



Church Hill Middle School Happy Half Term!

Dates for your diary



Please see below a list of key dates for next half term. Further information around these events will be sent via EPrise. There are a lot of sporting fixtures this term that do not include all pupils: Please note that you will be contacted if your child has been selected to take part.

Friday 9th February - Break up for half term.

Monday 19th February - Return to school.

Tuesday 20th February - 5OC Swimming Lessons Start

Wednesday 21st February - 5CB Swimming Lessons Start

Thursday 29th February to 2nd May (Weekly 2 hour sessions) - Understanding Your Child Parent Group, with Starting Well Partnership.

Friday 1st March - Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition- selected students

Tuesday 5th March - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 6th March - Parents' Evening

Wednesday 6th March - Year 7 Netball Tournament - selected students

Friday 8th March - Girls' Football Festival - selected students

Monday 11th March - Year 8 Netball Tournament - selected students

Thursday 14th March - Keeping children safe online workshop

Friday 15th March - Year 5/6 Swimming Gala - selected students

Tuesday 19th March - Year 6 Netball Tournament - selected students

Wednesday 20th-Friday 22nd March - Year 8 residential to Condover Hall

Thursday 21st March - Year 5 Boys' Football Tournament - selected students

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings for both Church Hill and Abbeywood are being held on Tuesday 5th March (3.30 - 6.30) and Wednesday 6th March (3.30 - 5.30).

Booking for this is now live!

To book your slots with your child's teachers, please log on to EPrise, click the community tab, followed by Parent's Evenings.

Please note the following:

- KS2 parents' evening slots are 10 minutes, to allow for the teacher to discuss multiple subjects.
- KS3 parents' evening slots are 5 minutes in length.

- In KS3, your child may be taught by a KS2 teacher (Miss Elvins, Mrs Khan or Miss Greenwood). If this is the case, you can sign up for a parents' evening slot with them by clicking on the KS2 Parents' Evening option to book.

If there are any problems with booking a slot, please don't hesitate to send an EPraise message to your child's teacher and they can assist you in booking an appropriate time.

Respect

At Church Hill Middle School, we pride ourselves on our values, developing skills and beliefs that will stand us in good stead when we leave school and enter the wider world.

Respect sits at the heart of what we do: respect for ourselves, respect for others, respect for our environment.

We strongly believe that our children need to learn to deal with conflict and disappointment in a respectful way, whilst still standing up for what they believe in. We will be working on this further with the pupils after half term, working with the children to develop their skills of disagreement and their respect for the rules of school and the wider world.

EPraise Shop

Our EPraise shop is up and running! This is where the pupils can spend their hard-earned points on a treat of their choice.

Workshops

We are going to be putting on a selection of workshops for parents and carers throughout the remainder of the year.

Workshops:

Thursday 14th March (3.30-4.30) - Keeping Children Safe Online with Mr Legg

Wednesday 17th April 2024 (3:30-4:30) - Vocabulary with Mrs Wilson

Wednesday 24th April 2024 (3:30-4:30) - Reading with Mrs Khan

Please let us know by sending an EPraise message to your child's teacher if there is something specific you wish to know more about. This could be linked to your child's learning in school, ways to support their learning at home, support for challenging or worrying behaviours or something else. We are here to help and are keen to work with you and support where we can.

Reminders

As mentioned above, we work hard with our pupils on our values and what it means to be a member of Church Hill Middle School. Below are a few reminders for after half term:

- Uniform - pupils wear school uniform each day, including plain black shoes, unless they have P.E. If pupils are not in the correct uniform, spare uniform will be provided from our uniform store for them.
- P.E. kit - on days when the pupils have P.E. they can bring a hoodie or sports jumper to wear when they are doing P.E. At all other times, they must remove this. If they are cold around school, pupils are to wear their blazer. They can bring a school coat to wear during social times if needed.
- Mobile phones - We understand that many pupils need to bring mobile phones with them because of their journeys to and from school. However, phones are not permitted to be out of their pockets or bags at any point during the school day. Use of a mobile phone during school time will result in the phone being confiscated and a C2 issued.
- Lunchtime etiquette - During lunchtimes, pupils eat their lunch with their peers in the lunch hall. We promote the notion of a sociable lunch, with pupils eating with their friends and enjoying conversation. We expect pupils to conduct themselves well during this time, with them tidying up after themselves, not shouting nor throwing food.
- Playground etiquette - During social times we expect the pupils to show respect for their environment by not dropping litter. We also expect them to show respect to their peers by not involving themselves in any physical play or contact.

