

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th February to Friday 28th February - Half Term break
Thursday 5th March - Year 8 Internet Safety assembly
Monday 9th March to 13th March - Year 10 Synoptic Exams



Dear Parents and Carers,

Some terrific articles in our newsletter this week. The Duke of Edinburgh awards programme is a superb opportunity for students to develop their skills of character, often in very demanding conditions in the great outdoors. We are very proud of the great number of our students who participate, especially those whose achievements were celebrated at Coventry Cathedral last week; well done all.

I was privileged to be in the audience at Birmingham Town Hall two weeks ago to watch our students participate in the very moving 'Echo Eternal Horizons' event; a truly life changing experience for all involved. Many congratulations to our sporting stars in Year 7 and 8 rugby and football teams for their latest victories. Finally, well done to our wonderful P16 students who worked so well with Joseph Cash students earlier in the week.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend,

Mr Clayton, Headteacher

TFT Schools Participate at 'Echo Eternal Horizons' Event

In January 2020, Parkgate Primary, Barr's Hill, Stoke Park and President Kennedy Secondary Schools took part in the Echo Eternal Horizons Performance Event which took place at the sumptuous Town Hall in Birmingham. The evening comprised of music, dance and spoken word tributes as artists and students shared their work and remembered together.

Our schools showcased their moving film echoes and exhibited their thought provoking art work, inspired by testimony from the Holocaust survivors with whom they have worked. Each school's response to survivor testimony is made eternal through a short film, which articulates learners' tributes to each individual survivor. The films are grounded in the words of the survivor, each film beginning and ending with verbatim testimony.

The Echo Eternal is a live project across a network of eighteen schools and The Futures Trust are proud that four of its schools are included within this inspiring initiative.

Well done to all our schools who participated so impressively at the Horizons Performance event. We are certain that this will be an important memory for all of you who attended the event.



Duke of Edinburgh Ceremony at Coventry Cathedral



Coventry Cathedral was the grand setting for the Duke of Edinburgh awards ceremony on Thursday 6th February.

Seven Year 10 students: Miriam Clark, Holly Delaney, Harry Kavanagh, Andrew Corbett, Manroop Sandhu, Rebecca Pendleton, Ria Kumari and Leah Sappleton collected their Bronze award with a further eight: Mia Higgins, Tammy Lawrence, Ravjit Rai, Wiktoria Radziwilowicz, Ellie Cooper and Erin Stoves having now completed it but were unfortunately unable to attend the ceremony. They will be presented to students in a school assembly in the near future.

Two Post 16 students; Amelia Watson and Imogen Legg, collected their Silver awards with a further three students; Katie Howe, Molly Stanley and Melicka Ghafouri, unable to make it. Both Imogen and Amelia are now working towards their Gold award.

Any students that have not yet completed their award need to make sure that all the evidence is uploaded onto their E D of E account and signed off by an assessor.

Miss Kirkham, D of E Leader



Year 8 Rugby Team Gain Another Impressive Win!

On Monday night, President Kennedy School played Coundon Court in a Year 8 rugby game.

Coundon were able to pass the ball well which stretched the President Kennedy defence. Our boys always looked dangerous with ball in hand and our fast, athletic runners proved too much for Coundon to handle.

The contest of the breakdown was competitive with both teams securing their own ball. We need to work on disrupting the oppositions ball where possible.

Well done to all the boys who played.

Final Score President Kennedy 35 - Coundon 20.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department



Year 7 Football Victory!

The Year 7 football team progressed to the semi finals of the Coventry Cup with a 3-2 victory over Westwood on Wednesday night.

After a goalless first half in which the Westwood keeper made a number of good saves, we soon took control of the game with two quick goals by Rico and Ryeley.

The two teams then took it in turns to score with a third President Kennedy goal coming from Naythanal.

Well done to all the boys who played.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

Year 8 Football Team Get to Coventry Cup Semi-Final

The Year 8 football team progressed into the semi final of the Coventry Cup on Tuesday night with a 3-1 victory against Caludon Castle. President Kennedy School only had ten men and were soon 1-0 down.

However, they refused to let the score and the numerical disadvantage get them down and every player worked really hard to overturn the deficit. This eventually paid off with goals from Ethan, Elliot and Reece. Great resilience shown by the boys who are still on track to defend the title they won last year.

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

Post 16 Support Spanish Language Day at Joseph Cash School

On Tuesday, Post 16 students Roberto Effah, Leah Chance, Sukhraj Singh, Daniel Cobbett and Naseem Nawaz visited Joseph Cash primary school to support students on their Spanish language day. They embraced activities such as studying the life of Frida Kahlo, Spanish cooking and salsa lessons.

Students then were put through their paces practising their Spanish with students and participating in a Q&A about what GCSE Spanish looks like at secondary school.

Staff at Joseph Cash commented on how enthusiastic and supportive our students were and look forward to seeing our students again next year. A very well done to you all!

Miss Yafai, Teacher of Spanish



WORLD BOOK DAY

Design a
"Book-in-a-Box"
 Competition

To celebrate **World Book Day 2020** this year, the Library would like you to get creative. We are inviting you to create your favourite book in a box.
 Here are some examples to inspire you...

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling

To enter the competition, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Choose a book that you have enjoyed.
- 2 Find a box approximately the size of a shoe box.
- 3 Design and decorate the box to represent your book – see examples above
- 4 Bring your finished box to the Library by **Wednesday 4th March 2020.**

Prizes will be awarded for the winning boxes on **World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2020.**