



DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March 2020

Headteacher Message

Well done to our Year 7 pupils for their outstanding conduct on our recent residential to the Lake District. Also, well done to our Science Department for a fantastic week of fun activities for 'National Science Week'.

Next week, our big focus will be on uniform and language standards. Please make sure that pupils attend in accordance with our Uniform Policy.

I have received some questions from parents/carers concerning Coronavirus. I would like to reassure our school community that we continue to follow advice from Public Health England and Ofqual (examinations). We will keep you informed as further advice is published but we will always prioritise the safety of our pupils and look to support them through their studies in this difficult period.



James Haseldine
Executive Headteacher

Book of the Week

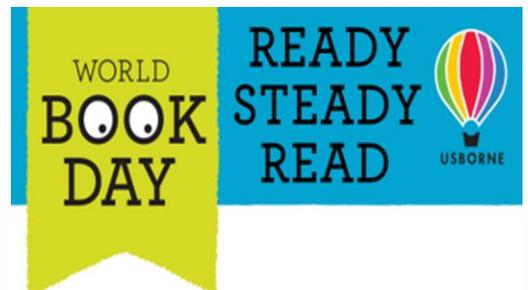
Book of the Week is 'librarian's choice' this week. It's Science Week, and, by coincidence, I had the privilege of visiting Eureka, the children's science museum in Halifax (well worth a visit!).

While I was there I learned about Rosalind Franklin, a pioneering scientist who made crucial discoveries about the structure of DNA, which is at the heart of all the great advances in genetic medicine. Tragically, her contribution was over-looked when the Nobel prize was awarded to Wilson, Watson and Crick, but it is now acknowledged that her work played a vital role.

The story is told in this week's book 'The Dark Lady of DNA' by Brenda Maddox, which will be available in the school library for a short time.



The name of Rosalind Franklin will soon be well known everywhere as the scientific world has finally honoured her by naming the new Mars Rover after her, which will be launched next year.



This year, we partnered up with Usborne to get pupils reading for 30 minutes, every day, for a whole week! We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the readathon, and to everyone who donated a sponsor!

If you still have money to bring in, HURRY, HURRY, HURRY! The more we raise, the more free books we get for the Library!

Watch this space for an update of how much money we raised and the wonderful new additions to our Library!

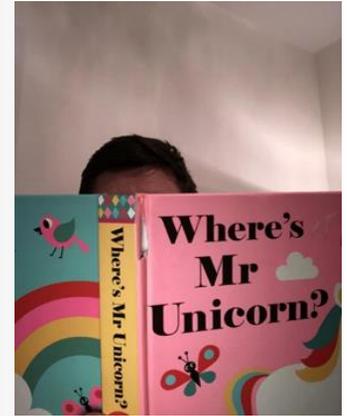
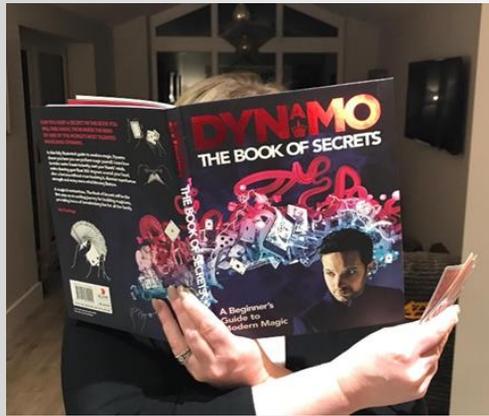
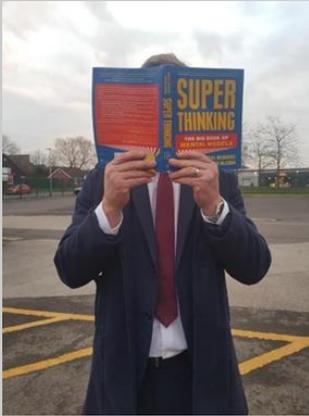
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Activities

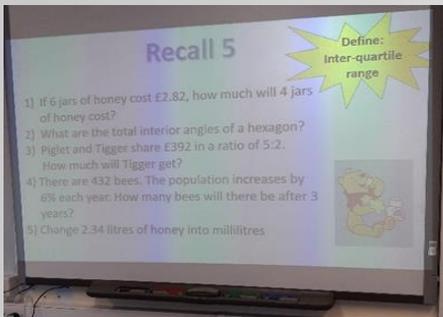
Last Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day in style! Each department chose their own theme to celebrate the day and came in fancy dress – much to the pupils' surprise!