Parental Survey.



Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our school improvement agenda, we ask that you complete this short online survey about your child's experience at Church Hill Middle School.

If you have more than one child at the school, you may complete more than one survey or just complete one for both children. We ask that you complete the survey by Friday 16th February.

Your feedback is valuable to us, and we thank you in advance for sparing the time to complete it.

<https://forms.office.com/e/3UvbU14mWz>

Community - we value our families.



The Starting Well Community Team for Redditch will be offering their support based at Church Hill Middle School.

A FANTASTIC FREE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR Church Hill Middle and AbbeyWood FAMILIES

Thursday mornings 9.30-11.30am from 29th February 2024 until 2nd May- 9 weeks.

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Would you like a better understanding of your child's behaviour?
- Come along to this relaxed, fun group to explore issues like:

Developmental needs | Having fun Communication | Sleep | Behaviour difficulties

The group is suitable for families with children and young people from birth to 19 years.

To secure your place ASAP, contact Mrs R Evans on Epraise or Email.

Mrs R Evans is happy to answer any questions you might have, please do not hesitate to ask. (raevans@churchhill.worcs.sch.uk)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT SUPPORT THERE IS FOR FAMILIES, take a look at their website.

[Starting Well Partnership | Worcestershire | Starting Well \(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk\)](http://StartingWellPartnership|Worcestershire|StartingWell(startingwellworcs.nhs.uk))



KS2 News

We finish this week with looking forward to a wonderful half term break. Year 5 have finished their second test week and we are pleased with the effort they have all put in, Year 6 have continued to work hard towards their SATS in the future months. In addition, we hosted our first KS2 disco, all children who attended came full of excitement and enjoyed the dancing and raving with glow sticks under the lights, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for being prompt with pick up and although there was a slight wait it meant all children got home safe and well.

KS2 Awards

In KS2

KASE Champions

Alan Klawikowski - 5OC

For an incredibly impressive PE lesson. Alan played wonderfully in a game of Tchoukball, he was committed and demonstrated a great knowledge of the rules and playstyle.

Lorrie-Ann Thomas – 5CB

For her increased hard work and determination in her work throughout her lessons. Lorrie-Ann is developing her resilience and is increasingly trying her hardest to complete her work to her best standard – Keep it up!

Anna-Martha Gapper - 5MP

For always showing enthusiasm and engagement in her work, being self-directed and resilient, and just an amazing pupil to have in 5MP.

Kemi Rose - 5PC

For consistently excelling in all subjects, working hard and demonstrating a mature self-reliant/direct approach to her learning.

Emil Petkov - 6MD

For listening carefully and following specific instructions on how to complete tasks successfully and efficiently in reading, writing, maths and science this week.

Jacob – 6BD

Archie Fox – 6JE

For working hard in lessons this term and joining in more by putting his hand up and answering questions. You have worked so hard this half term Archie, even trying when you found things difficult. Well done!

Grace Scott - 6MH

For demonstrating amazing resilience this week! Grace has worked very hard through challenging topics and activities. She has pushed herself and managed to produce some fantastic work! Your determination has been highly commendable this week, well done!

Oracy Superstars

Jack White - 5OC

For some great responses to questions this week. Jack was also able to perfectly explain some of his calculations and method choices in Maths which shows some great progress that he has made.

Oliver Monk – 5CB

For continuing to offer lots of fantastic responses to class discussions and giving knowledgeable, clear and relevant contributions to lessons showcasing his fantastic knowledge, particularly in History and Science!

