

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 11th to 15th March - Year 10 Synoptic Exams

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,



Reading plays a major part of school life at president Kennedy School. Our library is extremely popular, before, during and after school. This week, Mrs Ranchhod and Mrs Lindsey have been busy supporting author visits and competitions. Exposing students to different authors and their own personal and Professional journey can hopefully inspire students to read at home too.

Next week we will have a special edition of our first ever "Literacy Festival" and our own celebration of *World Book Day* - an amazing two days at school!

Supporting our community is also an important aspect to school life, whether it is through supporting opportunities for our local feeder school; Holbrooks Primary School joined us last week as Year 7 students raised money for Khalsa Aid, a charity close to our hearts, here at school.

Well done to the Year 8 girls netball team and to the Youth Sport Trust students who have completed a leadership course - looking forward to hearing how they will use these skills back at school.

Well done all, another amazing week of student achievement and students demonstrating PRIDE!

Have a great weekend,

**Ms Rooke, Headteacher**

## Award Winning Author Lily Bailey Thrills our Students

On Friday 23rd February, award winning author Lily Bailey visiting President Kennedy School to talk about her new book *"When I Feel Red"*. Lily won the **Hooked-on-Books** Category of the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards in 2023 with her book *"When I See Blue"*. When I first walked into the school hall, I felt excited to meet the author, Lily Bailey, but also felt a bit anxious at the same time.

At the start of the presentation, Lily spoke first about the journey of her life. How she grew up and what she liked - animals, reading and drawing and she talked about her disability called OCD. Then she started to tell everyone how her journey as an author started. The first book, Lily wrote was aimed at adults. Then, after that she decided to write a children's book called *"WHEN I SEE BLUE"* and has now followed that with her new book, *"WHEN I FEEL RED."*

At the end of her talk, Lily answered lots of questions which opened up her story even more. For me Lily Bailey was a great inspiration, so I hope to see her again next time.

**Student in Year 8**



## ATTENDANCE Every Day Counts

0 DAYS ABSENT	100%	EXCELLENCE
1 DAYS ABSENT	99%	15 LESSONS MISSED
3 DAYS ABSENT	98%	15 LESSONS MISSED
1 WEEK ABSENT	97%	25 LESSONS MISSED
15 WEEKS ABSENT	96%	17.5 LESSONS MISSED
2 WEEKS ABSENT	94%	50 LESSONS MISSED
25 WEEKS ABSENT	93%	62.5 LESSONS MISSED
3 WEEKS ABSENT	92%	75 LESSONS MISSED
35 WEEKS ABSENT	90%	82.5 LESSONS MISSED



## Attendance Matters!

This week, three students have been presented with a laptop for their commitment to their attendance here at President Kennedy School.

This is a very important aspect of a school student's career, as well as their lives beyond education. Well done to Indy, Isaac and Jelhan on this wonderful achievement.





## Year 8 Netball



The Year 8 netball team attended a tournament on Thursday. They won 3/6 of their games and they came 2nd in the plate competition. Well done to all involved!

**Ms Mitchel, P.E Department**

## Youth Sport Trust



Six students had the chance to go to a Youth Sport Trust leadership conference on Tuesday in Solihull.

They have now completed the first part of their three part award which they will work towards to be able to run a sports day in Solihull in June.

All of the leaders came up with some great ideas which they are now looking forward to bringing back into school to give more opportunities to other students.

**Ms Mitchel, P.E Department**

## Charity Cake Sale

On Friday 1st March The Bridge held a cake sale for Khalsa Aid.

It was great to see all the home-made cakes on sale and to see so many cakes donated.

Thanks to all those who purchased cakes too- we raised an incredible £91.00!

**Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge**



## Young PKS Entrepreneurs of the Month

Congratulations to Year 13 students Jack, Sissy and Harman who used their entrepreneurial skills by selling red roses for Valentine's Day



Below is their personal entrepreneurial journey, which shows examples of how they used the skills of independence, resilience and problem solving. 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.

*"We sold red roses to all year groups (7 to 13) to raise money for our Year 13 Prom which will be held in the summer term at The Windmill Village Hotel.*

*For an additional cost we offered a bespoke service of hand delivering roses to students and teachers in the Thursday lessons before half term.*

*By being entrepreneurial, we have raised £300"*

**Mrs Petrak, Business Studies Department**

## National Reading Champions Quiz 2024



Year 7 & 9 Students Compete in the **National Reading Champions Quiz 2024**

This week the Library entered two teams in the West Midlands Heat of the National Reading Champions Quiz 2024. #NRCQuiz2024

The National Reading Champions Quiz was established by the National Literacy Trust to encourage and motivate students who enjoy reading and is a competition which tests their knowledge on children's books.

For more information see:

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/events/national-reading-champions-quiz/>

The students that took part were Junaid, Wen, Alicja, Annika, Hana, Muhammad, Nilay, Seren, Sahar, Aagithina.

Our teams competed against 27 other Schools and did really well against some very tough

competitors. All the students that took part really enjoyed the experience.

