

Headteacher's Letter

Dear all,

I can't quite believe it's March already! Tuesday was a very important day for Year 6 students and their families as they received the news of which secondary school they have been allocated. We are very excited to be hosting our Discovery Afternoon for all our Prospective Year 6 students on Tuesday 15th March 4pm - 6pm. To find out more and how to book your space please [click here](#).



We understand that students may be seeking reassurance regarding events taking place in the Ukraine and we thought it would be useful to share some links which may provide advice and guidance for you to support their understanding:

BBC News - Advice for families

Gov.UK: Advice for schools and families

We are also sharing information and providing an opportunity for teacher led discussion during Tutor Time.

Year 11 have successfully completed their first week of a second round of mock examinations and it is clear to see they were putting their half term break to good use in making a positive start to revision. They will be completing some mocks during their timetabled lessons next week followed by a final week of mock exams in the hall week beginning 14th March.

This week Stopsley High School ran a plethora of events across the week to celebrate and raise the profile of World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March 2022. We had:

- ***Drop Everything and Read*** in period 5 lessons with Year 11 students using the time for silent revision across the week
- ***Blackout Poetry*** workshop run by our very own Learning Resource Manager, Ms Wrigley where students used pages of old books and cut out gaps to overlay on a page to create poetry
- ***Don't Judge a Book by its Cover*** - where students were encouraged to select a mystery wrapped book - some of our students discovered new favourites as a result

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Ms Hand

Friday 4th Mar 2022



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Space

Term Dates January

Spring Term 2022

Half Term - Monday 14th
February to Friday 18th
February

Term Ends - Friday 1st April

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 19th
April - Staff Training



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Attendance Notice

Can parents/carers please inform the school if your child is unwell as we are monitoring attendance. Parents/carers please report this in the normal way by contacting school attendance number on 01582 870912 or the attendance email address attendance@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk

28th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware the school is part of a jointly run scheme between Luton Council, Bedfordshire Police and our School, called Operation Encompass, which was set up to help schools provide support to children who may have been affected by incidents of domestic abuse in the home. We are writing to inform you that this now includes notification of missing children and young people.

Operation Encompass is the reporting tool sending the relevant information to schools, before midday of the next school day when a child or young person has been reported missing to the police, whether that is by yourself or respective guardian.

This is to enable the school (as professional safeguarding partner) to be made aware of the missing incident for their information and be in a position to support the child should they still make their way into school. As a professional partner the school are also able to complete a 'safeguarding check' on the child and we can close a missing report based on the information. This would then not require a police presence which may affect any disclosures or information being provided.

The school are not being asked to be information gathers but to provide support and guidance when speaking with the child. In the interest of safeguarding the child and their environment though the information may be shared with respective safeguarding partners following partnership sharing agreements already in place.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families of the child/young person who has been reported a missing.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

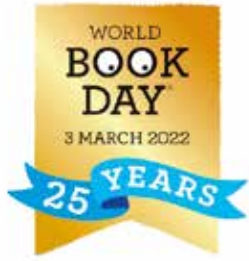
Yours sincerely,



K Hand
Headteacher



SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS



WORLD BOOK DAY



At Stopsley, we've all made the most of World Book Day by celebrating our own Reading Week! World Book Day is a global celebration to recognise and promote the benefit of reading, and we've done our part with a range of activities including a charity Readathon, daily Drop Everything and Read sessions, a virtual author visit, and staff character dress-up.

We also invited students to challenge themselves to try something brand new, expressing their creativity with Blackout Poetry Workshops on Wednesday and Thursday. It was wonderful to see what they came up with, building poems from other people's words.



At the start of the week, the forms all battled it out to win a brain-teasing literature-themed quiz. Everyone put in a fantastic effort, with 9G, 10C, 10D, and 11B all scoring full marks! Congratulations all of you for your fantastic literary knowledge, and well done to everyone else who took part.





WORLD BOOK DAY

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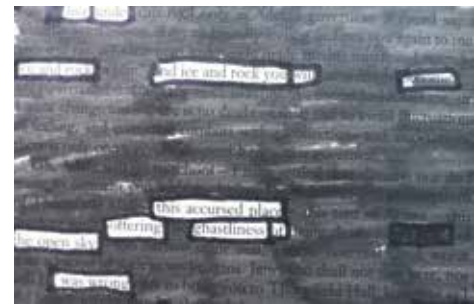


Miss Surtees as Lady Macbeth, Amish as Alex Rider, Aisha as Mulan, Mrs Stewart as Demon Dentist, Mia as Matilda, Safiyyah as the Glass Girl from Oz, Miss Wrigley as Odlaw



The total amount earned from the sponsored Readathon will likely appear in a future newsletter; thank you to all 16 of the students who participated in raising money for such a great cause.

Now that the week's at an end, I'd like to say one more big thank you to all the staff and students who got involved with any of the events planned this Reading Week—whether you took a chance on a mystery book from the library or tuned in to hear Robert Muchamore talk about his newest series, I hope you had a wonderful Reading Week and a very happy World Book Day!





SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY



Stopsley High School Extracurricular Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch Session 1 (Years 7, 9 & 11)	Year 7&9 Choir B129	Keyboard Club B129 Year 7 Board Game Club B105 Coding Club 7, 9, 11 A056 Yr 7, 9 & 11 Astros	Year 7&9 Guitar Club Week 1 B129 Yr 7, 9 & 11 Cricket Week 2	Year 7&9 Ukulele Club B129 Yr 7, 9 & 11 Basketball Week 1	Science 7&8 Stem A222
Lunch Session 2 (Years 8 & 10)	Guitar 8&10 B129		Yr 8 & 10 PE Cricket Week 1	Yr 8 & 10 Cricket Week 2	Ukulele 8&10 B129 Science Y8 Stem A222 Coding Club 8&10 A056 Yr 8 & 10 PE Astros
After school (PE Clubs run til 415pm)		Year 10 Art B212 DofE B022 & B208 KS3 Reading Club Library Choir 8&10 B129 Boys/Girls all Years Football Fixtures - LW/LT/GS	Dance Club Studio Keyboard club 8&10 B129 All years Reading Club Library Construction Club All years Construction Art Year 11 B212 & B208 Racket Clubs All Years	Drama club Drama room Science Ambassadors A22 All years Reading Club Library Guitar Club 7&9 Week 2 B129 KS3 Art B212 Digital Leaders A056 Yr 7 - 10 Girls Football	All years Reading Club Library

Autumn Term 2021-2022

GARDEN TOOLS DONATIONS NEEDED!



DO YOU HAVE GARDEN TOOLS YOU NO LONGER USE?

HELP US BY DONATING THEM TO THE STOPSLEY GREEN TEAM!

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.