



The Wiseman KS3 Autumn Term Newsletter

There has been some amazing work going on in our school this term. The aim of this KS3 newsletter is to keep you up to date with “KS3 life at Wiseman” and to celebrate the achievements of our students. I really hope you enjoy our KS3 newsletter and would like to thank you for your continued support. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Miss C McGovern

Assistant Headteacher KS3

History comes alive on the Wiseman sports field



*Year 7 Students Bring
History to Life with a
Battle of Hastings
Re-enactment!*

On a crisp autumn afternoon, 75 enthusiastic Year 7 students took to the field to re-enact the historic Battle of Hastings, immersing themselves in one of the most significant events in English history. Armed with foam swords, shields they had made at home, and a wealth of knowledge, the students recreated the epic clash between Harold Godwinson and William of Normandy, bringing the year 1066 vividly to life. Under the guidance of their history teachers, students played the part of Saxon and Norman warriors, practicing shield walls and cavalry charges. The event not only reinforced classroom learning but also fostered teamwork, creativity, and a deeper understanding of medieval strategy and culture.

The Trial and Execution of Charles I



Year 8 students stepped back into the 17th century this week, re-enacting the dramatic trial and execution of King Charles I. This interactive lesson brought history to life as students took on roles as members of the court, soldiers, and even the king himself! The History Classrooms were transformed into a courtroom and students passionately debated Charles' actions, grappling with the political and moral dilemmas of the time. The trial highlighted key issues such as the king's belief in divine right versus the growing power of Parliament. The dramatic finale saw Charles sentenced to death, with his execution staged on a specially prepared "scaffold" area. The re-enactment helped students deepen their understanding of this pivotal moment in British history, fostering critical thinking and empathy for the individuals involved. The event highlighted the creativity and enthusiasm of our Year 8 historians, earning applause from teachers and classmates alike.

What is happening in the library . . .

Ealing Teen Book Award Launch November 2024

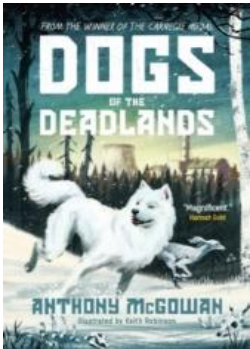
"The Ealing Teen Book Award is an annual book event organised by Ealing School Librarians. This year Ealing Fields High School hosted the launch event which included a wonderful talk by author Anthony McGowan.



Between November and March, our book group will be reading the shortlist and choosing our favourite book in 2024.



Anthony McGowan's books are readily available in our school Library and his new novel, Dogs of the Deadlands is particularly popular.

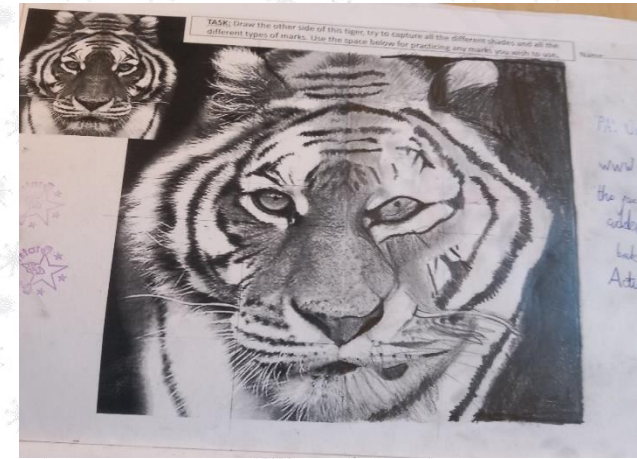
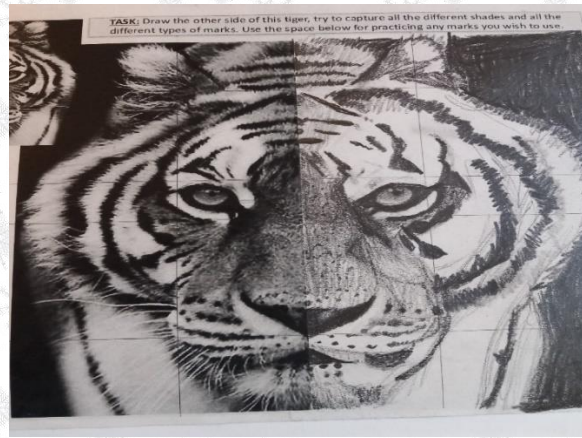
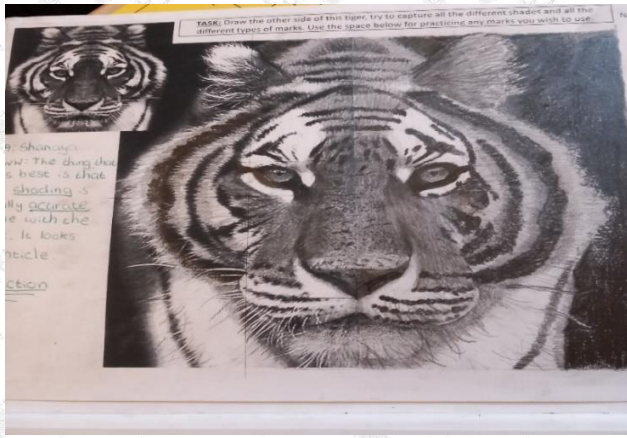


Natasha's world is coming to an end. Forced to evacuate her home in the middle of the night, she must leave her puppy behind and has no idea if she'll ever return. Sometime later, growing up in the shadow of the ruined nuclear power plant, pups Misha and Bratan have to learn how to live in the wild—and fast. Creatures with sharp teeth, claws, and yellow eyes lurk in the overgrown woods. And they're watching the brothers' every move... But will the dogs survive without humans? And can humans live without them? "

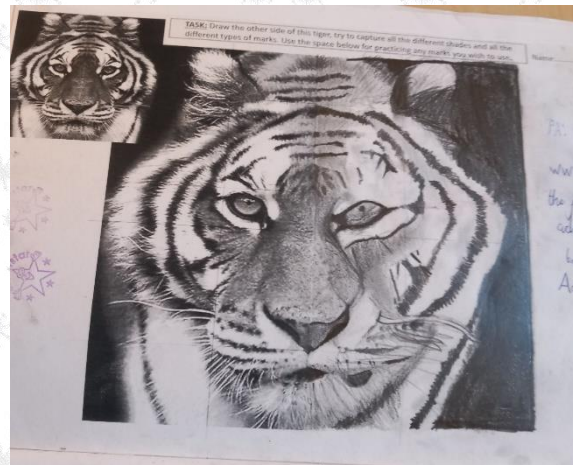
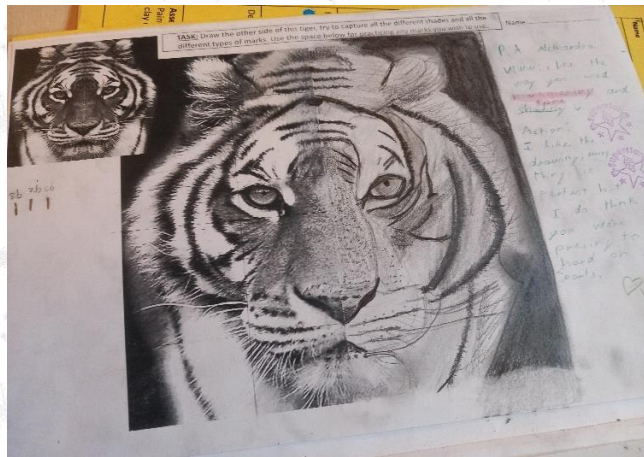


Puzzling in the library at lunchtime!

Our KS3 artists have been working hard...



The task: Draw the other side of the tiger capturing all the different shades and markings



These tigers are magnificent.

In Art, The Jungle Project is in full swing



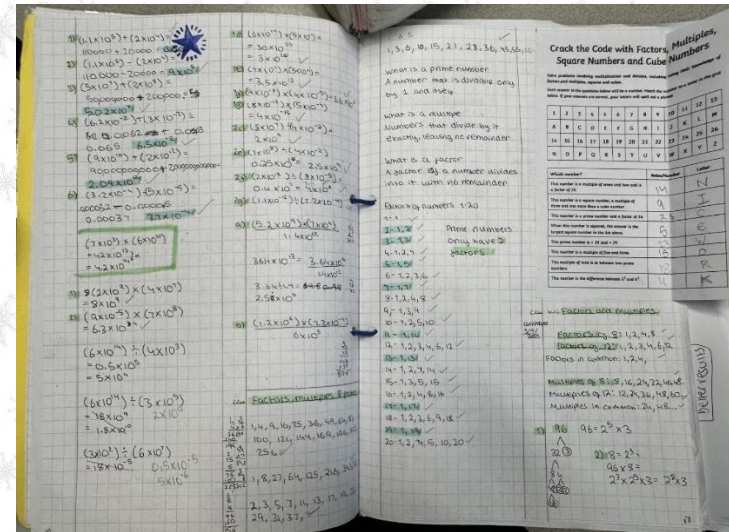
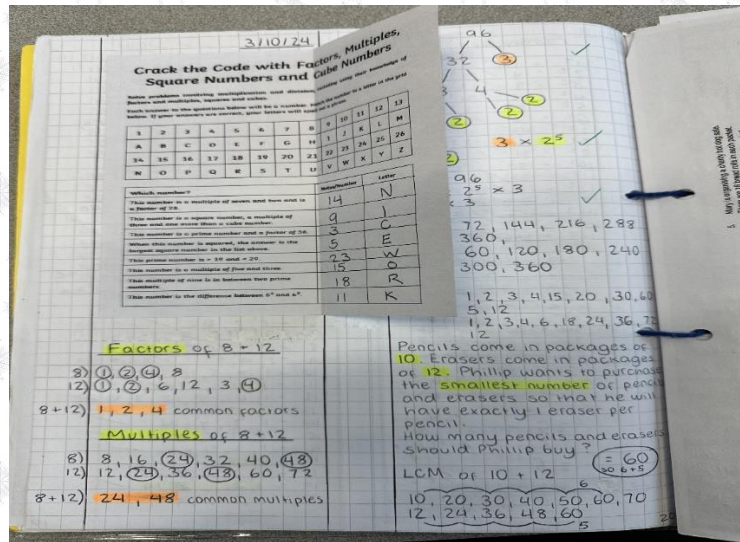


RE have been studying Scripture this half term and exploring how scripture looks and is portrayed artistically in different cultures. We started with a famous artistic version of Scripture named the Book of Kells.

The students were then able to write their names using the famous Celtic writing used in the Book of Kells.



Students in Maths are cracking the code.



Looking at Prisms – Pair Work in Maths

Julia and Steph
9bMa5

SURFACE AREA OF A PRISM

The diagram shows a prism.
Calculate the total surface area of the prism.

Handwritten calculations on the left:

- $7 \times 3 = 21 \times 2 = 42$
- $5 \times 3 = 15 \times 2 = 30$
- $8 \times 10 = 80$
- $7 \times 10 = 70$
- $10 \times 3 = 30$
- $4 \times 10 = 40$
- $3 \times 10 = 30$
- $5 \times 10 = 50$

Handwritten calculations on the diagram:

- Top surface: 90 cm^2
- Back surface: 140 cm^2
- Right surface: 50 cm^2
- Bottom surface: 80 cm^2
- Left surface: 24 cm^2
- Front surface: 30 cm^2

Final handwritten calculation: $72 + 80 + 70 + 30 + 40 + 30 + 50 = 372 \text{ cm}^2$ (with a correction to 403 cm^2)

SURFACE AREA OF A PRISM

Handwritten calculations:

- $2 \times 1 = 2$
- $5 \times 1 = 5$
- $7 \times 2 = 14 \text{ cm}^2$
- $6 \times 1 = 6 \times 2 = 12 = 24 \text{ cm}^2$
- $4 \times 6 = 24 = 48 \text{ cm}^2$
- $2 \times 6 = 12 = 24 \text{ cm}^2$
- $3 \times 6 = 18 = 36 \text{ cm}^2$
- $5 \times 6 = 30 = 60 \text{ cm}^2$

Final handwritten calculation: $14 + 30 + 12 + 24 + 12 + 18 = 110 \text{ cm}^2$

Diagram NOT accurately drawn

Work out the total surface area of the L-shaped prism.
State the units with your answer.

Fun with Maths - Vectors

Vector Snakes and Ladders

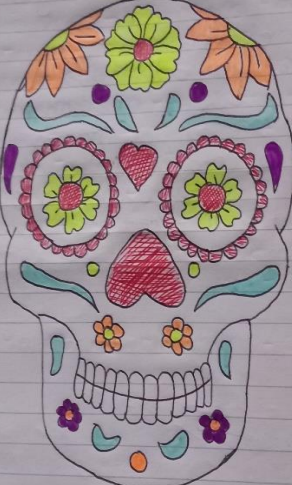
The board game features a grid with numbers 1 to 100 and various vector problems. A red die is on the board.

100	99	(2)	98	97	96	(2)	95	94	93	92	(8)	91
81	(4)	80	0.3	0.4	0.5	(2)	79	(2)	78	(6)	77	76
60	(2)	51	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	(1)	75	74
41	(2)	32	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	(4)	60	59
21	(1)	12	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	(2)	40	39
1	(3)	20	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	(1)	30	29
START	2	3	(2)	4	5	(2)	6	(2)	7	(4)	8	(1)

Some examples of incredible work in Maths

Meanwhile Miss McGovern and her students in Spanish have been investigating.....

