



NEWSLETTER

Library News

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK IS BACK THIS FEBRUARY

It is that time of year again, the florists are full of red roses, the supermarkets full of chocolates and M&S have their special dine in meals for two, and the Library has lots of books wrapped and waiting to be taken on a blind date with you. Oh yes, Blind Date With a Book is back for this Valentine's Day! The library has a number of books that have been wrapped, so you cannot see the cover. The idea is to challenge yourself to read a book that you might not normally pick up, because let's face it, we all do it. We all judge a book by its cover! It should be fun and exciting to find out which you have chosen! If you do decide to take part, we ask that you give the book you choose a fair chance of winning your approval before you decide to ditch it. However, hopefully that won't happen and you will go on to read and enjoy the book you choose. Inside each wrapped book, there is a short review slip and there will be a prize draw for all of the returned 'Rate Your Date' slips. So there are prizes too! Last year this was a big success, and I am hoping that we can do even better this year. Do not forget there is a staff prize too! So if you are looking for a date with a book for this Valentine's Day, (or just something to read over the half term) why not give it a go. You never know, you may just fall in love. Remember what they say, you cannot judge a book by its cover! Happy Reading!

ORIGAMI CLUB MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Origami Club continues to be very popular, thanks to Mine Muslu-Richards, Jala Brooks-Roger and Armandas Kostkevicius who have been doing a fabulous job this term with lots of creative ideas. Why not come and join the fun? We look forward to seeing you!



LEGO CLUB TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Do you and your friends love building Lego? We have two great technics projects waiting for your skills and expertise, as well as the Hogwarts Castle you can enjoy, or if you prefer, you can freestyle. There are so many opportunities to build and experiment. Why not come along and have some fun! See you Tuesday after school!

HARRY POTTER NIGHT

Yes, it is that time of year again, when all Harry Potter fans, get to celebrate the fantastical world of Harry Potter, and to celebrate Harry Potter Night in the library, we will be holding a Harry Potter quiz on Thursday 6th February at lunchtime. Don't miss out, this is one of the most popular quizzes that the library holds, so sign up early to ensure your team has a place, and a chance to win some fantastic prizes. Last year we had chocolate broomsticks and the year before

that 'Sorting Hat' cupcakes and bags of 'Honeyduke' sweets. Let's see what we can come up with this year! We are very much looking forward to having lots of fun!



HARRY POTTER NIGHT 2020

The theme for this year's book night is the Triwizard Tournament, so this year, as well as the quiz on Thursday, we will be holding our very own Triwizard Challenges. Each day next week (Mon-Wed), we will have a different challenge for pupils to complete. If you complete all three challenges correctly, your name will go into the hat to win a prize. So don't miss out! We will also be giving away Harry Potter Bookmarks with all books borrowed next week too! So come and join the fun! We look forward to seeing you.

Attendance

7P	96.9%
8O	99.3%
9B	98.7%
10O	99.4%
11Y	97.5%

Week 2	ACTS OF WORSHIP			SPORT	PERFORMING ARTS
	Main Hall	Dining Hall	Westminster		
Mon	Year 7 & 8	Year 10			
Tue	Year 9 & 10	Year 8	Year 12 & 13	Year 8 Netball @ Harris Garrard 2pm	Year 11 Music Revision in Room 612 (Lunchtime)
Wed	Year 11,12 & 13	Year 7	Year 10	Year 9 Basketball Tournament (Home)	Music Club in Room 102 (After School)
Thu	Year 7 & 8	Year 9	Year 11	Year 7 & 8 Netball V Chis&Sid (Home)	School Choir in Room 612 (Before School) GCSE Dance Revision in Room 101 (Lunchtime)
Fri	Year 9 & 10	11P	11Y		





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ONLINE SAFETY NEWS

Calling all problem solvers, cryptographers and computer programmers! An exciting opportunity has arisen to help young people develop their understanding of online safety. The Matrix Challenge is part of a national cyber competition running at the moment aimed at 11-17 year olds. See <https://www.matrix-challenge.uk/> for further details. The initial challenge is via an online platform and has been set as homework to complete if they wish, by their ICT/Computer Science teachers. This non-compulsory homework is a game that should take 35 to 45 minutes to complete. There will be 5 elements tested: The Computer Misuse Act 1990, staying safe online, steganography, python coding and a cipher. The challenge is designed to test digital skills and encourage the development of abilities that would enable a career in the cyber security landscape. Participants will be able to compete in the challenge anytime up to Friday 14th February. The top performing participants from the online competition will be invited to a regional semi-final that will take place in Central London in March 2020. This will test further practical skills – likely to involve capture the flag style competitions, team-building exercise and puzzle solving skills. Participants successful at regional semi-finals will be invited to compete in a national final on Saturday 4th July. Various skills will be tested with previous finals incorporating capture the flag, open source social media, drone capture, lock picking and team events.

Good Luck!

Mrs Frawley



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL: BRONZE COMMITTED

This week saw us celebrate Holocaust Memorial Day

Date: 27th January

What is it?: Holocaust Memorial Day provides an opportunity for everyone to learn lessons from the Holocaust, Nazi persecution and subsequent genocides and apply them to the present day to create a safer, better future. In school last week, we had visitors from Protection Approaches do an interactive workshop with everyone in the school, throughout the day, which focused on the harrowing events that took place during the Holocaust, but then spread to other persecution, which has happened since e.g. segregation and terrorism. It looked at why these things may have happened, and asked pupils to consider what could be done to stop any similar awful things from ever happening again.

'I learned that millions of people throughout time have been persecuted for, not only their beliefs, but for things that they cannot change. I cannot believe that things like that still happen in today's society. This talk was important for so many reasons, but most importantly for spreading a message of love.' *Ben Wilding Yr 13*

Rights Link:

Article 38: War and Armed Conflicts



ONLINE SAFETY NEWS FOR PARENTS

THINK U KNOW is an excellent website for pupils and parents alike; it has particularly helpful links to online and social media safety.

Please click on the graphic to be automatically redirected to the parents/carers page.





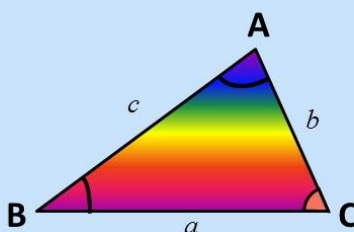
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FORMULA OF THE WEEK



The Sine Rule

For any triangle;



$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

OR

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

WORD OF THE WEEK

Literacy for learning

How can you use it in every lesson?



Demulcent

Demulcent (adjective): soothing; mollifying. *When reading a bedtime story to his children, he did so with a demulcent tone of voice.*

Demulcent (noun): a drug or agent that soothes the irritation of inflamed or injured skin surfaces.

Vocabulary Building: The Foundations of the Pathway to Academic Excellence