Coby Smith - 5MP

For improving in class and building oracy skills during important and valuable discussions.

Theodore Mountford - 5PC

Even though it can be nerve racking being the new kid on the block. Theodore has shared some lovely ideas and thoughts during lessons and worked hard. He has settled into class as if he has always been here and is quickly become a valued member of 5PC.

Alicia McCrea - 6MD

For being an exceptional learning partner by remaining focused and purposeful during learning partner discussions.

Filip – 6BD

Kaiden Hancox – 6JE

For showing excellent listening skills but also for joining in more by putting his hand up to answer questions. I have seen your confidence shoot up this half term Kaiden, especially in maths and you are making excellent progress. Well done!

Tiana Taylor - 6MH

For showing great oracy skills in English this week. Tiana took on the role as a witness to the drastic floods in Worcester. During this Hot seating activity, she used intonation to change the pitch and volume of her voice to help express emotions and frustrations. A huge well done for thinking on your feet and providing relevant and purposeful responses to the questions from peers!

Values Champion - Respect champion

Calais Haywood - 5OC

Calais has consistently throughout the year been a very kind and respectful pupil. She has fantastic manners and always approaches anything and everything with a smile, this does not go unnoticed and is highly appreciated.

Lawan Mohammed – 5CB

For always being incredibly respectful and polite when leaving the classroom at breaktimes, lunchtimes and the end of the day. He never fails to put a smile on Mr Benger's face with his lovely comments. These do not go unnoticed Lawan and really do make a difference!

Tamuka Dune - 5MP

For being lovely, caring, friendly, polite and helpful at all times.

All of 5PC

For being friendly, caring and welcoming to Theodore our newest member of the class.

Kailan Docker - 6MD

For showing respect and managing emotions maturely to deal with several social issues this week - and being proud of himself for doing this!

Bailey – 6BD

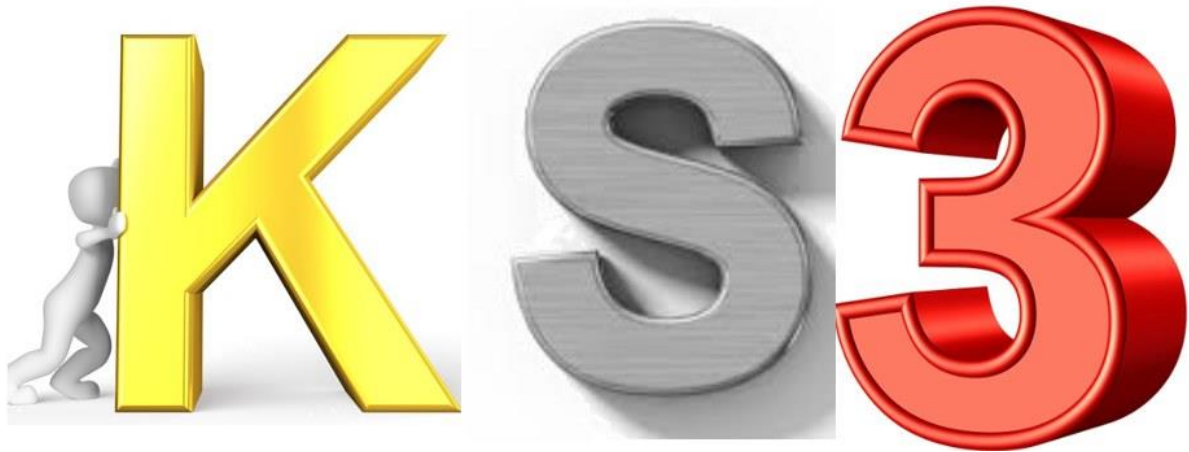
Lilly Hopkins – 6JE

For always showing respect to her peers and adults in school. She has excellent manners and always approaches everything with a smile. She also respects herself by showing kindness and compassion, which is amazing! Keep it up Lilly!

Jack Lewis - 6MH

For working on being more respectful towards others. Jack has made big improvements this week with how he speaks to others and now engages in more positive conversations and interactions. Jack is always respectful towards staff and shows good manners whilst in school. Well done and keep this up!

KEY STAGE 3 NEWS



Tutee of the week



7BP – **Amy Freeman** as it is nice to see how your confidence is growing.

7AP – **Leo Mountford** for being an excellent addition to our school community and

7SK– **Lexi Parsons** for being an honest and brave individual who stands up for what is right.

7SF–**Brody Blake** – for always acting with integrity and for being polite and mature.

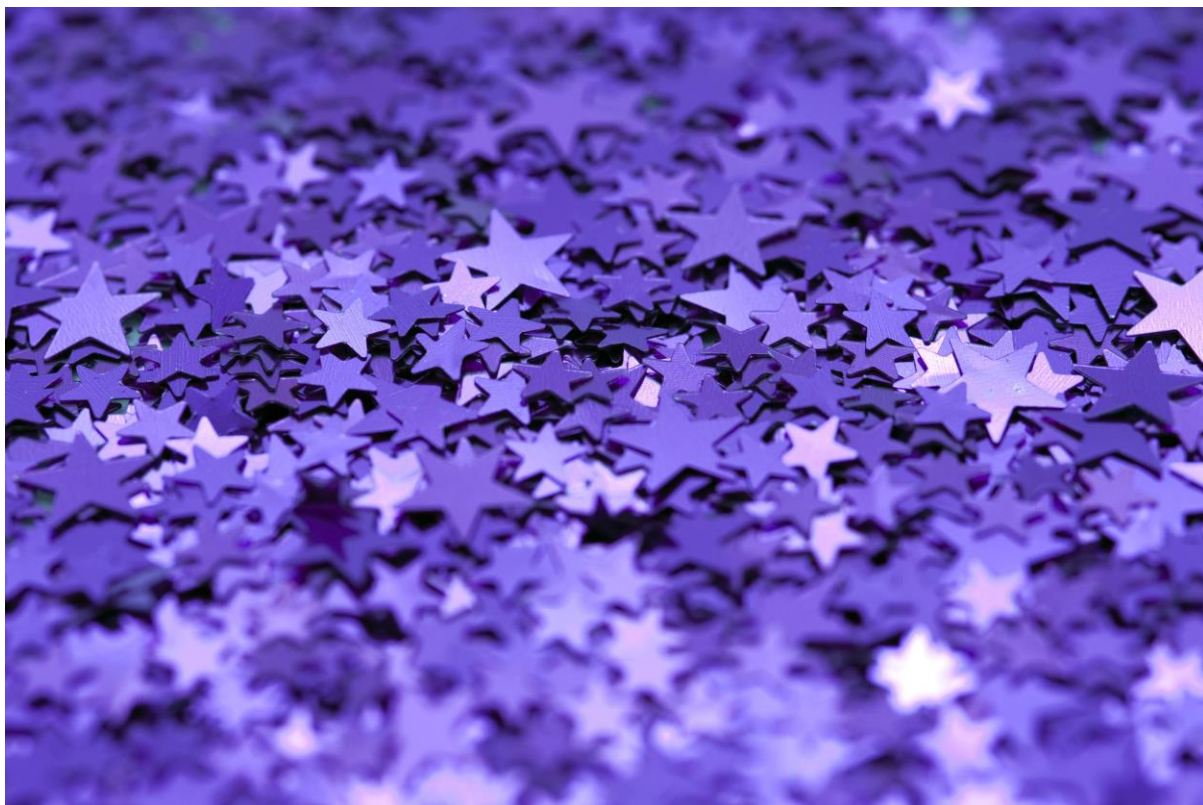
7JL – **Dylan Muca** – for always working hard and being the best version of himself.

8JD – **Erin Smith** for her polite and well-mannered nature. You always go above and beyond in all that you do, and we are lucky to have you here at Church Hill.

8MO – **Makayla Thibault** for her resilience and determination. Makayla has shown integrity when thinking about her school experience and her education.

