

Dates for your Diary

Easter Pride Awards - Monday 18th March to 22nd March



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,
What an inspiring edition this week with an important emphasis on the joy of reading. On World Book Day, many of our staff dressed up as their favourite literary character and joined in on the array of activities, such as listening to John Bernard, Coventry's very own Poet Laureate and author Bali Rai. It was wonderful to see our students develop their confidence to perform their poems in front of their peers and audiences of over 300 students and staff.

Year 11s have also been inspired by the live performance of Macbeth and An Inspector Calls, which will be crucial for their forthcoming exams.

A big shout out to Year 10 students too, who have all taken part in their first major set of exams.

There have been excellent and are all eager to receive their feedback. An excellent week at President Kennedy School - well done!

Have a great weekend,

Ms Rooke, Headteacher

President Kennedy Literature Festival

We are thrilled to share that the first ever two-day **'President Kennedy Literature Festival'** took place on Thursday, March 7th (World Book Day) and Friday, March 8th. The festival was a huge success, with our students experiencing an enriching literary event.

We were honoured to have special guests Coventry Poet Laureate John Bernard and international author Bali Rai visit our school to inspire our students.

Every child in Key Stage 3 had the opportunity to attend a talk or workshop with one of these renowned speakers. A copy of Bali Rai's book was given as a memento to every student in Year 7, and they all had the opportunity to have their copy personally

signed by Bali himself.

John Bernard hosted a lunchtime open mic session on World Book Day, showcasing the talent and creativity of our students - the atmosphere was electric! Festival stalls were set up for students to explore, featuring quizzes, competitions, and valuable career advice from a visiting lecturer from Coventry University.

The festival was filled with celebrations as our students showed remarkable engagement, creativity, passion, and PRIDE throughout the event.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and enthusiasm.

Mrs Jones,

Assistant Headteacher and Subject Leader of English



More photos on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/PKSCOVENTRY/>

Exam Texts Brought to Life

Year 11 students had the opportunity to watch performances of "Macbeth" and "An Inspector Calls" after school in the school hall as part of their intervention programme. These plays are important exam texts, and the actors went over key quotations with the students. It was a valuable experience for revising, as the performances brought the characters from the page to the stage.

Congratulations to our Year 11 students for engaging in these enriching experiences and making the most of their learning opportunities!

We appreciate your continued partnership in your child's education. Thank you for your support!

Ms Stentoff, Leader of Media Studies



Year 7 Students Participate in Coventry Book Awards Hooked on Books Quiz 2024

On Thursday 7th March – World Book Day, the Year 7 Library Teams participated in the Coventry Inspiration Books Awards 2024, Hooked on Books Quiz, competing online, against other schools in Coventry. In preparation for the Quiz, the students had to read all of the books that were short-listed in the "Hooked on Books" category of the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards 2024 – a total of 8

books. Our students did really well to read all the short-listed books in a short period of time and all enjoyed taking part in the quiz. Well done to our Year 7 teams – Nilay, Kingsley, Sahar, Paveena, Muhammad, Aagithina, Seren, Fabia and Aysha.



Open University, Open Learn

Congratulations to Year 8 students Ria, Jeyani, Dara and Aishvanth who have successfully completed an *Open University, Open Learn* course in a modern foreign language.

Ria has been awarded a 'Certificate of Participation' from the OU Open Learn in Spanish, Jeyani and Aishvanth in Tamil and Dara for learning Mandarin Chinese.

By learning a modern foreign language students become valued and productive employees or entrepreneurs in the work force. These are the skills President Kennedy School students are encouraged to develop, as these skills will be needed in order to be successful in the ever-changing work place of the 21st Century.

"I really enjoyed having opportunity to complete these free courses and develop my Spanish skills further." Ria

"The free course on OU was just what needed to develop my knowledge on the Chinese language. The course has allowed me to learn many new terms and characters in Chinese (considering that I started a year ago). It has definitely inspired me to keep doing the rest of the courses alongside my other language programmes." Dara

If students who are over the age of 13 wish to gain an 'OU Open Learn Certificate of Participation' in a subject discipline they wish to study further, please follow the link below:

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

Mrs Petrak, Business Teacher



Whitmore Park do the Primary Maths Challenge!

An amazing morning with Year 5 Whitmore Park students working with President Kennedy School Year 7s. Students were involved in a competitive activity. Year 5 students made comments about being worried about going to secondary schools but having spent the morning with our children felt excited about the transition to their new school in September.

Mrs Dhanani, Assistant Headteacher



Alison Cope Workshop

Year 8 had a very powerful and thought-provoking presentation from Alison Cope. She explained to the students the dangers of social media and how important it is that you think carefully about what you are presenting and how to stay safe.

Alison told her personal story of loss, linked to knife crime. She now works as an anti violence campaigner. She emphasized how important it is to appreciate the people around us, who care about us. We have carried on this topic during tutor times.

Mrs Murray, Year 8 College Director



Let Girls Play

There was a '**Let Girls Play**' event arranged by England Football. This involved getting as many girls as possible involved in playing football at lunchtime for the biggest ever football session.

This was a country-wide program and President Kennedy School invited twenty five girls to be involved in the event. Well done to all who took part.

Miss Michell, P.E Department



Building Brighter Futures

BOOK FAIR

SCHOLASTIC

in the school library
"Getting Children Reading"

Monday 18th
March 2024
to
Thursday
21st March
2024

World
Book Day
vouchers can
be used towards
the cost of
a book

Book Fair Opening Times:
Lunchtimes in the Library
During Year 7 & 8 English Lessons

Books can be reserved and paid for by
Thursday 21st March 2024 (payment by CASH ONLY)

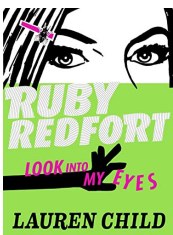


The Library

At President Kennedy School

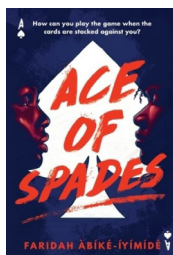
Fantastic Books and Where to Find Them...

This week the Library's recommended reads are...



Ruby Redfort: Look into My Eyes by Lauren Child

What would you do if you were a thirteen-year-old kid and a secret agency asked you to become their ace code-cracker? Panic? Panic will freeze your brain. Tell all your friends? You'd be out on your ear, bozo! Could you keep it zipped? Well, could you, Buster? Lucky for Ruby Redfort, she's not your average kid. She's never going to crack. She's super-smart, she's always cool and she can keep her mouth shut...can't she? There's only one way to find out...



Ace of Spades by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé

Welcome to Niveus Private Academy, where money paves the hallways, and the students are never less than perfect. Until now. Because anonymous texter, Aces, is bringing two students' dark secrets to light. Talented musician Devon buries himself in rehearsals, but he can't escape the spotlight when his private photos go public. Head girl Chiamaka isn't afraid to get what she wants, but soon everyone will know the price she has paid for power. Someone is out to get them both. Someone who holds all the aces. And they're planning much more than a high-school game...

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff

