



Church Hill Middle School

Friday 8th March 2024

Dates for your diary



Please see below a list of key dates for this coming half term. Further information around these events will be sent via EPraise. 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.

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

Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March - Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 8th March - Girls' Football Festival

Monday 11th March - Year 8 Netball Tournament - **POSTPONED** - new date **Thursday 11th April**

Thursday 14th March - Keeping children safe online workshop

Friday 15th March - Year 5/6 Hockey Festival

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

Workshops

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

Workshops:

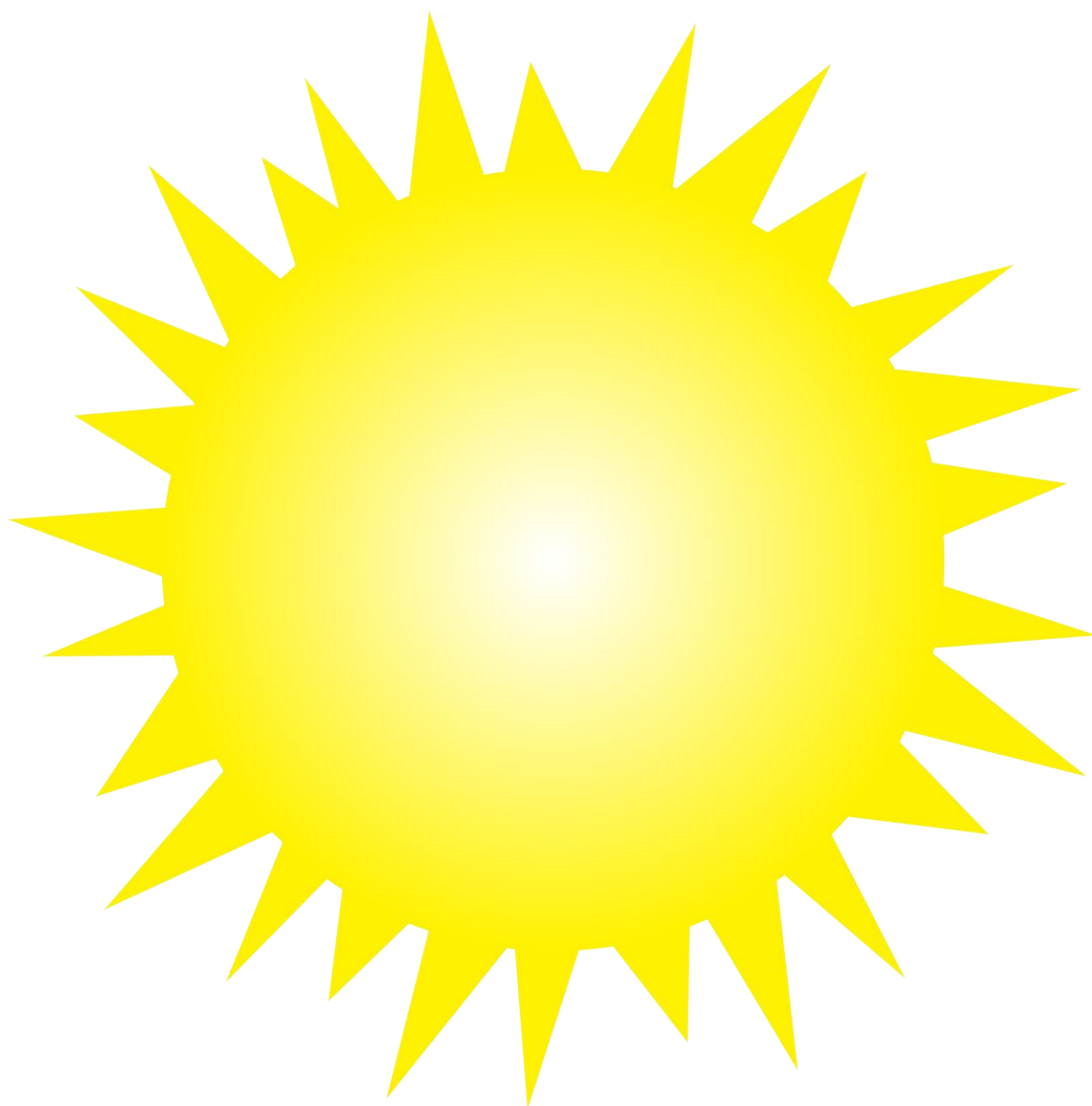
Thursday 14th March (3.30-4.30) - Keeping Children Safe Online with Mr Legg

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.

School Attendance - Polite reminders.



Polite reminders - Please keep school informed.



Please **contact school by 9am** * to inform us of your child's absence by telephone or email.

This is essential, so we can account for every child as early as possible after our registers close at 9am daily.

Thank you

**On some occasions, our Education Welfare Officers will do an unannounced home visit should we not hear from you for a safe and well check, in line with our safeguarding and attendance Policies.*

The Department for Education has made it clear that headteachers are not to authorise absence for any holidays during term time, except under exceptional circumstances.

We will not therefore grant authorisation for absence in the following instances:

- Day trips and holidays in term time.
- Leaving school unnecessarily during the school day.
- Not attending school for an unnecessary reason such as shopping or birthdays.
- Absences which have not been properly explained or have failed to follow the absence procedure.

Exceptional Circumstances

A leave of absence request form must be submitted 6 weeks prior to any planned absence. Parents will be informed in writing if this request has been granted by the Head of School. In emergency circumstances e.g. bereavement, we will be sympathetic to such needs but would ask you to keep us informed so we can help support your child's needs on their return.

Community



Support for our families 'because we care'



Starting Well Bromsgrove & Redditch Community Team

startingwell@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Holly Trees Hub,
Mabey Avenue,
Redditch, B98 8HW
Tel: 01527 61360

Pear Tree Hub,
Broad Street,
Bromsgrove, B61 8LW
Tel: 01527 835775

Partnership with:
MHS
NHS Foundation and West Midlands
Health and Care
In partnership with:
Save Start
Children's Centres
Worcestershire
Council

To find out more
Find us on social media:

@StartingWellRB
@BgroveandRedditch



Scan the QR code to
visit our website
startingwellworcs.nhs.uk



Mrs R Evans, Senior Safeguarding Lead, has forged links with **Starting Well Partnership**, who are providing supportive opportunities for our families.

Starting Well Website is:
<https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/> - under 'Our services' is where you will find **Parent workshops, courses and groups and the referral form under 'request parenting support and information'.**

Parents are welcome to self-refer either via the website or call.

Tel : 01905 520 032

KS2 Awards

Here are the details of last weeks winners!

KASE Award

Alan Klawikowski - 5OC

A noticeable improvement in effort in class. You have been producing far more work which is finally demonstrating the capabilities you have.

Denny Hill – 5CB

(nominated by Miss Cartland)

For an amazing effort in his Maths this week that “knocked Miss Cartland’s socks off”, what a fantastic recommendation!

Jessica Callow – 5MP

For a fantastic and resilient effort in PE yesterday learning a new sport of Ultimate Frisbee!

Grace Harrison - 5PC

For working amazingly hard all term and showing brilliant progress. Grace has shown huge improvements due to her self-direction and resilience. Well done!

Ella Sophia Bryant - 6MD

Impressive effort in writing this week to include a range of sentence types, technical vocabulary, and more sophisticated punctuation.

Jonathan Stevens - 6MH

For using fantastic subject specific vocabulary within your writing this week. Jonathan was able to include all the key terminology within a small piece of writing. Demonstrating high quality over quantity. A HUGE well done for absolutely smashing our writing this week focusing on geography terminology whilst including many different writing techniques in your work.

Arthur Parsons – 6JE

Miss Elvins will share in class :)

Kaitlyn Howard - 6BD

For showing great focus and effort in lessons this week. She has been engaged in discussion in all lessons, and has been working particularly hard in writing and maths. Keep it up, Kaitlyn!

Oracy Superstars

John-James Wells - 5OC

For a noticeable improvement in participation in lessons, I was particularly impressed with your listening skills in Maths and the answers you provided to the class.

Jacob Bolton – 5CB

For giving plenty of fantastic contributions in class discussions this week. Not only does he deliver clear, relevant and insightful contributions confidently he also listens attentively to his learning partner during paired discussion!

Logan Hines – 5MP

Excellent ideas and contributions when discussing forces and materials in Science this week!

Dexter Conran - 5PC

For his excellent ideas and relevant contributions in lessons. Well done Dexter.

Evie Amphlett - 6MD

Excellent articulation of 'messy thinking' and mathematical reasoning in maths lessons using logic to interpret line graphs.

Chardai Neade - 6MH

WOW. Chardai independently volunteered to read our class reader in front of the entire class! She challenged herself and stepped outside of her comfort zone. Well done for having self-belief and proving you can achieve when you push yourself. This made Mr. Hamilton very proud!

