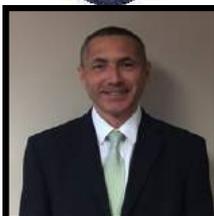




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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

EASTER 2019

How are we held to account?

Schools invest not only in classroom teachers but also in people who can lead across the whole school.

Therefore we have curriculum and pastoral leaders and then a Senior Leadership Team made up of Assistant Headteachers, Lead Practitioners, Deputies and Headteachers. These people are accountable for ensuring that students receive the best education they possibly can. The question arises therefore as to who holds these school leaders to account?

Ultimately it is the Secretary of State for Education but there are different layers to this accountability as well. Ofsted for example, inspect and then judge the quality of education in a school. The Local Authority has statutory responsibilities and now that we are in a TCAT, a multi academy trust, there is a Board of Trustees who hold us to account as well. However, key to Bridgewater over the years has been the role played by our Governors who are now described as a Local Governing Body but nonetheless perform a vital function in both supporting and challenging school leaders.

Our Governors meet as the full Governing Body at least four times a year but tend to operate through subcommittees. We have six of these. They are:

- Scrutiny and Finance
- Safeguarding
- Curriculum
- Students, Community and Stakeholders
- Site Management
- Human Resources

Committees meet once per half term and as school leaders, we find the meetings invaluable. Each committee has a remit and elects annually a chair and vice chair. The Curriculum Committee, for example, looks at things such as the curriculum design and outcomes whilst the Safeguarding Committee will scrutinise the Behaviour and Welfare of our students. Governors are not paid and those at Bridgewater give freely of their time and take their roles extremely seriously. This is no more evident than the review of Governance we are conducting to ensure that what we do aligns with the expectations of TCAT's Trust Board but also allows us to feed directly into their agenda and direction. I have always been committed to the principle and notion of governance; I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank Governors- both past and present, for the tremendous work they do to ensure that Bridgewater High School delivers the best education it can.

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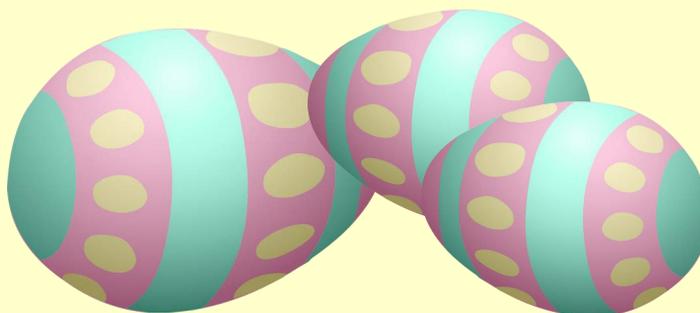
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We would like to thank everybody who donated Easter Eggs and other seasonal gifts to the Alder Hey Oncology Unit. This is our twelfth year of involvement with the appeal which provides Easter eggs for children who are not well enough to go home at Easter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by both Alder Hey and Bridgewater. Pictured with some of your kind gifts are Year 7 pupils, Frankie, Keira, Carys and Madeline.



Wellbeing Award for Schools

In January, Bridgewater was successful in achieving the Wellbeing Award for schools. The award obtained through Optimus Education and sponsored by the National Children's Bureau is testament to the importance that the school places on pupil and staff wellbeing. The report highlighted:

'There is a positive team spirit at Bridgewater School and the support framework for pupils is well organised through experienced Pastoral, Wellbeing and Safeguarding Teams. Where intervention is appropriate, school routines and processes are effective and parents expressed their trust in the way the School organises and manages this. The close relationship between staff/students and families is optimum to the School's shared ethos.'

I would like to thank the hard work of the wellbeing team, parents and governors who helped to secure the award. I would also encourage all parents to read the school's Well-ness bulletin, to be published this week, which will offer advice all areas of wellbeing.

Tracey Hatton
Headteacher Lower School.



Pictured above are members of Bridgewater's Wellbeing Team.

History Xtra

**June 2019 is the
75th Anniversary of
the D-Day Landings**

**Calling all KS3
Historians, come
along to History Xtra
to help us
commemorate this
event.**

**Thursdays 3.15-
4.15pm Room 92**



<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/community/news/general/official-events-to-mark-the-75th-anniversary-of-the-normandy-landings-announced/>

D-Day Fundraiser 2019

Before sunset on the 5 June, MV Boudicca, a specially-chartered ship for 300 Normandy veterans, procured by funds from The Royal British Legion and a LIBOR grant from HM Treasury, will transport veterans across the channel to Normandy escorted by a Royal Navy vessel, representing their famous crossing 75 years before.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/community/news/general/official-events-to-mark-the-75th-anniversary-of-the-normandy-landings-announced/>

History Xtra would like to raise money for The British Legion by collecting 5p coins to commemorate the 5 beaches on which Allied Forces landed.

**If you would like any further information, please contact Mrs Mottershead or Mrs MacKay.
Thank you for your support.**



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NEW LOOK CATERING



At Bridgewater, we believe in feeding the body, as well as the mind! Above are some reminders of the delicious meals served up each day by our dedicated and good-humoured catering team in our new-look servery. Meanwhile, the year 11 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition groups have been working hard completing their 3 hour NEA practical assessments. Their Food teachers, Mrs Simon and Miss Barclay, were really impressed with the professional attitude the students had to the practical exam and the standard of the finished products was fantastic! Well done year 11!



All the World's a Memory

Price : £3.00

Dates: 24th / 25th april

Time: 7pm

Venue : upper school hall



2017 - 2019

**Our last ever
show
together!**

**With thanks to
Miss plimmer x**



A Magical Day Out

On the 4th March, 100 Year 9's went on a rewards trip to the Harry Potter Studio, Watford. We went with our Year group leaders, Miss Mitchell and Miss Magee as well as some other teachers.

After a three-and-a-half hour noisy coach drive, we arrived at the Studio. We were greeted by our tour guide and went into a room where we watched a short film about the making of the eight films. The main entrance doors to Hogwarts opened and we entered the Great Hall. While in there, we were told many interesting facts about the filming of the series. Then we were allowed to wander around at our own pace with our friends.

We saw many amazing things from the sets, such as the Forbidden Forest, Potions Lab, Dumbledore's office, the Gryffindor common room and Diagon Alley.

To set off the experience we could go on broomsticks and the Hogwarts Express, as well as buy our own Butterbeer (yum). As we came out, we entered a room with a large scale model of Hogwarts which was amazing and impressive. There were options to buy a vast array of Harry Potter themed objects in the many gift shops.

To complete the experience, most people got McDonald's for tea.

All in all it was a wonderful trip, full of many amazing and interesting moments and we were very grateful for the opportunity.



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The big bang chemistry trip

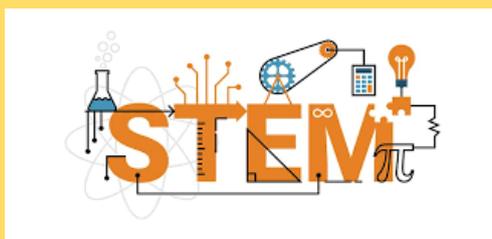
On 14th February, a group of students went to Priestly College. We took part in lots of workshops on lots of different parts of science. These included a chemistry show with foam shooting out of beakers, programming drones to fly over a picture and take a photo and then land, programming a Lego rover to drive around cones and building a vertical fish and plant farm without instructions.