dia de los muertos




1) Celebrated at the end of October and during the first two days of November

2) Honors deceased family members and friends

3) This holiday can be traced back to 2,500 to 3,000 years ago

4) November 1 is for clean

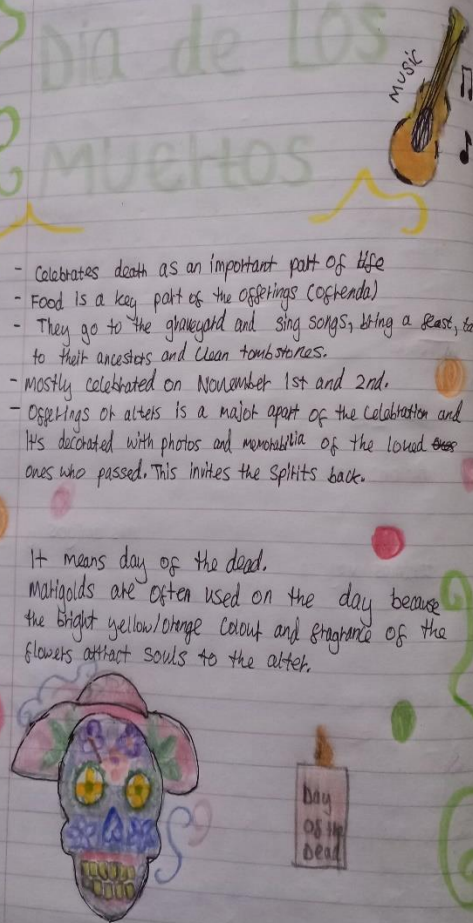
H/W: DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



Facts about Día de los Muertos.

- Marigolds are believed to serve as the pathway to the mortal world.
- The holiday celebrates death as an important part of life.
- It is a famous holiday for being colourful and unique to Mexican heritage.
- It is a fusion of pre-Columbian religious traditions.
- The main colours of this holiday is yellow and orange.

dia de los muertos



- Celebrates death as an important part of life

- Food is a key part of the offerings (ofrenda)

- They go to the graveyard and sing songs, bring a feast, talk to their ancestors and clean tombstones.

- Mostly celebrated on November 1st and 2nd.

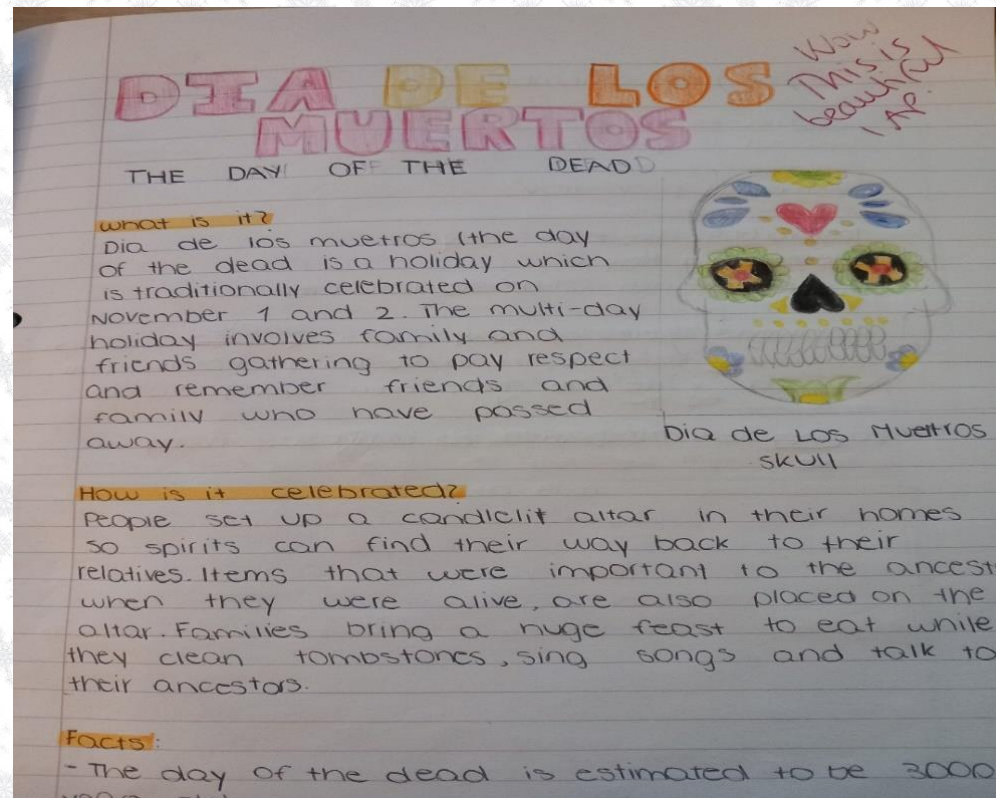
- Offerings of altars is a major part of the celebration and it's decorated with photos and memorabilia of the loved ones who passed. This invites the spirits back.

It means day of the dead.

Marigolds are often used on the day because the bright yellow/orange colour and fragrance of the flowers attract souls to the altar.

Day of the Dead

*The **Day of the Dead** (Día de los Muertos) is a holiday traditionally celebrated on November 1 and 2. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pay respects and remember friends and family members who have died. These celebrations can take a humorous tone, as celebrants remember amusing events and anecdotes about the departed.*



Christmas in the MFL Department

A recent Christmas Card competition was held in MFL, but the words in the card had to be in Spanish or French. There were so many entries. Here is a picture of the winners. What a fantastic effort as you can see!