The pupils began their day in Form, where they participated in a 'Guess Who' competition. They had to suss out which member of staff was hidden behind the book in a game of #Bookface.

Do you recognise any of the staff below?



Tigger could be seen bouncing around in Maths, alongside his best friends: Winnie, Piglet and Christopher Robin. Pupils embraced the theme during their Maths lessons, where they read an extract from Winnie the Pooh and counted all of the consonants and vowels, finding the Range, Median, Mean and Mode of each line.



Willy Wonka and his Oompa-Loompas welcomed pupils into Humanities with open arms. Throughout the day, pupils completed Roald Dahl themed activities, which included inventing their own chocolate and sweets to honour his masterpiece: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



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DEAN TRUST ROSE BRIDGE TRANSFORMS INTO HOGWARTS

English put on a spellbinding show when pupils were tested to see whether they had what it takes to go to Hogwarts. They created their own wizard names and cast a spell to make their wildest dreams come true! Pupils prepared for their journey to Hogwarts, as the Library was transformed into Platform 9 ¾.



Pupils continued their Hogwarts adventure in P.E. where they were allocated into houses: Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff. The teams learned how to play Quidditch and competed for the Quidditch Cup.



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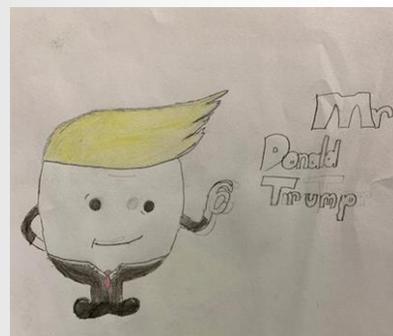


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The 'mysterious' and 'spooky' staff in Performing Arts channelled their inner Addams Family vibes. Pupils acted out scenes from the famous book, film and TV show in Drama, and learned how to play the famous theme tune in Music!



Pupils were 'Happy', 'Bossy', and 'Chatterboxes' in Art, as they designed and drew their own Mr Men and Little Miss characters.



The Science team dressed as world record holders, as they commemorated 'Guinness Book of World Records'. Pupils participated in some of the weird and wonderful experiments throughout the day!



Fancy Dress

We voted for our favourite 'Department Theme' and 'Best Individual Costume'. Here are the winners: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Humanities) & The Bearded Lady (Mrs Green)



Commas and Apostrophes

Our literacy focus this half term is commas and apostrophes.

Commas are used to:

- Separate items in a list.
- Add detail to sentences.

Every sentence has a minimum of one clause, a bit that makes sense on its own.

E.g. The man tripped over a dog.

If we add detail to it using commas, we might write:

The man, not looking where he was going, tripped over a dog.

The part added is called the subordinate clause.

Can you add commas into the sentences below?

1. The man bought bananas oranges and pears.
2. To avoid sharks you should only swim in swimming pools.
3. The flowers that had bloomed in spring were fading quickly.

Apostrophes are used:

- To show a belonging.
- For omission – when two words are contracted into one.

Omission

Jack would not play with his baby brother.

Jack wouldn't play with his baby brother.

Possession

Miss Smith's computer – the computer belongs to Miss Smith and there is only one Miss Smith, so the apostrophe goes before the 's'.

Plural Possession

When more than one person is involved, the apostrophe comes after the 's'.

The boys' cloakroom – more than one boy.

Can you add apostrophes into the sentences below?

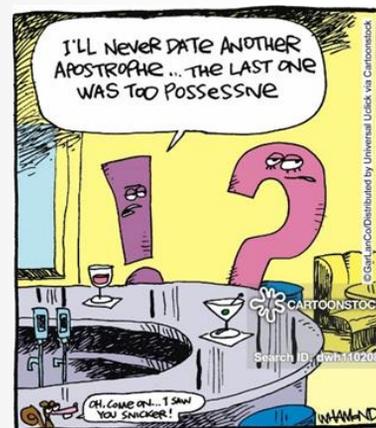
1. They entered the teachers staffroom.
2. Eric picked up Jacks pencil.
3. They couldn't wait for Miss Smiths lesson.