Our favourite was the drones. We had five minutes to plan the code we were going to programme. It needed to include four turns, take a picture of the map that was on the floor, cover as much of the map as possible, land on a certain point and for it to only take two minutes. Many of us got close to completing this and some of us did manage to do it. Even the people who didn't compete it had a lot of fun watching the drone and trying to programme within the time frame.

Some of the trip was funny as well because we got lost in the college multiple times. Over all, the trip was very good with some of us being scared by the loud bang during the chemistry show and all being confused whilst building the fish farms as we had to work out how to use the different parts. We managed it in the end!

By Izzy and Laura

Our year 10 students have been invited to attend a fantastic STEM event at Priestley College in July, hosted by Solvay, a local scientific industry employer. This will raise the profile of STEM careers and also the excellent education TCAT provides for STEM subjects. We have 15 places available and have asked to be on the waiting list for more. If you are interested, please contact Mr Langton by the end of the first week back after Easter. This will be a great way to end the year with a superb STEM activity and information event.



SOLVAY
making more from chemicals

**THURSDAY
11th JULY**

**The 2019 Priestley and Solvay
Science and Maths Conference**

GREEN ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

Priestley College and Solvay would like to invite Year 10 students to take part in our annual Science and Mathematics Aim Higher extravaganza this Summer.

- Enjoy a full day's worth of exciting Science and Maths workshops
- Free transport
- Free Lunch for pupils and teachers

PHYSICS: Efficient Water Turbines Competition

A joint, inspirational, hands on session held by Priestley College and Solvay, who is a global player in the chemical industry as well as being one of the biggest employers in Warrington. Working in teams, a fun and competitive session building hydro powered turbines.

INDUSTRY / MATHEMATICS: Decisions! Decisions! Decisions!

An exciting opportunity to meet some of our current students and former students studying at University as well as reputable Scientists from industry. Find out about the new **CORE MATHEMATICS COURSE** for science students.

CHEMISTRY: Making a plastic from potato starch

Did you know that biodegradable and renewable products could potentially replace all your food packaging? Imagine your burger boxes made out of potato starch!!!

BIOLOGY: Calculate Your Carbon Footprint

To demonstrate the effects of CO₂ on global warming learn what your carbon footprint is!

***Note: Some activities may vary on the day.**

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NOW!**

VALE ROYAL TASTER DAY

Year 9 students recently had the opportunity to spend a morning at Warrington and Vale Royal College. Students met with college staff and enjoyed taster sessions of some of the many and varied vocational courses that can be studied at the college. Thanks to Vale Royal and Warrington College staff for making us so welcome and for providing this enjoyable and informative opportunity.



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TCAT DEBATE

Brexit means Brixit!

At the Pyramid Centre, ten Y9 students, including myself, were chosen to take part in a debating event about Brexit. This was the first of what it hoped to be an annual event for TCAT. The Bridgewater students won this event!



The event began with eight Priestley College students modelling how debates work. We were able to look at what the Priestley students were doing to prepare for the debate and how the Priestley students took part in the debate itself. They were absolutely brilliant and we learnt a lot from them.



After this, we were split into two groups, and then we took part in two debates against the other TCAT schools, about topics relating to Brexit. One of the groups won both of these debates.

Later in the afternoon, each school did a presentation about a topic that they were given relating to Brexit. Bridgewater had been given the topic of trade in relation to Brexit. We had spent time researching about this during school time. This was a complex issue which took time to understand, as you can imagine!



The team was led by Mrs Lomas who said, "This was an extremely difficult task. I was very proud of the Bridgewater team. They researched the topic thoroughly and presented their ideas confidently. They were worthy victors although the students from all the schools in TCAT who took part in the event also did very well."

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the organization of this event. **Li Zhi**



Dot-Art Cheshire Schools.

Art Competition

Bridgewater's Art department is proud to announce that we have been able to enter the Dot-Art Schools competition for the third year in a row.

The work selected for this year's competition is from the year 9 Zines project. There was so much excellent work to choose from that Mrs Silver had a very difficult job in selecting the top 25 pieces to put forward.

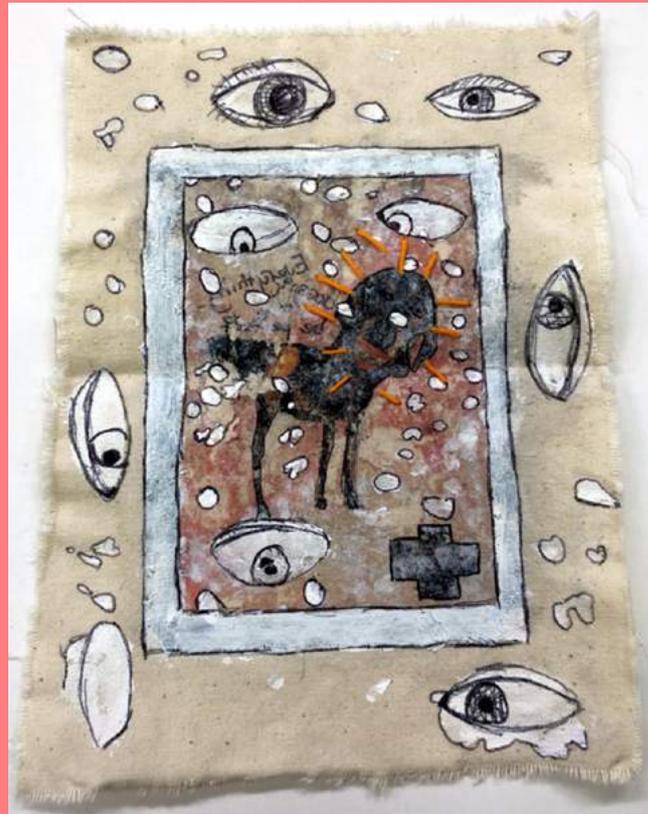
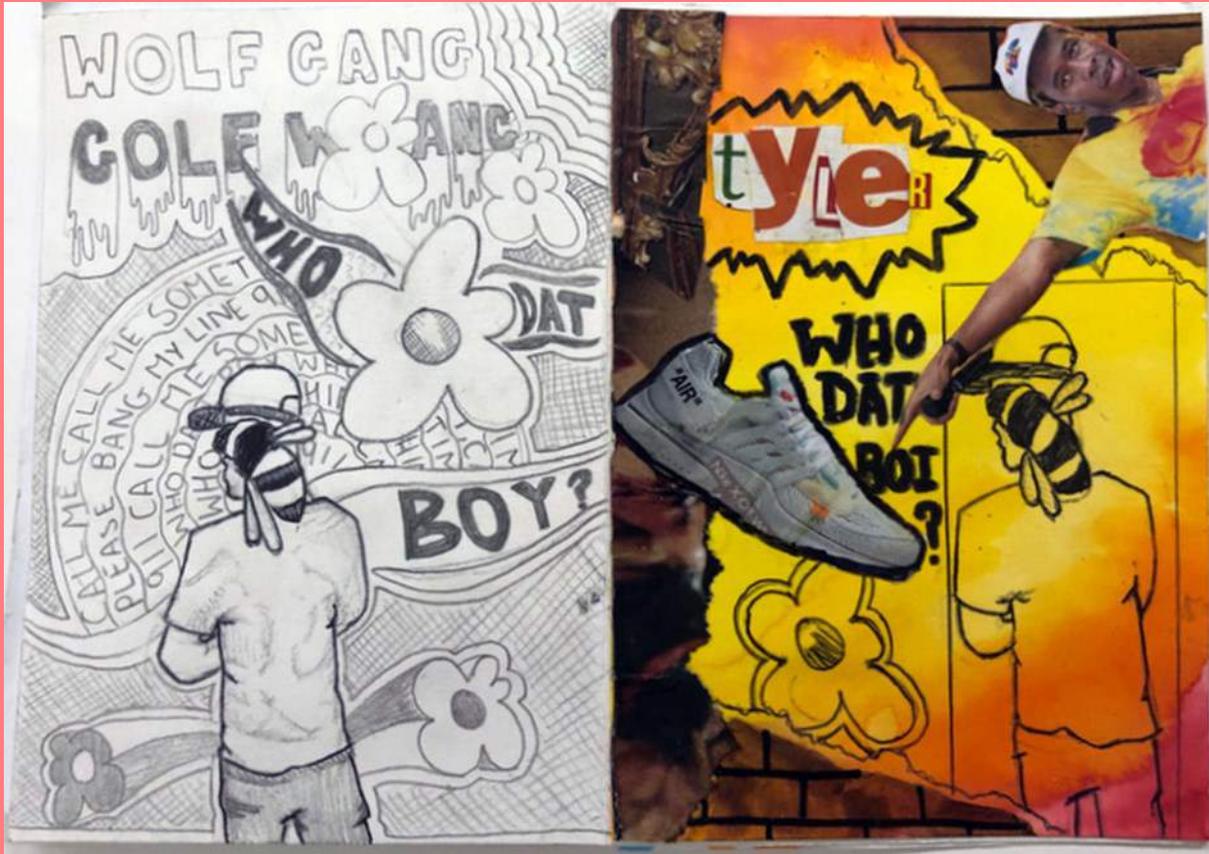
You will be able to see the school entries alongside many other schools work by visiting the Dot-Art website.

Public voting for Bridgewater's top three pieces of work, selected by the Dot Art panel of judges begins on 1ST April until 29TH April.

So, don't forget to log on to schools@dot-art.com to vote for your favourite entry! The winner's work will be on display in an art exhibition that will be open to the public from 28th June.

Below are entries from Thomas, Will, Leah and Abby.





BTEC UPDATE!

Year 11

The Year 11 pupils have now completed their course. Their final Component was based on a fundraising event for a charity that supported disadvantaged young people. The class worked in two groups and each group created a short musical to aid fundraising and sponsorship. They used songs from Spring Awakening, Matilda, School of Rock and Aladdin. They are now in the process of creating a fun variety show that celebrates their achievements over the past two years called "All the World's a Memory". It is on at 7pm in the Upper School Hall on 24th and 25th April. Tickets are £3.

Come and watch the show and see the wonderful girls take their last bow together.

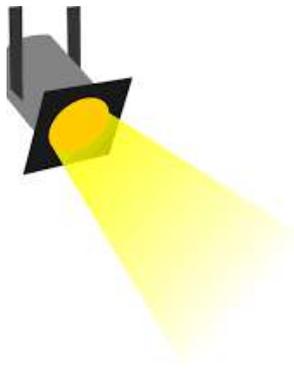
Year 10

After their first amazing production of Grease, the 31 pupils are now exploring three more musicals in lessons. They then join together at BTEC club every week to rehearse the songs ready for performance. This is a massive job for the pupils but they work very well together, teaching each other choreography and harmonies. They will perform two songs in the Year 11 show in April and also share them all in a BTEC Bonanza Fundraiser in the summer term which will help them fund their involvement in the Shakespeare Schools Festival next year.

Well done to all of the BTEC's.

Miss Plimmer





SPOTLIGHT ON CALLUM

Congratulations to Callum in Year 8 who was earlier this year cast as John Darling in Peter Pan, at The Echo Arena's Christmas pantomime.

He has starred alongside the likes of 'ITV's The Chase' star Mark Labbett (The Beast), Radio City's presenter Leanne Campbell and West End Star Elliott Hanna who is one of Callum's idols!

Earlier this year, Callum performed as 'The Artful Dodger' in KMTC's production of Oliver. He was nominated for a NODA award 'Best Youth Male in an Adult Production' and attended the awards ceremony on 19th January at The Mere Golf Club.

Callum has also recently been signed up to a talent agency 'Cheshire Talent' where he hopes to further his career in acting and musical theatre. This went live for him recently.

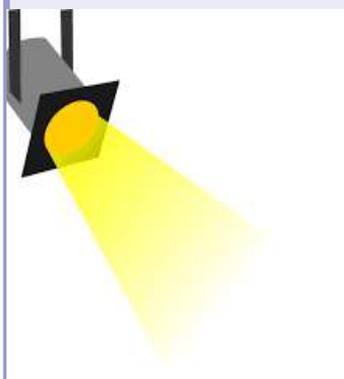
We are sure you will agree these are huge achievements for Callum.

STOP PRESS!

Keeping it in the family! Callum's sister, Erin (Year 7) has also been signed up to a TV and Film talent Agency called Screen Stars Academy.

Well done to Callum and Erin!

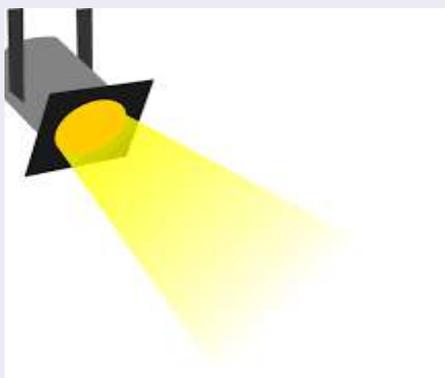




SPOT-LIGHT ON AMELIA

On 24th February 2019, I took part in a Singing Masterclass at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. I sang in front of 55 Royal Northern teachers whilst being coached by Dr. Jenevora Williams, a world famous opera singer and vocal coach. I was taught to increase my vocal range and to reach the highest soprano notes with power, strength and confidence whilst pretending to hoola-hoop! I was also taught to sing very powerfully without straining my voice.

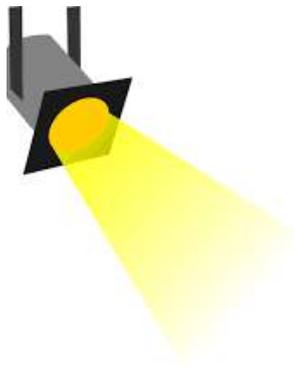
Singing for Jenevora Williams was an amazing experience which I will never forget. It felt fantastic to sing in front of so many accomplished classical singers at the RNCM!"



SPOTLIGHT ON ELLA

The West End Calling Musical Theatre competition is a nationwide competition for young performers across the UK to compete by showcasing their acting and singing ability. Having signed up for an audition, I arrived looking to gain knowledge and experience from the process. To my surprise, I gained a place in the 'heat round' of the competition which was to be judged by Luke Bayer (former 'Jamie' in the hit musical 'Everybody's talking about Jamie'), and Hiba Elchikne, who recently concluded her run as Jasmine in Aladdin. I competed once again with incredibly talented young performers and somehow secured a place in the Semi-Finals, to be held in London. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to make it through to the final but the amount of confidence and skill I've gained is unparalleled, and for that I am forever in debt to the organisers, judges and fellow contestants along the way.





SPOTLIGHT ON BELLA AND NISH

Bella and Nish (pictured right) have been competing with Rising Stars Cheer Team since they were 10 years old. From starting with no experience in a Level 1 team at Broomfields Junior School, they have now been selected for a Level 5 Senior Team, Rising Stars Midnight who will be competing in the Cheerleading World Championships in Orlando, Florida in April/May 2019. Directly following this competition, the girls will remain in Florida to compete at the Summit Championships (Junior World Championships) with their second team, Rising Stars Aurora.

Prior to flying into Florida, Bella and Nish will be going to Atlanta to train with top American team, Sting Rays, in their gym. Their coaches have been mentoring the Rising Stars Teams and working with them in the UK.

This achievement is down to many long hours spent training with their teams in the gym in Manchester. Both girls train at least three days per week for over ten hours.

As well as competing internationally, they also compete nationally all over the country. Very recently, they became National Champions with both their teams and also Grand Champions for their senior team at the International Cheerleading Championships in Nottingham. This was against some of the best teams from across the country. Well done to both girls!



Congratulations to Harriet, Year 7, (pictured left) who ran last week in the Cheshire v Merseyside race and came 9th girl overall!

We love to report individual pupils' achievements in 'The Bridge' but are reliant upon you informing us about what your child is achieving outside of school. Please keep us informed by emailing news to b.mccahey@bridgewaterhigh.com and we will do our best to include it in 'The Bridge'. We also like to receive news updates



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In this piece, the first of a series, Head of EPA Faculty, Miss Mel Plimmer, tells us why she loves teaching so much...

Why do I love teaching so much?

It's simple really...

I love my subject – Drama – and I love having the opportunity to share with young people. It is a subject that some love because they are like me. They enjoy being creative and they love to perform. It is also a subject that some don't like as much but even though they are not constantly enjoying it, they are still constantly learning skills that will help them forever. They are working in teams, they are presenting their work, their confidence is developing, they are problem solving, they are talking. All of these skills are giving them resilience for their future in the big, wide world. I don't feel like my subject is ever a waste of time for anybody!



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I also love the fact that every day pupils teach me too. Through my lessons and the conversations I have, I learn something new every day. Every day really is a school day, for me as well as for our lovely pupils. I love moments when I make pupils laugh and moments when a pupil makes me chuckle too. I thrive on that positivity.

When I see what I call “sparkles” in my lessons, for instance when a pupil gets a question right, remembers something we learnt from ages ago, performs with passion, improves, makes progress... That feeling is utterly brilliant!

I love my job and consider myself to be very lucky! That is my message. Work hard and get to the job you want to have and you'll feel lucky like me. Anyone can do it. I never even studied Drama at school because my school didn't offer it – but look where I am now!

Miss Plimmer

HEAD OF EPA FACULTY

Harry Potter Quiz!

A group of 35 Year 7 pupils were chosen to launch World Book Day with a Harry Potter Quiz, complete with a platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ and sorting hat. At the event, all pupils were sorted into Gryffindor and Slytherin, then attempted three rounds of questions, including a picture round. Pupils at the event were also given the opportunity to have their picture taken in the Azkaban prison photobooth. Six pupils competed for the top prizes: chocolates and Waterstones vouchers.

It was an incredibly close contest, but winners were: Alex, Charlie and Marley.

Many thanks to Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Gardner.



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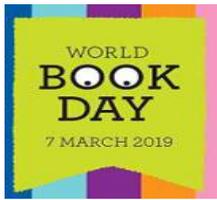


More images from the Harry Potter quiz: Charlie, Marley, Alex, Liberty, Carys and Maddy.

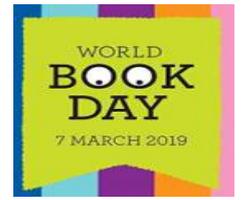
Pictured below: Carys and Maddy at Platform 9 and three quarters.

Mrs Dearden and Poppy. Joe read out the quiz questions.





World Book Day 2019 *'a celebration of books and reading'*



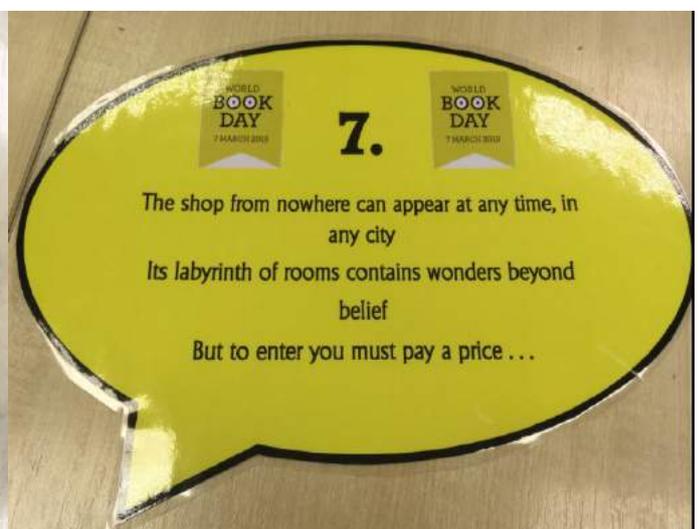
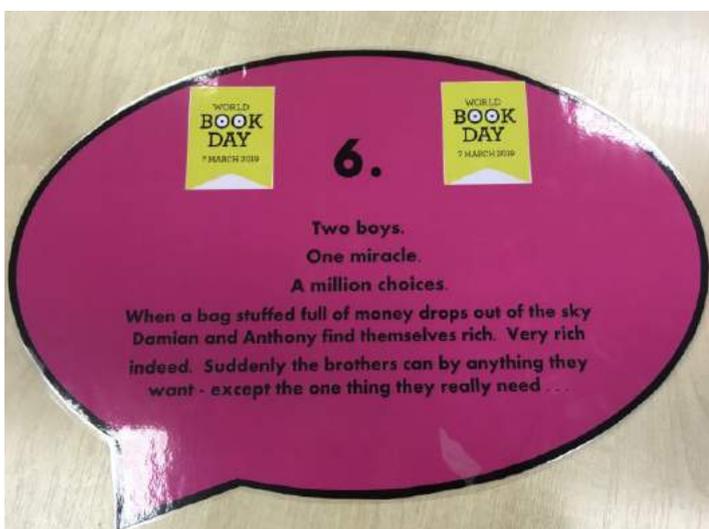
Bridgewater celebrated **World Book Day** on Thursday 7th March, with Lower School Library acting as the focal point for various book-related competitions. Designated by UNESCO as the biggest celebration of reading and books, World Book Day is marked in over **100** countries across the world.