In PE, On the 24th November 2024 Miss Cummings, Mr Tycer and 10 keen rugby enthusiasts from KS3 battled the hurricane winds and rain to have an experience of a lifetime! Training with professional Saracen coaches and playing Rugby matches on a Saracens professional pitch! We had a personalised coaching session with the Expert Saracen coaches. We had a very special Q&A with Sonia Green. (Most capped female rugby player, played for England and Saracens for 30 years!) The students played small sided rugby games with different schools, which challenged and allowed them to step out of their comfort zone. Students had a complimentary lunch and then watched the famous duel between Saracens and Harlequins. What an amazing experience

Year 8 Boys vs Twyford 1-1



After a hard-fought game, the Year 8 boys managed to secure a 1-1 draw against Twyford with a goal from our leading scorer Derishton Jeenedison.

More important results

U14 Girls: 2x 6-0 victories in a row -into semi-finals of Middlesex cup -into round 4 of ESFA

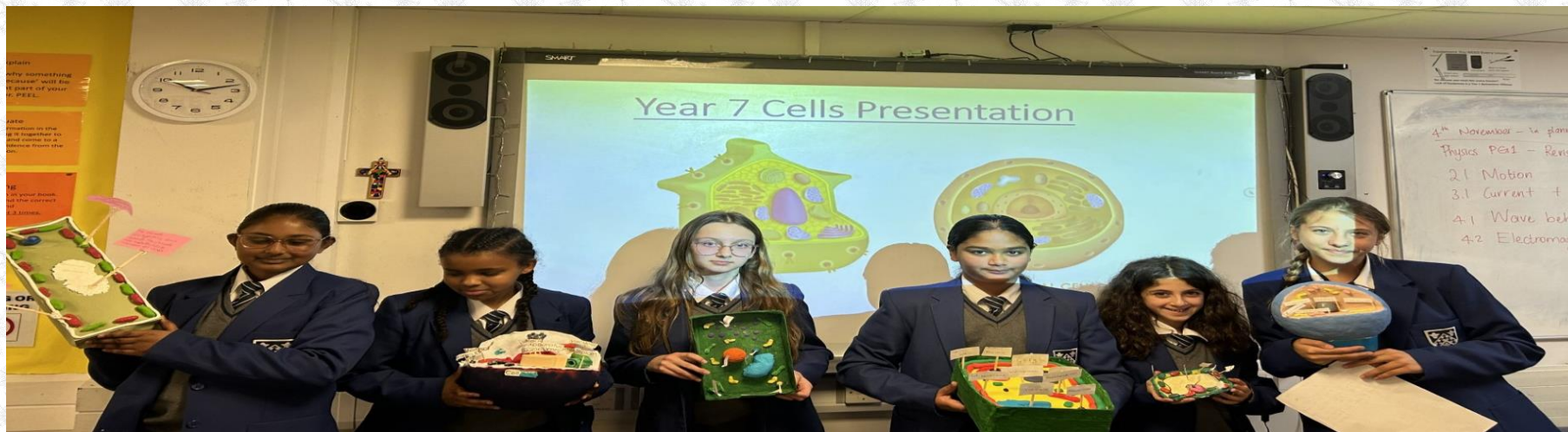
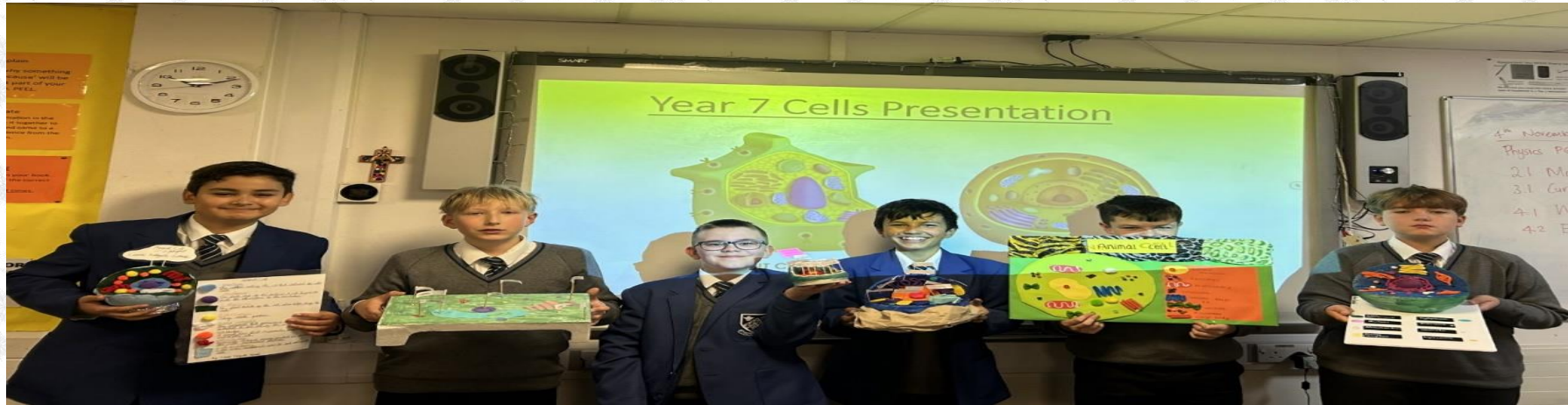
U16 Boys: into last 16 of Middlesex cup