Let's eat grandma!



Let's eat, grandma!

**PUNCTUATION
SAVES LIVES!**



Dates to remember

- Sport relief week/ Glow in the dark 16-20th March
- Y7 Progress Evening 23rd March 4:30 -7pm
- ARMY Day 31st March
- Easter Break 6th - 17th April



War Poetry

Our second poet of the Spring term was Reece Williams, who was in school the week before half term, working with a group of our Y7, 8 and 9 boys.

Reece Williams is a graduate with a 2:1 BA (Hons) in Music, Theatre and Entertainment Management at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA). His main areas of interest are literature and theatre and he has extensive experience as a writer, performer and project administrator. Reece is passionate about youth engagement, cultural policy and race relations, in addition to peer mentoring and the advocacy of active citizenship through the arts.

The theme of the morning was World War One and our pupils showed an impressive amount of knowledge about the conflict, which was extremely helpful to them when they went on to compose some imaginative lines of their own.

This is the class poem which Mr Williams compiled using ideas provided by the class:

I am patriotic and proud,
 I am filled with murderous thoughts,
 I am a bullet going as fast as lightning
 I am a missile, launched.
 I was a gun, shooting
 I was a vehicle,
 I was a legend
 I will defeat the enemy
 Kill, kill, kill, kill
 I can save my country and return home.



At the end of the morning the poet entertained us with one of his own poems. You can find it yourself by searching his name in Youtube.

Word of the Week:

Convoluted adjective

Extremely complex and difficult to follow.

Challenge: Could you think of sentence to describe the image using the word 'convoluted'?

Extra challenge: Can you think of any antonyms for the word 'convoluted'?

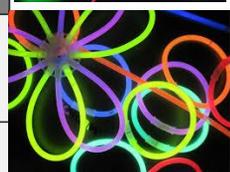


IT'S GAME ON FOR SPORT RELIEF!

Let's get active, have fun and do good.

SPORT RELIEF IT'S GAME ON

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Glow in the dark Badminton	Glow in the dark Just Dance	Trampolining Bounceathon	Glow in the dark Volleyball	Glow in the dark Football
Large Sports Hall	Small Sports Hall	Large Sports Hall	Small Sports Hall	Large Sports Hall
3-4 pm	3-4 pm	3-4 pm	3-4 pm	3-4 pm



Year 7 Outward Bound Adventure

On Friday 6th March, 35 of our Year 7 pupils set off on their adventure to the Lake District! Pupils travelled to Outward Bound - Ullswater where they were met by stunning views of Helvellyn and Lake Ullswater as well as their enthusiastic instructors for the weekend!

Pupils completed an exciting variety of activities including: a jog and dip straight into Ullswater itself; hiking and mountain climbing; camping in cabins/yurts; gorge walking and exploring the local caves. All pupils overcame a challenge during the weekend and showed strength, resilience and teamwork - the rain certainly did not slow us down! Working as a team, pupils scaled the mountains; hiked across hills and even learnt how to make their own bed!

This unbelievable adventure would not have been possible without the amazing organisation from Mr Walsh - thank you!



Cadet Training Success

Sophie B Y8 has completed her RAF Cadet training to pass out as a first class cadet. She is now a fully fledged cadet and is now in training to pass her fitness tests to progress up the ranks within the RAF. This is an amazing achievement for Sophie especially at such a young age and we are incredibly proud of her!

Sophie has clear aspirations and would like to work as a dog handler in future. This is a very important job within the RAF as the dogs and their handlers are in charge of guarding the air crafts on military bases and also are trained in finding explosive devices and weapons. Well done Sophie! Now just to get training for those sit up and press up tests!



H.M.S Prince of Wales

On Monday 2nd March Dean Trust Rose Bridge pupils were invited onboard the newly commissioned aircraft carrier the H.M.S. Prince of Wales.

Pupils were able to ask questions first hand and experience what it would be like the sail on the vessel. We would like to thank the Royal Navy for this once in a lifetime opportunity!