Reece Arblaster – 6JE

Miss Elvins will share in class :)

Emily Evason - 6BD

For her excellent contributions to lessons -Emily can articulate her ideas clearly, even when put on the spot.

Values Champions - Aspiration award

Emily Freeman - 5OC

For always demonstrating excellent commitment to the classroom and your peers, your attitude to school is truly aspirational for others and is allowing you to succeed in each element.

Ethan Roberts – 5CB

For showing fantastic attitude and engagement in all lessons this week. Ethan has been putting in incredible amounts of effort, always giving some great contributions and aspiring to be the best learner he can be!

Anna-Martha Gapper – 5CB

For aspiring to be the best role model and learner she can be at all times!

Kemi Rose - 5PC

Simply for Kemi's exemplary work. Kemi's books are always neat, clear and well organised and she always strives to improve in lesson. Amazing work Kemi.

Ellie-Mai Callow - 6MD

For being incredibly sensible, kind, caring and respectful – doing the right thing and sticking up for others when people are being negative towards them.

Tiana Taylor - 6MH

For being an inspirational member of 6MH. Tiana selflessly supported another student with their reading and written work this week without encouragement or being asked to. This is a great quality to have and made Mr Hamilton incredible proud of you! Keep up this supportive and kind personality.

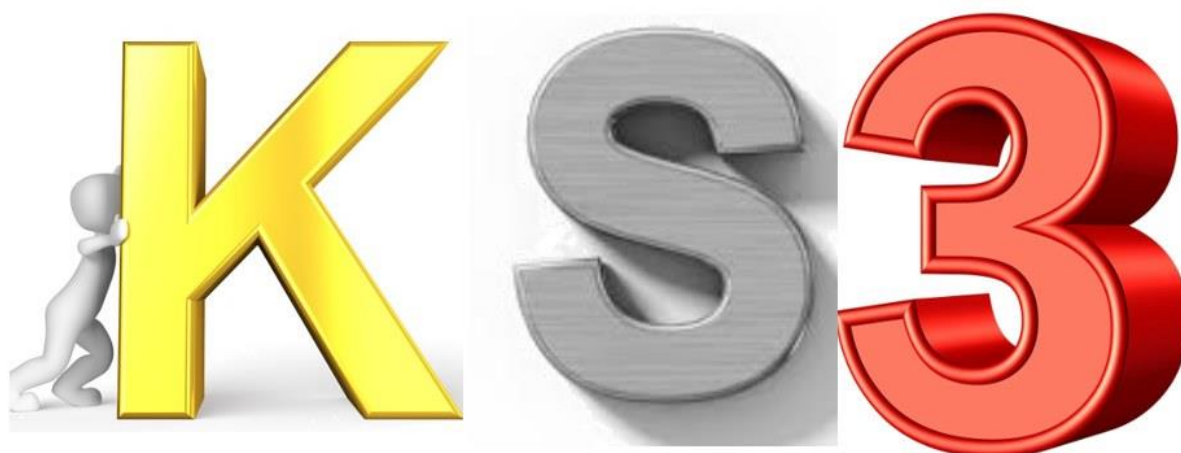
Josh Turner – 6JE

Miss Elvins will share in class :)

Connor Roach - 6BD

For keeping in mind his targets in lessons to ensure he is acting upon. Connor has started to develop a newfound focus and determination to succeed this week, keep it up!

KEY STAGE 3 AWARDS



Tutee of the Week

7BP – **Isla Mckeen** for being polite and always having a smile on her face.

7AP – **Amber McIntyre** for always being polite, considerate and respectful. She always tries her best in class, often with a smile of determination on her face!

7SK–**Kian Cooke** for always offering to help during tutor time. It's hugely appreciated and really shows his community spirit!

7SF- **Logan Little** for his wonderful book door design, his piece is amazing, we are all mega proud of him!

7JL – **Alistair Jackson** for his wonderful attitude towards learning this week – always smiling and showing a fantastic attitude!

8JD – **Connor Vasic** for excellent effort across all his subjects and a marked improvement in attitude around school. It has been lovely to see your maturity come out more this week!

8MO – **Harry Harrison** for his improved engagement in school and for his enthusiasm for the Masked Reader this week.

8FG - **Courtney Sarapuk** for really maturing over the year so far. You have grown into a compassionate, helpful and funny girl and it is a pleasure to have you in my form.

Subject Stars

GEOGRAPHY / HISTORY - **8JD** for amazing enthusiasm and engagement into their humanities world book day activity. Every person just got on with it with enjoyment, no reminders of expectations or repeating of tasks. By far my favourite class of the day.

MATHS – **Callum Thomas (8JL Maths)** for showing excellence in his knowledge of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.

PSHE – **7SK** selective students who managed to ignore distractions and continue to do their work despite others not coping with the content of the lesson. Well done :)

ART - Millie Wheeler 7SF for her beautiful sketchbook and for taking her time to produce quality work.

COMPUTING – Karly Conran (8MO) for working hard to design her own App and exploring code.org.
Kara Lerner (7SF) for working hard to explore her knowledge of Spreadsheets involving Excel.

DT - Alfie Psaila & Keiton Rodgers 7SK for their fantastic teamwork when creating their fruit scones this week. **Jack Morris & Daisy Taylor 8JD** for completing their banana oat cookies by independently using their recipe sheets and working well together as a team.

ENGLISH – 7SF for having a turnaround in English recently. Your learning behaviours have improved massively and it has been lovely to teach a more engaged and enthusiastic class. **Charlie McCrea (8FG)** for good focus during our new topic and having lots of useful historical knowledge that he shared with the class.

MUSIC - Harry Harrison and Tobi Wilson (8MO) for their 'Where's Wally' theme tune in our WBD lesson. **Jenna Keeley (7JL)** for her focus and engagement when completing our orchestra structure task this week.

P.E – Amber McIntyre (7AP) for showing great determination in Tag Rugby and fantastic co-operation with her team-mates. **Layla Wszeborowska, Daizy Nicholls and Chloe Beech (8JD)** for their determination, drive and effort during our basketball lesson this week.

R.E – Eddie Birkett 7JL for his thoughtful responses when discussing symbolism this week. **Courtney Sarapuk 8FG** for her beautifully presented book and taking the time doing tasks to understand the topic, not rushing to get finished before home time on a Friday.

Science - Lennon 8JD – For showing great improvement in his attitude to learning and integrity. **Lois Lynch 8JD** – For always doing the right things and being enthusiastic in lessons. **Harry Graham 7BP**– For contributing more to class discussions.

French - We had a poster, writing and research competition yesterday in French for World Book Day. The top six students were: **1. Alfie Psaila (7SK), 2. Harrison King (7AP), 3. Courtney Sarapuk (8FG), 4. Jake Jones (8FG), 5. Maisie Ryall 8FG and 6. Mollie M (7SF).**

The CH Factor

Church Hill's very own talent show is returning.

Audition sign up sheets are available around school for those with a well-known or secret talent.

Whether that is a talent for singing, dancing, acting, juggling, gymnastics or performing magic tricks - we welcome all to sign up and audition.

Sign up sheet closes 11th March.

Audition date TBC.

Sporting Superstars



KS2 Dodgeball Festival

Some of our Year 5 and 6 students had a fantastic time last Friday afternoon at Arrow Vale for the Redditch dodgeball festival. Our two teams enjoyed several matches against other schools from across the district and returned to school with big smiles on their faces.