Sport Leaders: Trailfinders Rugby and Gunnersbury Park Football tournament

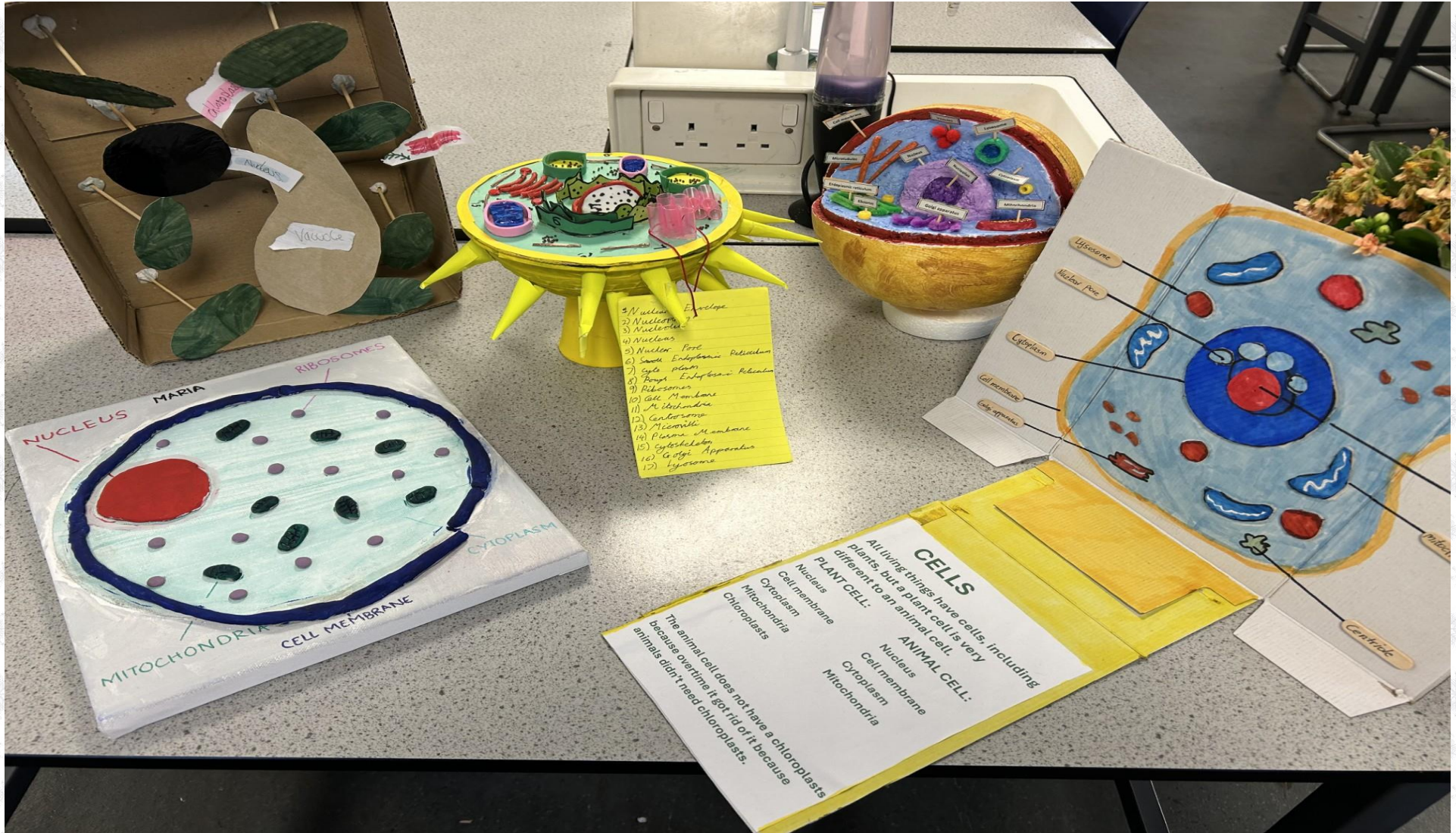


Our Year 8s and 9s were invited to attend several amazing Football and Rugby tournaments for all primary schools in the borough. Our students performed as outstanding referees at a Football Tournament at Gunnersbury Park and a Rugby Tournament at Ealing Trailfinders.

Year 7 in Science have been discussing the common processes of all living organisms. Part of their lesson and homework was to produce models of cells. These are just a sample of some exceptional and beautiful models of cells.



What fantastic presentations!



