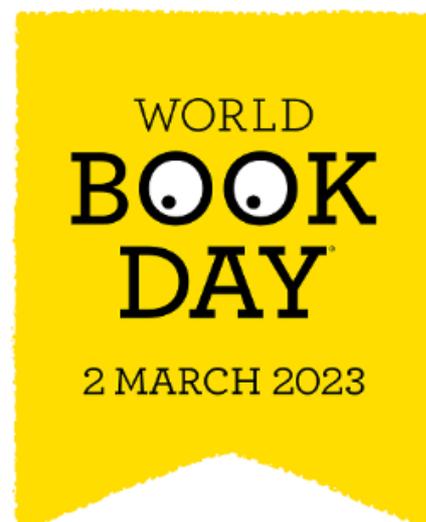
How to redeem the £1 Digital book token

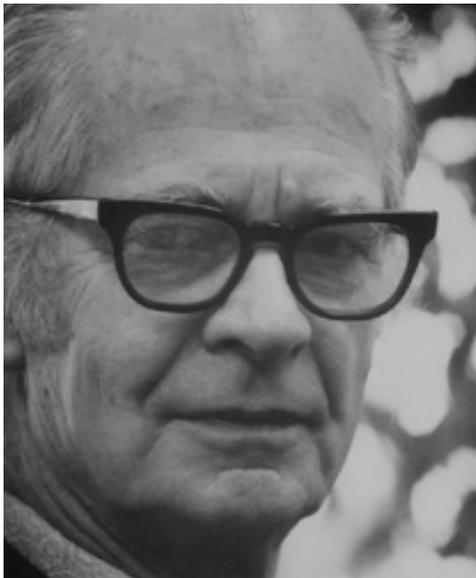
- Show the digital book token on your mobile phone/tablet at the checkout to exchange the book token for a free World Book Day £1 book, or to get £1 off a full price book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more.
- Not all retailers will be able to scan the digital barcode and some may require a printed version of the book token. Please check with your retailer before visiting.
- The digital book tokens are 'single-use only'
- The digital book tokens cannot be redeemed online.

The World Book Day digital book tokens are valid from Thursday 16th February to Sunday 26 March 2023

Happy
Reading!

https://www.worldbookday.com/secondary-digital-token/?dm_i=35S3,1D5S6,8Y1I3I,5CN3M,1





We shouldn't teach great books; we should teach a love of reading.

— B. F. Skinner —

AZ QUOTES

How important is reading to academic success?

Reading expands your vocabulary, it improves your focus, memory skills, and self-esteem. But it also helps you alleviate stress and become more empathic, ingredients that can assure your academic success.

Improved Concentration

Readers need to focus and sort things out in their own mind – including topics that might not be familiar to them at all. This type of concentration on one topic – rather than trying to do many things at once – leads to better focus even after the book is put down.

Stronger Memory Skills

Think about reading. Even at primary school, with a relatively simple book the reader must keep in mind a group of characters, the setting, and past actions. Reading helps to strengthen memory retention skills. That's a powerful tool for remember kept information for a variety of subjects to lead to high levels of achievement.

Expanded Vocabulary

How many times do we all search for just the right word to express what we're trying to say? Readers do that less. They have a larger vocabulary, and the words that you learn in a book will eventually make their way into you speech.

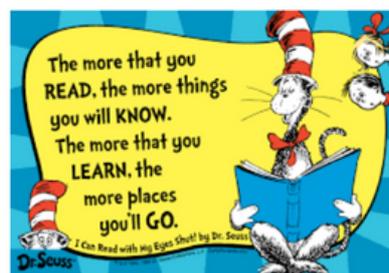
How will we support your child to achieve excellence and read widely within subjects?

DEARSS (Drop everything and read subject specific)

- Once a week, after half term, all students will complete a reading task within their lesson
- They will read independently, be asked questions about the material, be read too and then have opportunity to discuss.
- They will be exposed to a wide variety of reading materials in a range of subjects to spark their interest, support their learning and develop reading skills to help achieve highly at GCSE, A-Level and university