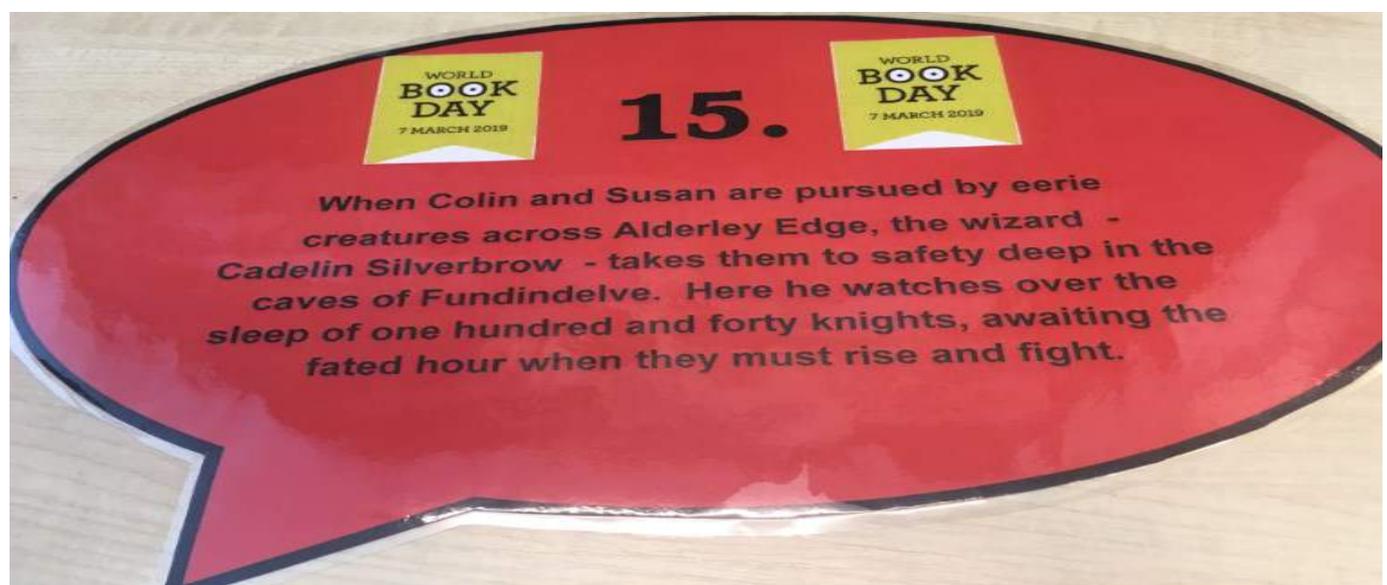
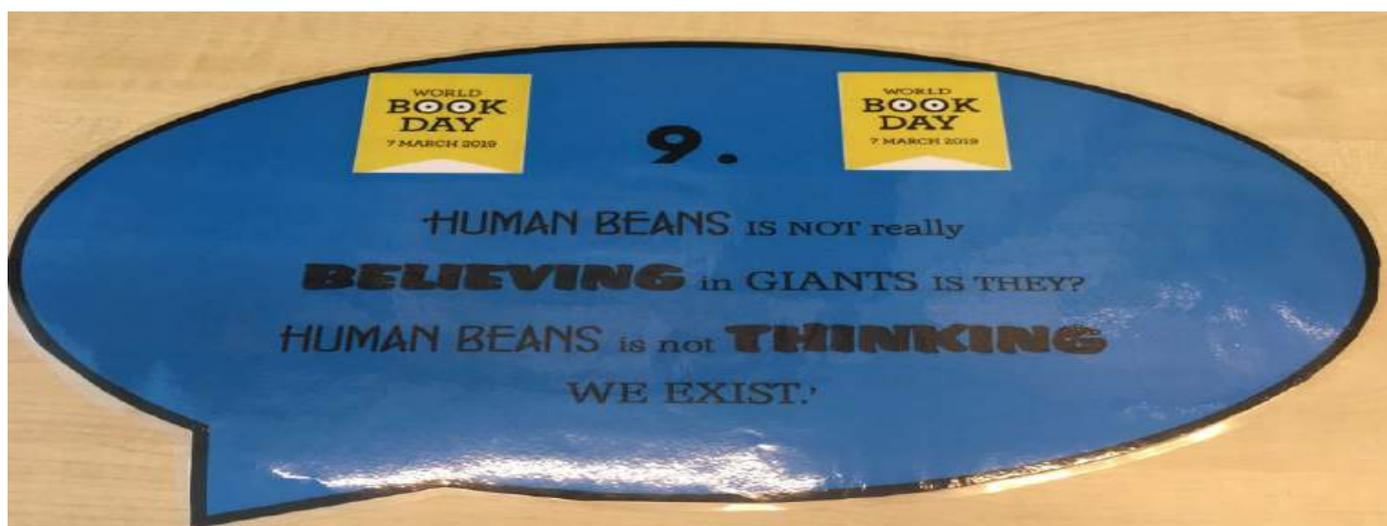
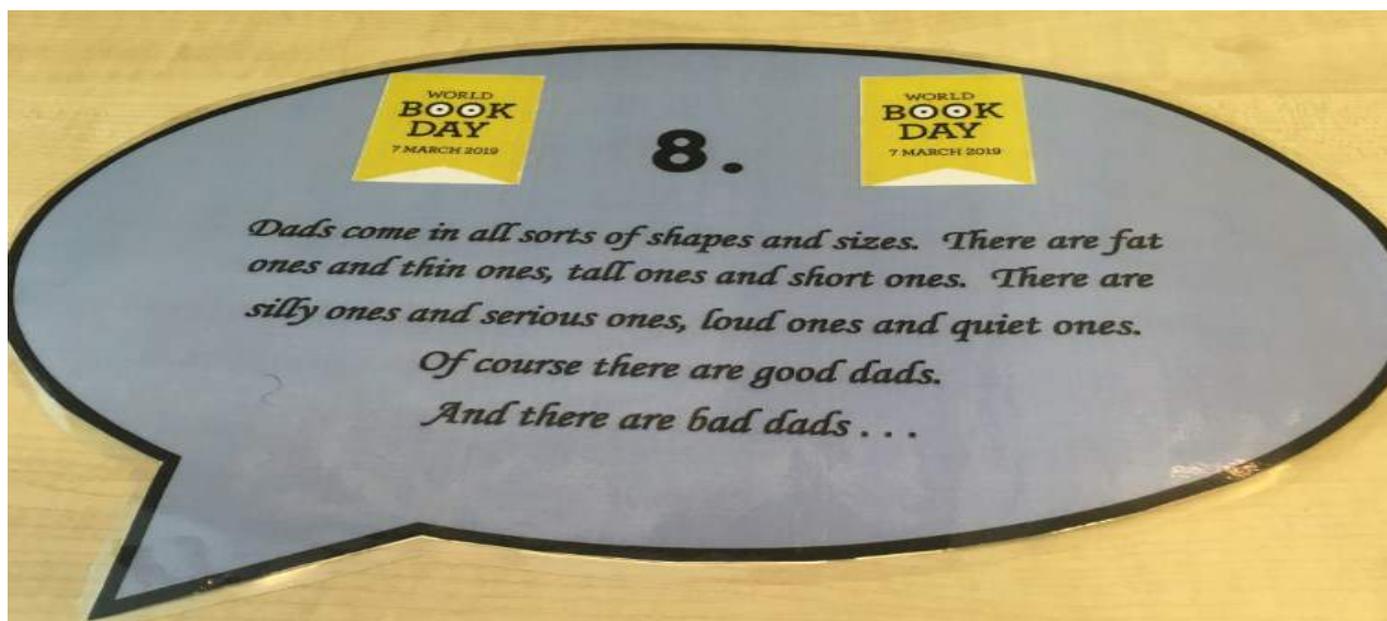
Blurb Competition!

Pupils had the tricky task of trying to match the blurbs to famous children's books. This competition generated lots of discussion as pupils pondered over their answers! The winners were Lacey from Y7 and Daniel from Y8, who were each able to choose a book from the Book Fair.



See if you can guess the books...





World Book Day 'Bumper Book Quiz'

At lunch-time, the Library hosted the 'Bumper Book Quiz', a lively quick-fire quiz which tested pupils' knowledge of children's fiction. Entry was by ticket only to enable a prompt start to the Quiz. The event was well attended, with Hannah (Y7) and Ellen (Y8) winning a book of their own choice from the Book Fair.

Badge Quest

Forty members of staff across Lower School site wore WBD badges with details of their favourite book. Pupils had to identify as many badges as possible, including those worn by some less obvious members of staff. Finlay (Y8) was very impressive in his attempts to track down all of the staff, with only a few teachers escaping his detection and he won the prize of a book from the Book Fair. Many thanks to all staff who took part on the day and the catering staff who prepared specially designed WBD cookies!