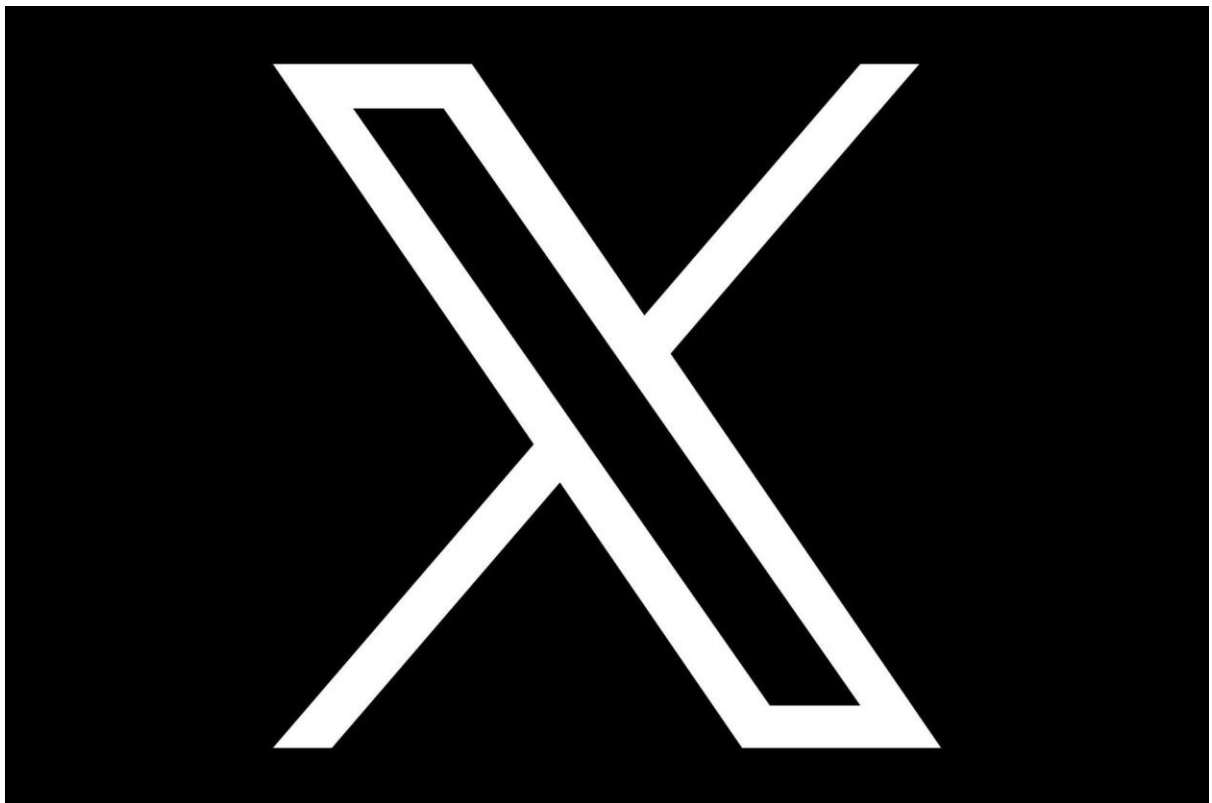
Year 7 Netball

A big congratulations and shout out to our Year 7 netball team, who came third in the Redditch district netball tournament Wednesday evening. The girls ended the group stage as group-winners but were unlucky to not make the final, after narrowly coming up short in the semi-final.

Well done Miley Nicholls, Jenna Keeley, Elsie Harrison, Phoebe Andrews, Ella Middleton, Bethany Ward, Felicity Moody and Megan Wilson.



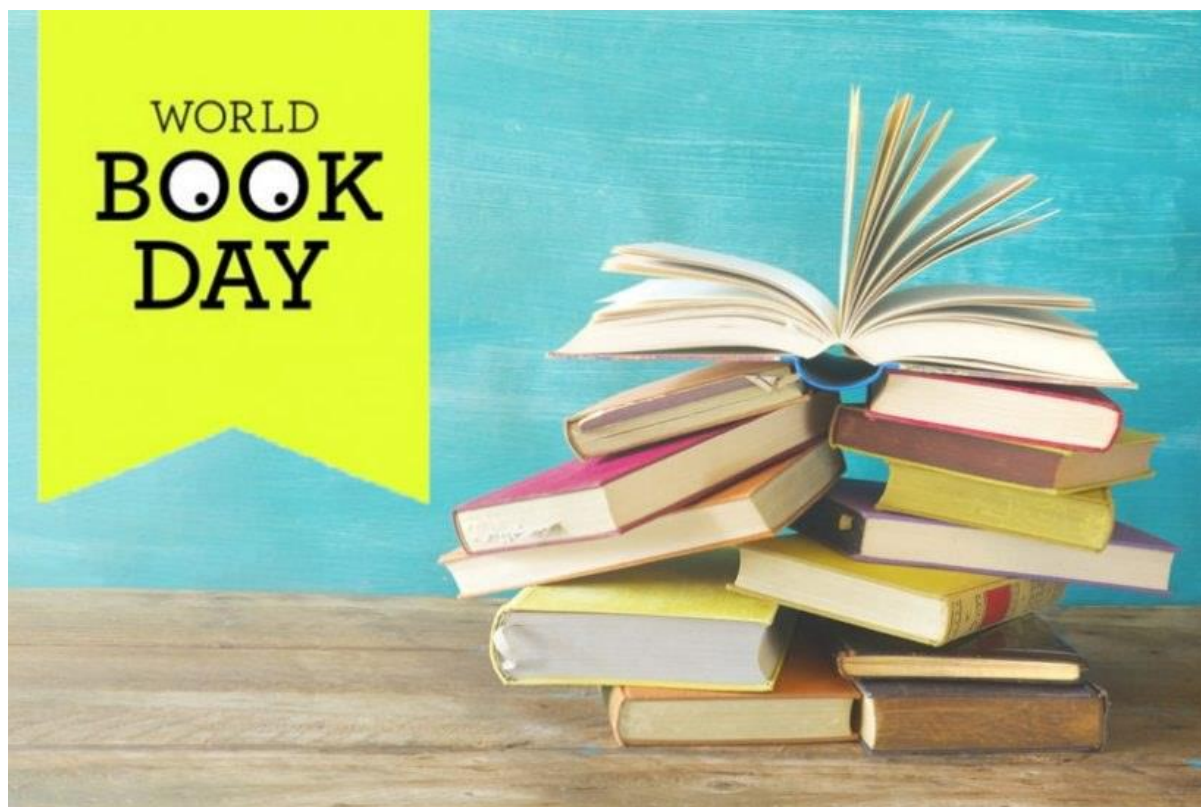
Church Hill PE Department on 'X'