8FG - **Brandon Whitehouse** for being more focused, hard-working and resilient this week. Keep it up.

Subject Stars of the Week



DRAMA – Harry Bench & Romain Whyte (8MO) for an amazing tutting phrase duet in dance this week. **Phoebe Leonard, Nela Dordzik, Milly Wheeler & Chloe Baralli (8SF)** for their excellent attitude to learning this week and for beginning to create a fantastic Indian dance piece.

GEOGRAPHY – Elsie Harris 7JL for her improved focus and creating a plethora of detailed notes towards the one child policy. This will truly help towards your write up. **Jacob Seymour 8JD** who generally across humanities has been blowing my socks off with the quantity and quality of work being produce lately! Keep it up!

HISTORY – Andrei Mircea 7AP for working hard to improve his assessment on the Battle of Hastings. **George Groves 8FG** for being so mature, organised, thorough and meticulous with his slavery right up. Really made me happy to see how detailed you were being to ensure you produced your best quality work.

ART - Ashton Turner (8MO) He has created two fantastic pastiche's this week from two totally different artists, with different styles. **7AP** – for being incredible, working independently for a few minutes and for producing fabulous work. A pleasure to teach. **Dexter Cope (7SF)** for always presenting his work in his signature style.

COMPUTING – Year 7 and 8 for all showing great maturity and curiosity when talking about Online Safety in both our lessons and workshops with PCSO Gemma and PCSO Denise.

DT - Dominik Bulanda (7BP) for displaying some real skill in his cooking lesson. We used his skills as an example of how vegetable should be prepped for a dish. **Daizy Nicholls & Zach Filler 8JD** for their fantastic teamwork during bread week. Both worked extremely well and followed instructions perfectly, to create a great focaccia.

ENGLISH – Ronan Wilkes (7SK) for always having a positive attitude towards English, giving every task 100% and always asking for feedback so he can make improvements. **George Turner (8FG)** for being reliable, resilient and focused in every lesson. No matter what the question is, George will always give it a go. Well done!

MUSIC - Harry Bench (8MO) for making a great start on his video game music project. I especially like your 'closed door' sound effect. **Finley Cox & Ronan Wilkes (7SK)** for their fantastic duet performance of 'Bad Romance' on the keyboard this week.

P.E – Olivia Roberts (8MO) & Ashleigh-May Craig for pushing themselves to achieve a large distance during their class rowing competitions. **Milly Burgess (7SK)** for always setting a fine example in PE – especially last week, when she set the girls' KS3 rowing record!

R.E – Erin Smith, Chloe Beech & Aston Frampton (8JD) for their fantastic contributions to class discussion. Well done! **Chloe Baralli (7SF)** for always thinking about her answers and being ok with having a different opinion to others.

SCIENCE – Lily-Belle Coombes (8JD)– for ALWAYS working hard and giving her very best in all science lessons. **Aleksejs Majorovs (8FG)**– For attempting all of the work and growing in confidence in lessons. **Jake Jones (8FG)** – for ignoring distractions and producing great work on a regular basis. **Isla McKeon (7BP)**– for contributing more to class discussions and growing in confidence. **8FG** – My class of the week for raising their game in lessons & improved focus in lessons – thank you!

Sports Superstars

Year 8 Boys' Basketball

Well-done to our Year 8 boys' basketball team who, on Thursday 1st February, took part in the Redditch district tournament.

Mr Daly and Mr Legg were hugely impressed, especially with the respect and desire shown by the boys. Great effort!

The team consisted of Romain Whyte, Charlie Griffiths, Jacob Seymour, Jack Morris, Noah Jones, George Groves, Harry Bench, Mickie McCormac and Captain, Blake Jordan.



Year 7 Boys' Basketball

Yesterday, it was the turn of our Year 7 boys' in the district basketball tournament.

The boys drew their first game against Woodrush, after seeing a last second shot bounce off the rim. They then went on to draw their second game too, against Birchensale.