Scholastic Book Fair

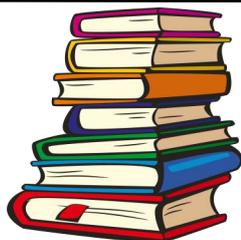
The Scholastic Book Fair is an annual event at Bridgewater and arrived hot on the heels of World Book Day. Pupils were able to browse an amazing selection of 200 new titles as well as posters and stationery. The Fair always provides a great opportunity for pupils to discuss books with each other and makes the Library a real hive of book activity! Those wishing to buy books could use their World Book Day tokens to get a discounted price and the Library was able to update its collection with some new books!



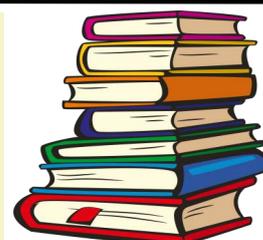
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Author visit - David Whitley Lower School Library

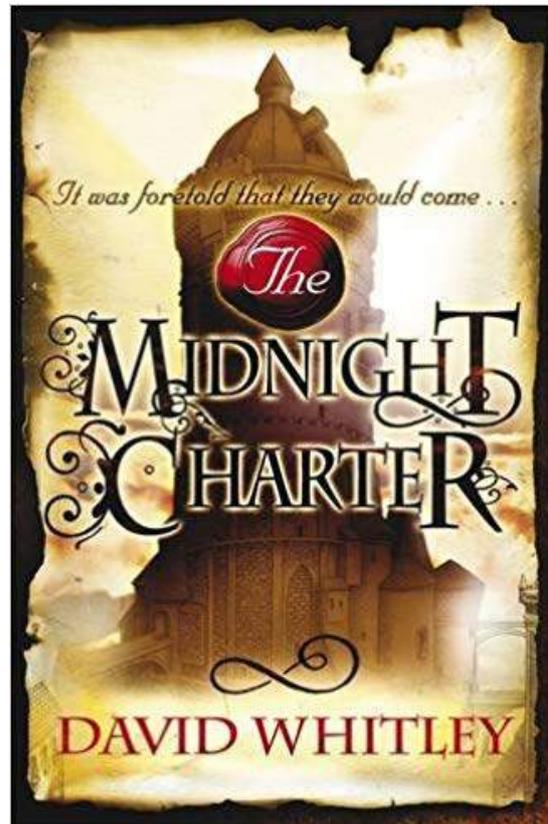
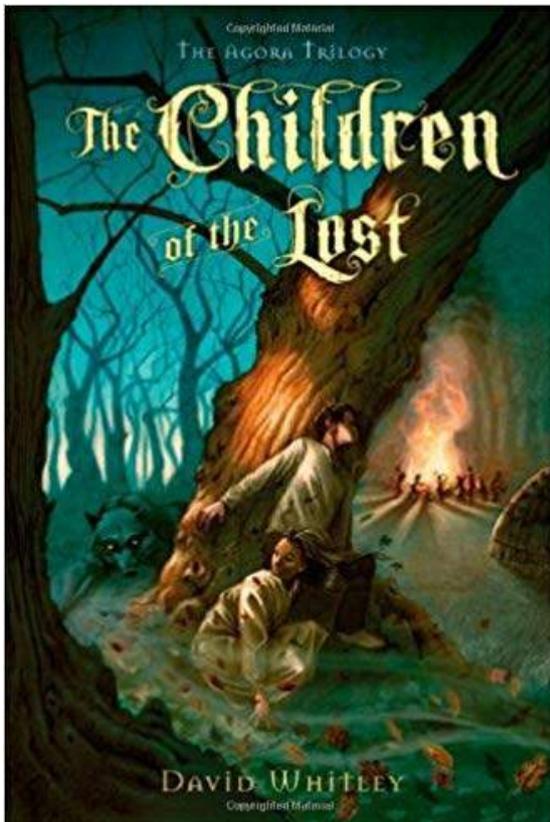
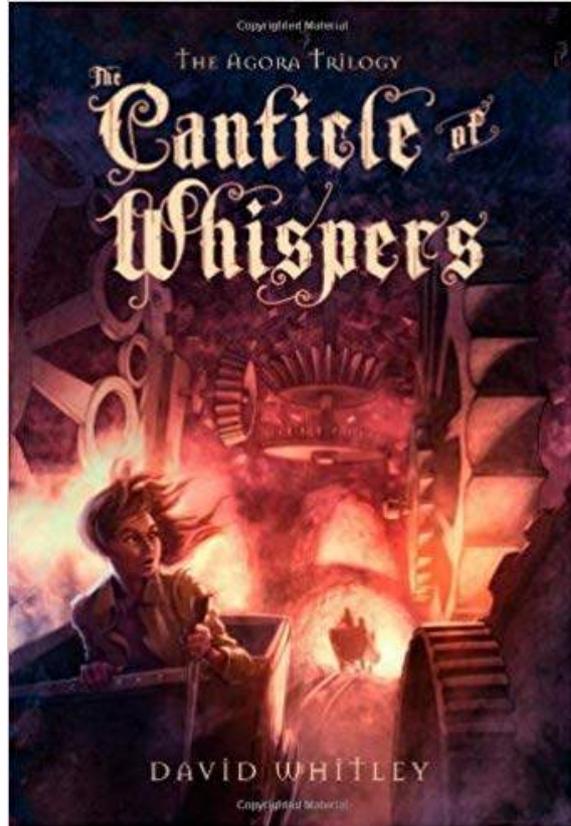


On Wednesday 3 April, David Whitley, a Teenage/Young Adult author from Chester, came to speak to pupils from Y7, 8 and 9 in Lower School Library. David gave a lively presentation about writing Fantasy books!

As the author of a series of books called *The Agora Trilogy*, comprising of 'The Midnight Charter', 'The Children of the Lost' and 'The Canticle of Whispers', he talked about the idea of Utopia throughout history and art, and about the inspiration behind the fantasy worlds in his own novels. Pupils were able to participate in a creative workshop, working together to create their own fantasy land. This was followed by a great Q&A session, where pupils asked lots of questions about being an author. The library also benefitted from some signed copies of his books! Many thanks to Mrs Lomas, Mrs Morrison and Mrs Coles.



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Bumblebee Conservation Trust



Bumblebee Conservation Trust Charity



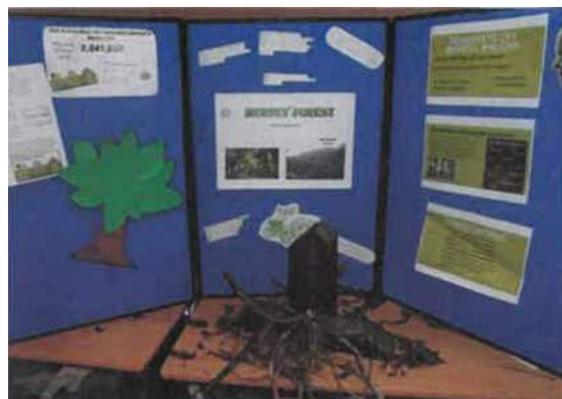
Year 10 Environment Day



During our environment day, our form created a display stand for our given charity, the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. In our time given to create the display stand, we created flowers and bees out of tissue paper and researched interesting and appealing facts about bees to create an informative poster to share later in the day. We even managed to sell some of our tissue paper flowers during period 5 when all the forms gathered together to share their display stall creations. Overall, I thought my form did very well creating the flowers, bees and posters for the environmental day, and I also enjoyed researching some facts about bees! I thought that each form worked hard on their stalls and our form are all proud of ourselves for winning the competition and being able to make a donation to the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.