Independent reading opportunities

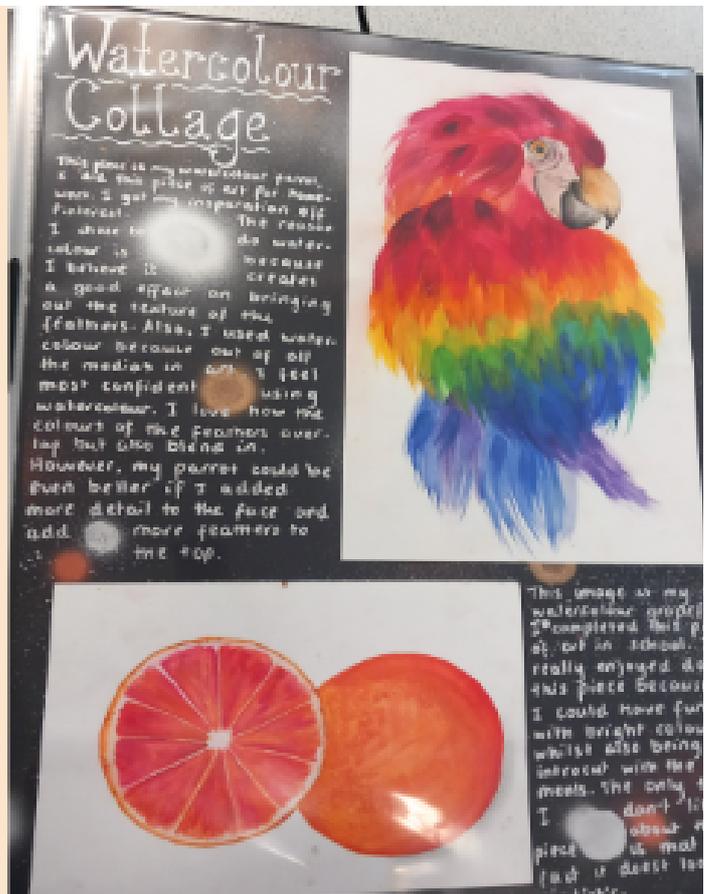
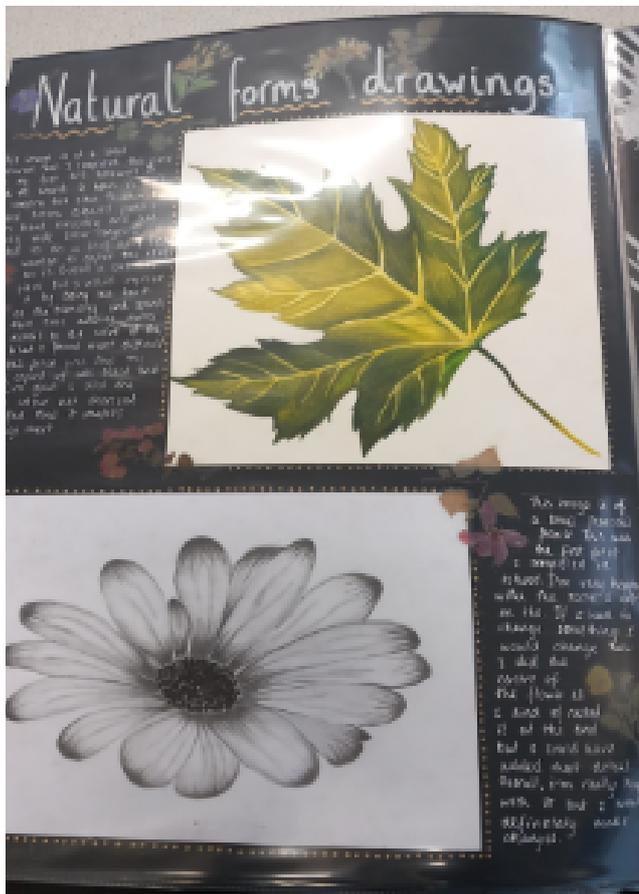
- Every subject will set a reading based task for home learning once a term at KS3 and 2 at KS4
- At least one reading opportunity will be built into topics in each subject from next half term



ART OF THE WEEK



Year 11 NEA art piece



Year 10 GCSE portfolio pages

Valentines Day... What does this mean to a teenager?



On Tuesday, many people celebrated Valentine's Day and it was lovely to see so many of our students with chocolates, roses and balloons.

As we head into half term it is important to remember the term '**Self Love**'

What does self-love mean?

Self-love means having a high regard for your own well-being and happiness. Self-love means taking care of your own needs and not sacrificing your well-being to please others.

Things you can do over half term to help support your own wellbeing include:

- **Get regular exercise** - go for a walk, run, swim.
Why not visit [Joe Wicks You Tube Channel](#)
- **Eat healthy, regular meals and stay hydrated**
Why not visit [Healthy Recipes](#)
- **Make sleep a priority** - [Fall Asleep Faster and Better](#)
- **Try a relaxing activity** - [Yoga for beginners](#)
- **Set goals and priorities** - [Set your goals and make them happen](#)
- **Practice gratitude** - [How to practice gratitude and write a journal](#)
- **Focus on positivity** - [How to declutter the mind and stay positive](#)
- **Stay connected** - [Connect with yourself every day](#)



“Accepting who you are and being proud of anything which makes you different is very important.”

Noticeboard

Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening

Following your feedback, we are delighted to be returning to face-to-face parent consultations. We will be inviting Year 10 parents and students into school on Thursday 9 March, from 4.15pm to 7.15pm to meet with individual subject teachers. Appointments can be booked via Edulink from Thursday 2nd March at 7pm. Further details will be emailed to you soon. We look forward to welcoming you.

Public Examinations Reminder

A reminder for parents of Year 11, 12 and 13 students sitting public examinations in the summer to complete their Statement of Entry Google Form. The Statements of Entry can be found in the Reports section of Edulink.

Menu W/C 27th February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lasagne, salad & garlic bread	Pork meatballs in tomato sauce & spaghetti	Roast with gravy & vegetables	Chicken curry & rice	Fish, chips & mushy peas
Vegetable lasagne & garlic bread	Vegetable meatballs in tomato sauce & spaghetti	Cauliflower & broccoli bake with vegetables	Chickpea & potato curry & rice	Cheese & onion pasty with chips
1/4lb Burger	Peri peri chicken burger	Cheese & tomato French bread pizza	Hotdog	Steak slice
Jacket potato & cheese	Pasta king – meat or vegetable	Jacket potato & beans	Pasta king – meat or vegetable	Chips / jacket potato & cheese
Ham salad / cheese salad sandwich	Chicken mayo / egg & cress sandwich	Chicken & stuffing / tuna & cucumber sandwich	Bacon, lettuce & tomato / cheese & tomato sandwich	Cheese & ham / cheese, onion & mayo sandwich

Worried about your child's mental health?

YM Parents Helpline
0808 802 5544
youngminds.org.uk
Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm

1ST OVERSLADE GUIDES & RANGERS PRESENT

SOS Charity Fashion Shows



Thursday
2nd March

Doors Open
at 7pm

Show starts
at 7:30pm

The Benn Hall
Newbold Road,
Rugby CV21 2LN

Refreshments available at the bar



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(£6 on the door)

Age 4-14: £2.50
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