Meanwhile over in the English Department students were learning about and celebrating Black History Month. The theme this year, “Reclaiming Narratives,” marks a significant shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMPETITION

DEADLINE
OCTOBER 31ST
2024

OPEN TO
ALL YEAR
GROUPS

WRITE AN ESSAY, POEM OR STORY OF A PERSON OR EVENT FROM BLACK HISTORY WHO HAS BEEN MISREPRESENTED OR OVERLOOKED AND **RECLAIM THEIR NARRATIVE**

SPEAK TO MISS GILBERT, MISS MIRZA, THE LIBRARIANS OR YOUR ENGLISH TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS

AMAZON VOUCHERS TO BE WON!


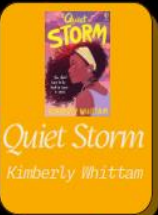


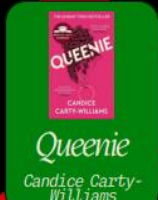





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BOOKS TO READ

Reclaiming Narrative

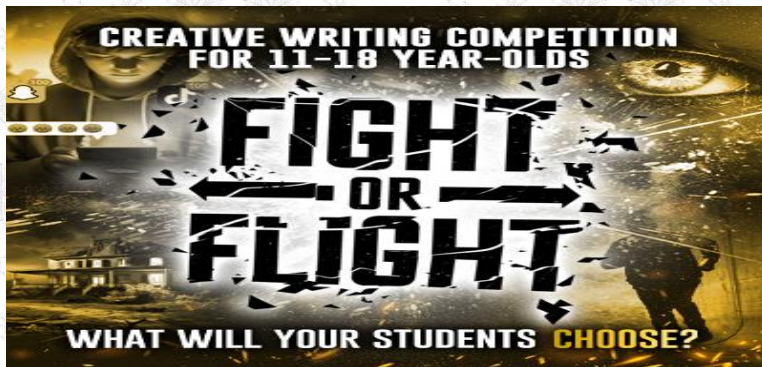
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

 <p>Glow Up Lara Bloom</p> <p>★ KS3 ★</p>	 <p>Quiet Storm Kimberly Whittam</p> <p>★ KS3 ★</p>	 <p>Onyeka Tolá Okogwu</p> <p>★ KS3 ★</p>	 <p>When Our Worlds Collided Danielle Janando</p> <p>★ KS3 ★</p>
 <p>Queenie Candice Carty-Williams</p>	 <p>Stay With Me Ayobami Adébáyó</p>	 <p>Homegoing Yaa Gyasi</p>	 <p>Half of a Yellow Sun Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</p>

Our English department, Ms Gilbert and Miss Mirza compiled a Black History month reading list. All books can be found in the school library.

What has been happening in the English department this term?

- *Miss Mirza's KS3 Black Excellence Club (currently Yr8) which runs every Tuesday morning.*
- *Mr Gaca's KS3 Debate Club (7-9) which runs every Wednesday lunchtime.*
- *Ms Farrow's Inspire Club (y9) which focuses on high achieving students and is organised by Oxford University.*
- *Two Young Writer's Competitions organised by Ms Gilbert: The Beautiful Truth and Fight or Flight.*



- *70 students will have their poems published in the new year as winners of the Beautiful Truth poetry competition.*
- *A Guinness World Record Attempt with poet, Laura Mucha, for National Poetry Day (y7)*

WOW!!!

All Things for Christ

Finally, in English, some outstanding student work...

Title Page: In the Sea there are Crocodiles.



IN THE SEA THERE ARE CROCODILES



The Story of Enaiatollah Akbari
By Fabio Geda



LOCATIONS

- Afghanistan
- Pakistan
- Iran
- Turkey
- Greece
- Italy

CHARACTERS

- Enaiatollah
- Mother Sufi
- Rahmat
- Liqat
- Hussein Ali
- Solhan
- Payan

In the sea there are crocodiles
by Kacper Mroz

HOMEWORK CHINESE MYTHOLOGY



Chinese mythology is mythology that has been passed in oral form or recorded in literature throughout the area now known as Greater China.

What are the four gods Chinese mythology?
They are the Azure Dragon of the East, the Vermilion Bird of the South, the White Tiger of the West and the Black Tortoise (also called "Black warrior") of the North.

Who is the main God of China?
Shangdi, ancient Chinese deity, the greatest ancestor and deity, who controlled victory in battle, harvest, the fate of the capital and the weather.

Who is the female God in China?

Nüwa, also read Nügua, is a mother goddess, culture hero, and/or member of the Three Sovereigns of Chinese mythology. She is a goddess in Chinese folk religion, Chinese Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism. She is credited with creating humanity and repairing the Pillar of Heaven.

Who is the most powerful Chinese myth?

The Jade Emperor is the highest deity in Chinese traditional religion and Taoism. He is considered the ruler of all gods and the supreme judge of human affairs.

Who is Nüwa in Chinese mythology?

In ancient Chinese mythology, Nüwa is the Mother Goddess who created all of humankind. She is part woman, part breast, with the head of a woman and the body of a serpent.
By Maya Przybytkowska
7501 Year 7 7b/Enk

What is the oldest Chinese myth?

One of the oldest Chinese legends is that of the Eight Immortals. These eight immortals were first humans that achieved immortal status and now fight injustice.

Chinese mythology
by Maya Przybytkowska

Mr Kelly and the Reading Buddy club

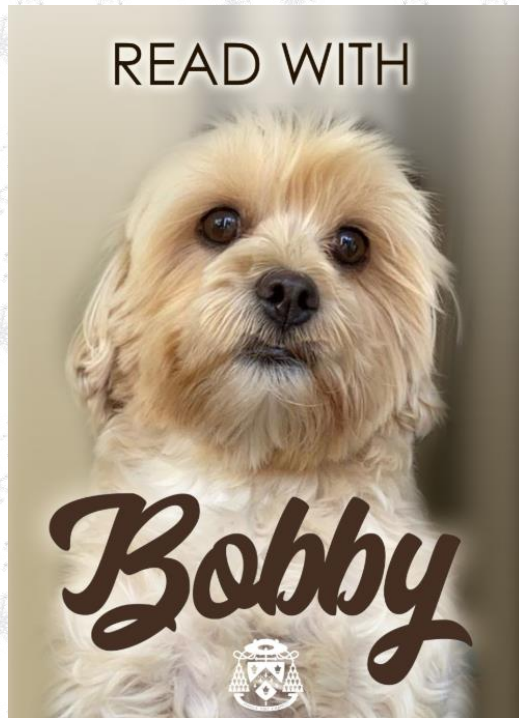


Music and Drama have just announced that our school production will be “High School Musical”. Auditions took place on the 9th and 10 December. Further details to follow in 2025.



Watch this space! Outstanding performances to come!!!!

Reading with Bobby



KS3 students spent some time reading with Bobby in the Library.

In Food Technology, Year 9 have been baking up a storm.



Gingerbread



Chocolate Crispy Pudding

Christmas Trees



Healthy Cooking on a budget

Shakshuka



Soda Bread



TIMETABLE FOR EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES 2024-2025

CLUB /ACTIVITY	Led by	For whom	When	Curriculum Links
• ADORATION	Chaplaincy team	All	Friday lunch	Experience Eucharistic adoration with the Blessed Sacrament
• BAND CLUB	Mr Carli	All	Wednesday lunch	Develops students' instrumental skills
• CADETS	St Benedict's Sch	Year 9	Monday after school	Develops discipline, routines and understanding of the military
• CADETS LEADERSHIP TRAINING	St Benedict's Sch	Year 9	Tuesday after school	Develops leadership skills, discipline, routines and understanding of the military
• CHOIR	Chaplaincy team	All	Tuesday & Thursday before school	Develops singing skills and perform in Mass
• FAITH IN ART CLUB	Chaplaincy team	All	Thursday lunch	Expressing our faith through creative art projects
• FLAMENCO DANCE CLUB	Ms Toledano	All	Thursday lunch-summer term only	Supports cultural development and fitness
• HISTORY FILM CLUB	Mr Elliot	All	dates to be confirmed	Supports wider understanding of historical themes
• JUSTICE AND PEACE	Chaplaincy team	All	Monday and Wednesday lunch	Praying and fundraising for Justice and Peace throughout our global community
• KS3 DEBATE CLUB	Mr Gaca	Years 7-9	Wednesday lunch	Supports students in developing confidence, communication and public speaking
• KS3 HOMEWORK CLUB	Curriculum and Inclusion Team	Years 7-9	Monday, Tues, Wed, <u>Thur</u> after school	Supports students with good study habits, homework and revision
• MFL HW DROP IN	Mr Noone	All	Wednesday after school	Supports development of language
• ORCHESTRA	Ms Hickman	All	Tuesday lunch	Develops skills and fosters a love of music
• PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY	Mr Thomas & Mr Watkins	All	Wednesday lunch	Supports with higher level thinking and thinking beyond the curriculum
• READERS CLUB	Library team	All	Friday lunch	A quiet time for those who love to read
• ROSARY	Chaplaincy team	All	Monday before school	Experience saying the rosary as a group
• SAMBA CLUB	Mr McCloud	All	Thursday lunch	Develops samba skills and fosters love of music
• SIXTH FORM COOKING	Ms Buchan	Year 12	Wednesday after school	Supports with developing independence, money management and healthy living for university
• SPANISH PENPAL CLUB	Ms Murphy	Years 8	Wednesday lunch	Supports language development in a real-life context
• WISEMAN LECTURE SERIES	<u>Mrs Ghebreeghziabher</u>	All	Monday after school	Inspirational guest speakers from the world of work and academia
• WISEMAN VOICES	Ms Adesiyan & Ms Hickman	All	Monday lunch	Develops singing skills and fosters a love of music
• VARIETY OF SPORTING CLUBS	PE department	ALL	See termly timetable	