Sofia



'Move it' **ExCeL London**

On Saturday 9th March, a group of Year 10 and 11 Dancers (pictured right) went to 'Move it' in London. 'Move it' is a huge dance exhibition that happens annually and includes dance companies, choreographers, classes and stalls from all over the world. This is an annual trip for us with students taking in different performances and dance classes every year. The students even got to meet some dancers from the recent televised Dance competition 'The Greatest Dancer'. We took part in a range of dance classes whilst we were there, these included, fitness, jazz, hip hop, belly dancing, commercial and contemporary as well as students seeing the top performing arts colleges in the country and getting some discounted dance wear.

The students were an absolute credit to us on the trip and conducted themselves with professionalism throughout the whole day. Despite the long day travelling and dancing, one member of the public on the train home said that they were very impressed by the behaviour of our students.

A huge well done to the students involved and let's look forward to doing it all again next year!

Miss Hughes - Head of Dance

The text 'MOVE IT' is written in a large, bold, pink, sans-serif font. 'MOVE' is on the top line and 'IT' is centered below it.

A circular logo with the text 'THE WORLD'S BIGGEST DANCE EVENT' written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, curving around the perimeter of a circle.

GCSE Dance exam: April 2019

A big well done to our GCSE dancers involved in their final practical dance exam. The day showcased a range of choreographies that students had created from given stimuli from the exam board. These included, showing a news story from the 1970's to showing fractal patterns through dance. Students also gave some moving performance pieces based on the professional work 'Shadows' by Christopher Bruce.

We are very proud of all their hard work and commitment particularly in the last few weeks. Now to get revising for the written exam!

The Dance Department





United Utilities Competition in Coniston

On Friday the 8th of February, a group of Bridgewater students including ourselves travelled to the United Utilities headquarters in Warrington to present our ideas in a competition against the other TCAT schools.

The competition was which team could design the most eco-friendly community centre in the small village of Coniston which is located in the Lake District.

The competition was spread out over a period of 16 weeks. The Bridgewater representatives would meet once or twice a week to create our idea. Across the weeks, we had to design a building, logo and a PowerPoint. Then we went to a 3D printing lab and made a model of our buildings.

Although we didn't win, we believe that we had some feasible ideas that could have won it for us. Sadly, the other teams were just as good!

All in all, we had a great day and a lot of fun preparing for the event. We felt it was a good experience to have.

By Ben and Will

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Bridgewater High School and the Prosser family are proud to present
The Frank Prosser Memorial Award
– a photography competition open to all students at Bridgewater High School and Appleton College.

“Nature in our Back Yard”

(Garden, yard, street or local area)

1st prize: £50 gift vouchers & a framed print of the winning entry.

2nd prize: £25 gift vouchers & a mounted print.

3rd prize: £15 gift vouchers & a mounted print.

PLUS up to 10 prizes of £5 & a mounted print for highly commended pictures.

Closing date for entries: Fri. 31st May

See School Website for details or email

photos@bridgewaterhigh.com

The Frank Prosser Photography Competition 2019

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The theme for this year is “**Nature in our Back Yard**”
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There will be 2 sets of prizes – one for lower school and one for upper school (including the 6th Form)

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- 3rd prize: £15 gift vouchers and a mounted print.

There will also be up to 10 prizes of £5 plus a mounted print for highly commended pictures.
Pupils can submit up to 3 entries each.

Please submit a new entry form for each photograph.

The competition will be open for entries from Mon 4th March and closes Friday 31st May. Photographs have to be taken between 1/1/19 and 31/5/19 and must be submitted before the closing date.

Photographs will be judged by a panel and the winners will be announced in the summer term. The link to the entry form can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/frankprosser2019>

Sports News

Rowing

The Warrington Youth Rowing programme was launched last year with the aim of giving students the chance to thrive in an area outside of their comfort area and also increasing rowing participation in the Warrington area. This year, the programme has grown substantially and has helped over 200 students throughout Warrington develop their skill and desire for Rowing.

We have had 10 students from Bridgewater who have taken part week by week, rowing on the River Mersey and developing their rowing technique, communication, organisation and also team work. Over 90% of these students had never picked up a rowing blade or sat in a rowing boat at the start of the year, but are now ready to compete in the Annual Warrington Schools Regatta in July.

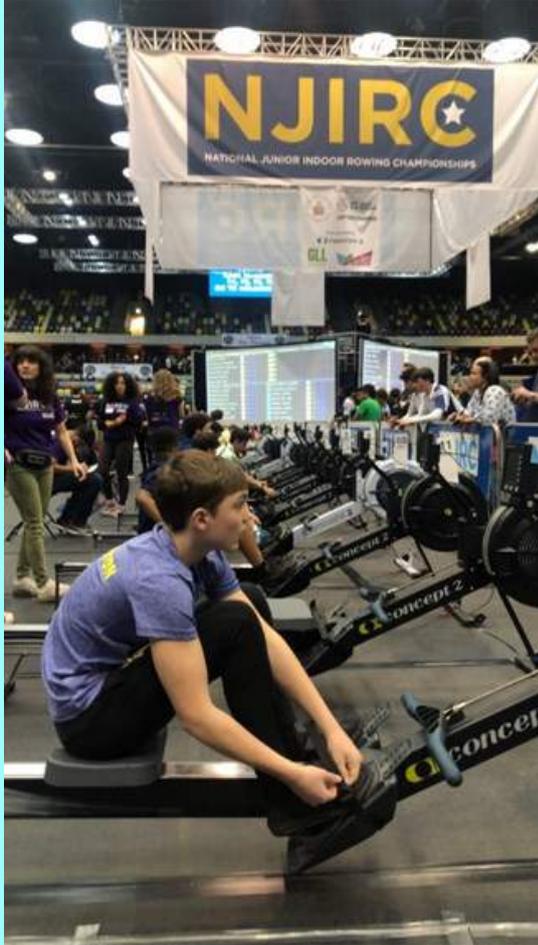
A highlight for the year has been having 2 of the 10 Selected to Row in the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships (NJIRC) in London this term. They were selected for their outstanding results from our local Warrington Indoor Festival earlier this year. Ryan and Emily were the two selected for the event but unfortunately

Basketball

This Basketball season, we have been able to provide two competitive teams, one at the Under 14s level (Years 7, 8, 9) and also the Under 16s (Y11).

Both teams were entered into the Premier competitions at their age group and both complemented their abilities, providing some excellent performances against some very strong opposition. The Under 14s were nipped at the end of the season by a few points so missed out on the chance to progress into the Knockout stages of their competition. The Highlight of the year was the U16s team being able to progress to the Quarter Finals of the National Competition. As this was going to be their last chance to wear a Bridgewater Jersey, the students wanted to progress as far as they could through the competition. The effort that demonstrated was first class and they were narrowly defeated by 1 point to a strong team from St Peters RC High School. I would like to congratulate both teams on their efforts this year, but especially the Y11s who have conducted themselves throughout their years at Bridgewater with high standards of performance and represented Bridgewater fantastically. I wish them the best of luck in the future.

Mr. Smith



Some scenes from the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships in London.

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Netball

Our netball season is now over for this year at Bridgewater and it has been a year of massive participation and progress. We have had over 40 girls training every week since September and many girls representing school in friendly and league fixtures.