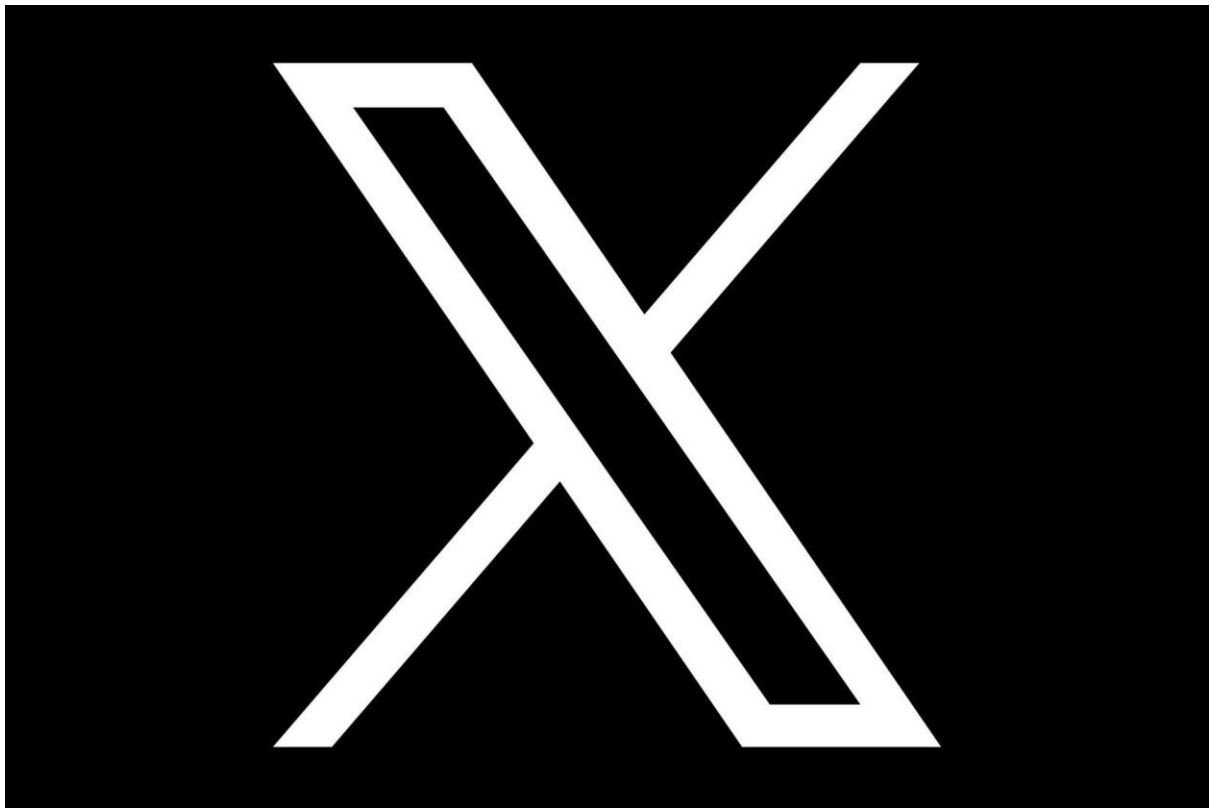
In their final game, despite dominating for the majority of the game, tiredness prevailed and the boys lost to Saint Bede's.

Well done team!

The team consisted of Sam Anti, Tawana Dune, Jakub Opechowski, Dexter Cope, Dominik Bulanda, Michael Fox, Sonny Bagley, Logan Little and Ollie Mannison.