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

@ChurchHillPE

The Wonderful World of Books!



The atmosphere during World Book Day on Thursday was absolutely delightful, with children thoroughly enjoying the festivities. The creativity and effort invested in crafting the amazing costumes and props for the occasion added an extra layer of magic to the celebration. A huge thank you to all for the hard work that was clearly put into these costumes. It was lovely to see students being immersed into the world of all things books and the feedback from all was that it was a super fun day!

A heartfelt thank you extends to all parents, carers and staff for the fantastic amount of support shown during the Book Fair this week: it has been so lovely to see so many of you enjoying perusing the fair and purchasing new books.

The excitement surrounding The Masked Reader added an element of mystery and anticipation, leaving everyone eager to discover the results. A huge thank you must go to: Mr Castle, Miss Harris, Mrs Dutton, Ms. Smith and Mrs Clarke-Dyer for being our Masked Readers. A huge well done to the following forms who managed to correctly guess three out of the five readers: 5CB, 5PC, 6MD, 6JE and 8MO!

We finally announced our door design competition winners this week and a big well done has to go to: Lilly (6JE), Frankie (5CB), Poppy (5CB), Fifi (8FG), Logan (7SF). The winners have all received their £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. An extra well done to Lilly and Logan who have been entered into a Trust competition - we will keep you in the loop regarding their progress! We are really proud

of each and every student who submitted a design. 16 designs have now been selected to be transferred onto classroom doors so watch this space!

This week have been truly a memorable and joyous one which has fostered a love for literature and community spirit among our students. Thank you all for your hard work!





1 - Lilly (6JE)



2 - Logan (7SF)

Times Table Rock Star Day - Friday 22nd March



Times tables are the essential building blocks that underpin every maths curriculum, yet students always find them a challenge. In order to combat this, we are relaunching the Times Tables Rockstars learning platform. To do this in a fun and engaging way, we will be holding a Rock Stars Day on Friday 22nd March. Children are encouraged to dress up as a rock star on the day, rocking their air guitars! During the day, we will be launching an interhouse competition, inviting pupils to learn their tables by collecting as many points as possible for their houses. There will also be a competition for best dressed with certificates and prizes for the winners.

Alongside the Rock Stars Day, we will be encouraging all students to complete 5+ minutes per week practicing their times tables on the website. This will allow students to become fluent in their

timetables, which in turn cuts thinking delay, enabling them to become more mathematically confident and excel in all areas of maths. If you want to find out more about Times Table Rockstars, the website has a snappy 2-minute video, which provides an excellent overview of the programme for parents and carers [Resources – Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com/resources)

We look forward to seeing you all dressed up on the day!

Thursday 14th March - Keeping Children Safe Online Workshop



We are excited to inform you that on Thursday 14th March, both schools will be hosting a "Keeping Children Safe Online" workshop. In an increasingly digital world, it is essential for us to work together to ensure the safety and well-being of our students while navigating the vast online landscape. This workshop aims to provide valuable insights, practical tips, and resources to help you understand the potential risks and implement effective strategies to keep your children safe on the internet. We encourage all parents to attend this informative session, as it promises to be an enlightening opportunity to enhance our collective understanding of online safety. The workshop will take place in the Church Hill hall, and we look forward to your active participation in fostering a secure online environment for our students. Please confirm your attendance via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/aS13wrhbw5>.