Year 7, 8 and 9 County Tournaments.

On Saturday 9th March our Key Stage 3 'A' teams travelled over to Winsford Academy on a cold and windy day to participate in the Cheshire Schools Tournament. This tournament is a very high level event and our girls showed superb effort and resilience from start to finish. All teams won several games but narrowly missed out on the semi-finals. Our year 9 team was our most successful team with only two losses against the tournament winners and runners up. The girls showed super team spirit and were a pleasure to give up a Saturday morning to coach. Well done ladies!

Year 7-11 league.

We have finished our league games involving teams from Lymm, The Grange and Helsby. We are still awaiting our final results. However, with only a couple of losses, we expect to have achieved highly in this league. Many girls have had the opportunity to represent school in these fixtures and in several friendly matches. Great effort all round!

Year 10 umpires.

This season has seen a group of year 10 netballers become outstanding volunteers, leaders and umpires. The girls have turned up to help organise, coach and umpire our Key Stage 3 netballers every week since September. They have shown such initiative, commitment and reliability and to top it all off, have achieved their C Award umpiring certificate. This has allowed them to officiate at school and they have received many positive comments from teachers of other schools about their professionalism and ability to umpire games effectively and confidently. Mrs Marshall and myself cannot thank the girls enough. We are so proud of your efforts, attitude and the role models you have become! Thanks and well done to Priya, Libby, Ellie, Lucy, Hazel, Emily and Maddy. Mrs. McKean.

Player Awards 2018/19

Players of the Year

Year 7 - Katie

Year 8 – Jocelyn

Year 9 – Millie

Year 10 – Annie

Most Improved Players

Year 7 – Holly

Year 8 – Olivia

Year 9 - Maisie

Year 10 - Jane

TCAT trip to the Etihad Stadium

Two of our year 8 girls were successful in being chosen to attend a fantastic day trip with our TCAT family to the Etihad Stadium in Manchester. It was an amazing opportunity to get a tour of the stadium and then to watch the Manchester City ladies team train. The girls were able to speak to the players and hopefully were inspired by being in this elite sporting arena. All girls from the different schools were very quiet at the start of the day. However, this did not last for long and by the end of the day, everybody was extremely animated and obviously gained a lot from this superb opportunity!

Here is a brief account from our year 8 girls, Jocelyn and Emily.

Our experience at the Manchester City Stadium was very interesting. Firstly we were given a tour of the stadium by a man called George. We accessed the changing rooms and the suite where the Queen stayed when the Commonwealth Games were taking place at the stadium.

After that, we went down the tunnel entering the pitch, which was exciting. After we finished the tour, we travelled over to the training ground where we met the Women's 1st team and got our football signed.

We watched them train, which was a very good experience was and it showed us how much they are committed to their sport. Finally, we made our way back to the bus, but on our way got a 'goody bag' with a water bottle, badge and a pop socket. Over all, we had a great time and we thank Mrs McKean for giving up her time to take us there.



SPORTS NEWS

Rugby Union

The stand-out team this year has been the Under 15s who made it through to the quarter final of the National Schools Cup Plate Competition before being beaten by Bedford School. Had it not been for a few errors from our boys and a couple of fortunate tries for the opposition, we could and probably should have made it to the semi-finals, and as with all cup rugby, anything could have happened and we could have made the final. That said, we are immensely proud of what the boys achieved in reaching the last eight in the Country in such a prestigious competition. Having defeated the likes of Stockport Grammar, Wirral Grammar and Wilmslow along the way, the boys have been an absolute credit to themselves and the school and they can now turn their attention to the National Rugby League Competition which they have also been very successful in (see article below).

Over the last few weeks, we have competed in the County Rugby 7s competitions. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather, the Year 7 and Year 8 events were the only ones that were played as the wet weather led to the cancellation of the Year 9 and Year 10 competitions.

Rugby League

We continue to excel in both codes of Rugby and once again our stand-out team in our Rugby League has been the U15s who at the time of writing this piece, are preparing for the North West Counties Final and the National Semi-Final. The boys have only been defeated once this season and they have become an excellent side who are creative in attack and ferocious in defence. The boys will play Saddleworth this week in the North West Final and are likely to be playing Brooks Bank (Yorkshire) for a place in the National Final. We have reached a number of semi-finals over the previous years but hopefully this group of players can take us one step further.

Our U13s and U14s have both competed in the North West Counties Plate Competition and are both through to the semi-final of their respective competitions. The boys have played incredibly well in this competition and we are confident that we can achieve some silverware in both of these competitions.

Representative Honours

Congratulations to all those pupils who have gained representative honours in a wide range of sports and activities. We have a large number of County, Regional and International Performers and a number of students who are linked with professional clubs across a variety of sports. Well done to you all

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Girls Indoor Cricket Final

On Wednesday 27th March, we took place in the Regional Final of the Cheshire County U13 Girls Indoor Cricket Competition which was hosted at Bridgewater. Prior to the event, we were fortunate enough to yet again receive over six weeks' worth of coaching from Cheshire Cricket coach, Jess Lewis. During this time, the girls were given the opportunity to develop their batting, bowling and fielding skills in preparation for the competition.

Five schools entered the competition and we played against each school. Having been defeated narrowly by Sandbach Girls School by three runs in our first match, we then went on to win our remaining matches against St Nicholas' High School, Marple Hall and Prenton. Each game the girls played showed a significant improvement in their performance and we were delighted to finish runners-up, matching last year's achievements. The girls performed incredibly well throughout the afternoon and will no doubt be looking forward to more cricketing opportunities in the Summer Term.

The group of girls that represented the school were as follows: Emily, Laura, Charlotte, Ellie, Molly, Claudia, Imogen, Lauren and Roisin.

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Boys Football

The Boys football season started again after the Winter Break and having completed all of our fixtures in the Warrington League, we now await details regarding the finals where our Year 7, 9 and 11 teams should be present. Our Year 9 and Year 11 boys reached the quarter-final of the County Competition and were both unfortunate not to go on further.

Girls Football

The U14 girls have had another excellent season and once again found themselves in the later stages of the County Cup Competition. Having won their early round games convincingly, we met Congleton in the semi-final. They were a very well-drilled team and despite us battling for the duration of the game, we were well beaten 7-2. However, credit must go to the girls (many of whom are a year younger) for making the last four of the County Competition.

Year 7 Girls 3rd/7 Place overall

Keira
Phoebe
Madalyn
Aleeya
Hannah
Lucy
Harriet
Sienna
Abi

Year 7 Boys 1st place out of 7. Boys went through to County Final in March

Oscar
Will
Alex
Joe
Bradley
Harry
Charlie
Spencer

Year 8 Girls 3rd and 6th overall

Emma
Talia
Lauren
Amy
Julia
Grace
Ava
Grace
Ella
Bella
Isabel
Jocelyn
Ruby
Emily

Year 8 Boys

River
Oliver
Joel
Evan
Joe
Harvey
Jack
Marcus

SPORTS NEWS

Y10 North West Counties Rugby League CHAMPIONS

As this edition of The Bridge was going to press, we learned that our Year 10 Rugby League boys (pictured below) won 40-16 against Saddleworth and were an absolute credit to themselves and the school.

Whilst it was a team effort, special mentions must go to Rorio, whose five tries earned him man of the match as well as to brothers James and Ben who were outstanding throughout the game.

The lads still have their National Semi-Final match in early May and we will be looking to do the Double!

Mr. Roberts



The Principal, Staff and Governors would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students, parents, carers and friends, a very happy Easter break.



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