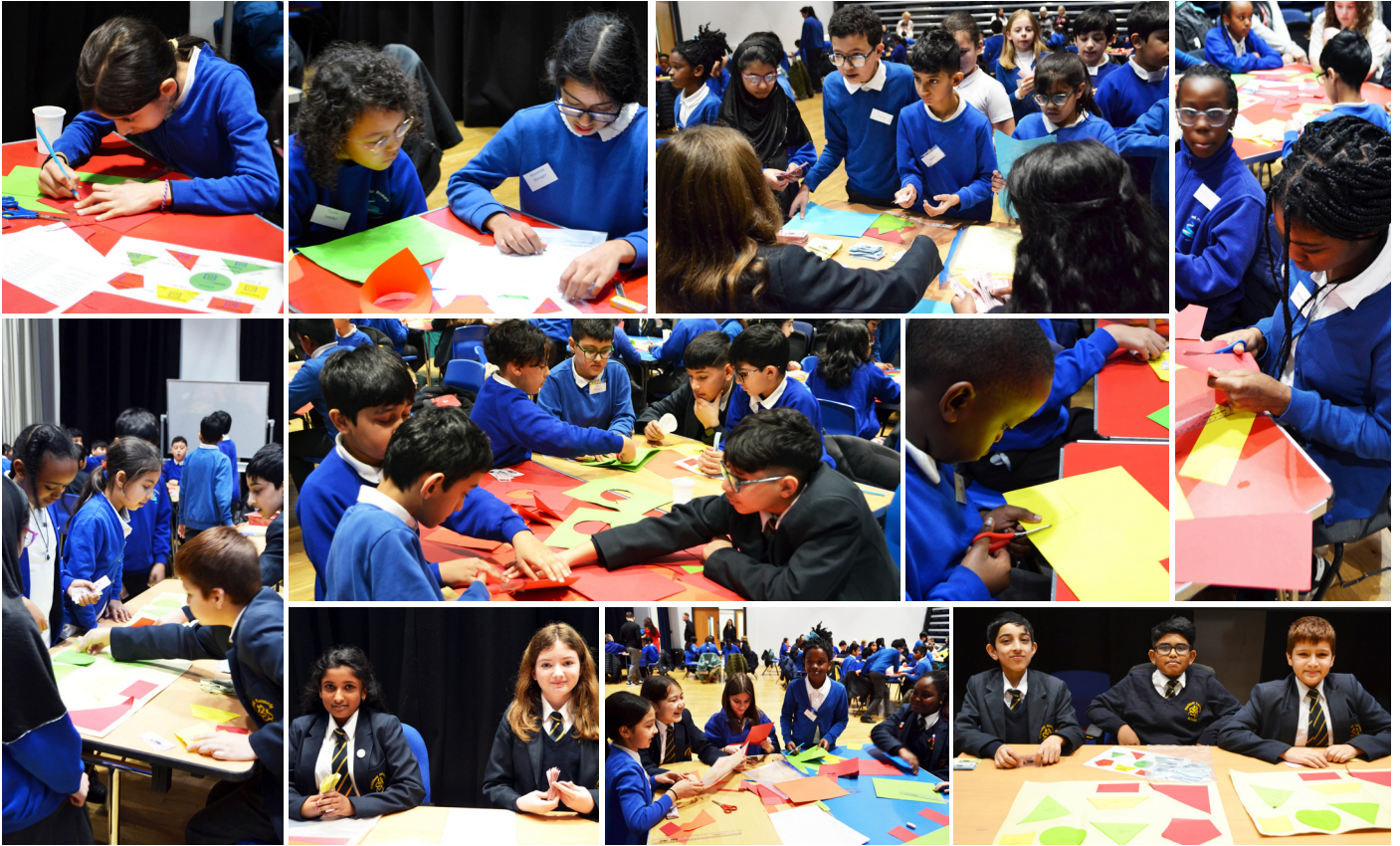
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## Primary Maths Challenge

An amazing morning where Year 7 President Kennedy School students welcome, support and teach approximately a hundred Holbrooks Primary School Year 5 students how to draw shapes using the correct mathematical equipment. This is a wonderful opportunity for our feeder schools to be a part of the President Kennedy School community. **Mrs Dhanani, Assistant Headteacher**



### The Library

At President Kennedy School

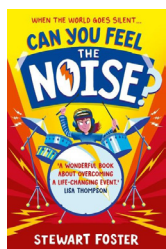
## FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

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



### **Mohinder's War by Bali Rai**

Thirteen-year-old Joelle Breton stumbles across Indian-born RAF pilot Mohinder Singh, when his plane crashes in occupied France and it's up to her and her parents to hide him from the Nazis. After all, her parents are brave members of the French Resistance and will do everything they can, to help get Mohinder back to Britain. But when they are betrayed and tragedy strikes, Joelle and Mohinder will have to act fast if they are ever to evade the enemy



### **Can You Feel the Noise? by Stewart Foster**

August 1611: Jack Fletcher is shipwrecked off the Life is going well for Sophie. She's getting by at school, has some pretty awesome friends, and their band have made it through to the semi-finals of the Battle of the Bands competition. But when Sophie wakes up completely deaf one morning, the life she once knew seems like a distant memory. With lessons replaced by endless hospital appointments, and conversations now an exercise in lip-reading, Sophie grows quieter and quieter. Until she discovers the vibrations of sound through an old set of drums and wonders whether life onstage is actually still in reach.

Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

**Library Staff**