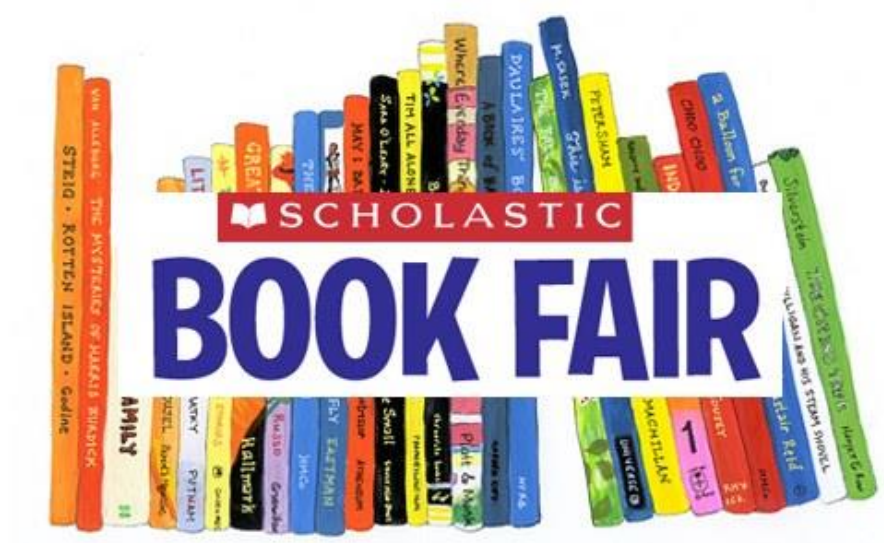
Church Hill PE Department on 'X'



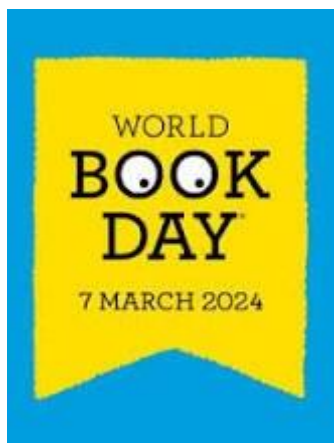
Remember to follow us on 'X' (formally twitter) to keep up to date with all things PE and sport here at Church Hill!

@ChurchHillPE

Book Fair - W/C 4th March



World Book Day 2024



On Thursday 7th March 2024, we will be celebrating World Book Day across school. We are encouraging both students and staff to dress up as their favourite book characters and we will be awarding prizes for best dressed from each year group on the day. Please don't feel the need to spend huge amounts of money on costumes; creating costumes from clothes/things you have at home is all part of the fun! Pupils will be joining in with book inspired lessons throughout the day and we look forward to sharing these with you after the event.

We will also be running a competition across the school which will be starting on Friday 9th February 2023. Please see the poster below:



World Book Day 2024

This year, we are running a competition alongside World Book Day. We are asking for you to design a **book cover inspired door design** for each of our classroom doors.

We will be selecting one winner per class and the winning designs will then be created and be on show around the school. Each year group will have an overall winner and they will be awarded a £5 book voucher to spend!

Entries will need to be submitted to Mrs Wilson by Friday 23rd February 2024. Winners will be announced on Wednesday 28th February 2024.

Competition!

Poetry Slam!



A huge well done to Sam, Sonny, Kai, Ollie, Jake and Finn for winning our poetry slam on Wednesday after performing in front of KS3. Staff and pupils were very impressed with your performance and we wish you all the luck with your performance at the Palace Theatre on Wednesday 20th March 2024.

Well done to our runners up: Leo, Kaiden, Lucas and Ronan who did a fantastic job and were a very close runner up!



Safer Internet Day!



This week, our school enthusiastically embraced Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024. In KS3, we were fortunate to have PCSO Gemma and Denise lead insightful workshops, guiding students on the importance of online safety. Meanwhile, our KS2 students actively participated in the BBC Safer Internet online lesson, engaging in various activities aimed at promoting a secure online environment. Across both KS2 and KS3, our PSHE and Computing classes focused their lessons on the crucial theme of online safety, ensuring our students are well-equipped with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world responsibly.

To find out more about how to keep your children safe online please refer to the following websites:

- [Keeping your child safe online | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- [Homepage - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

NEW Church Hill Lunchtime Sports Club



After half term we are launching our new lunchtime sports club.

Run by professional sports coaches from AU Sports Academy.

Everyday there will be three 20 minute sports sessions run across lunchtime on the MUGA.

12.20-12.40pm KS2

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