

EASTER BREAK - MONDAY 11TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 22ND APRIL



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It is great to see that many of our out of lesson enrichment activities are returning to the lives of our students. I'm very proud to see so many of our students involved in charitable causes, as well as pursuing personal interests such as debating, World Book Day activities and sports.

With Covid related restrictions finally relaxing somewhat, I'm so pleased that students can continue to explore these memorable activities.

Very well done to all students involved in this weeks edition.

Wishing you all a great week ahead,

Mr Clayton, Headteacher

Year 7 Make a Very Special Delivery!

Our Year 7 College Council arranged a visit to a local care home in order to wish a resident many happy returns on her 102nd birthday. The residents name is Mary and she was presented with a birthday cake and a card signed by our Year 7 students.

Students in Year 7 have also adopted pen pals from care homes around Coventry through letter writing which care home residents have really enjoyed.

Mr Finlayson, Leader of Enrichment



The Return of the Debating Club

The last time the Kennedy Debating Club met, there was no such thing as Covid, Brexit or fake news. Boris Johnson was the London Mayor and Donald Trump owned a few golf courses. Now it is back and our students still have the ability to stand their ground over the topical and controversial issues of the day.

The assumption that young people have no political understanding or convictions, or worse, are merely fodder waiting to be exploited for their support, was quickly put to rest in a lively first debate which featured 6 excellent, well-researched, powerful contributions.

The first debate was led by a group of particularly passionate Year 12 students. Karina Kaur paid tribute to an unprecedented investment to keep us safe over the last 2 years and the impact of the NHS staff who "worked around the clock" to bring about a "revolution in public health". She was skillfully defended by Ravjit Rai, who added that the furlough scheme had helped "to avoid catastrophic unemployment and homelessness".

They were strongly challenged by their opponents however. Harry Kavangh identified Government abuses of their own rules in what he termed "smoke-screen interventions". To Kodie Murray, there was little difference to government actions during historic pandemics, such as the Spanish Influenza of 1918-19. They were ably supported by Caitlin Hoyle, who spoke of the "maldistribution of resources, favouring the economically privileged".

To add balance and keep the speakers on their toes, there were a variety of views and questions put forward by a captivated audience consisting of Year 10, Year 11 and Post 16 students. This was noted in the summing up by Mr. Finney, Chair of the first debate, who was impressed with both the take-up and good-natured spirit of the debate.

I was delighted to be appointed as the Debating Club "Press Officer" and look forward to many more energetic discussions on the numerous topics brought up in society today.

Tiya Dhillon, Year 12

The Rotary Club Competition

Year 7 students Charlie, Serena and Gursharan spent their Friday night (Friday 4th March) representing The Bridge in a Youth Speaks Debating Competition at Bablake School hosted by The Rotary Club.

They had great determination and curiosity in researching the motion that the Covid-19 Vaccination should be mandatory for all children. They had to present an argument for the motion and one against the motion. They then had to answer a question on

the spot which was asked by a member of The Rotary Club.

They did fabulously well in articulating their views and had lots of positive feedback from the judges and the audience.

Well done all!

Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge

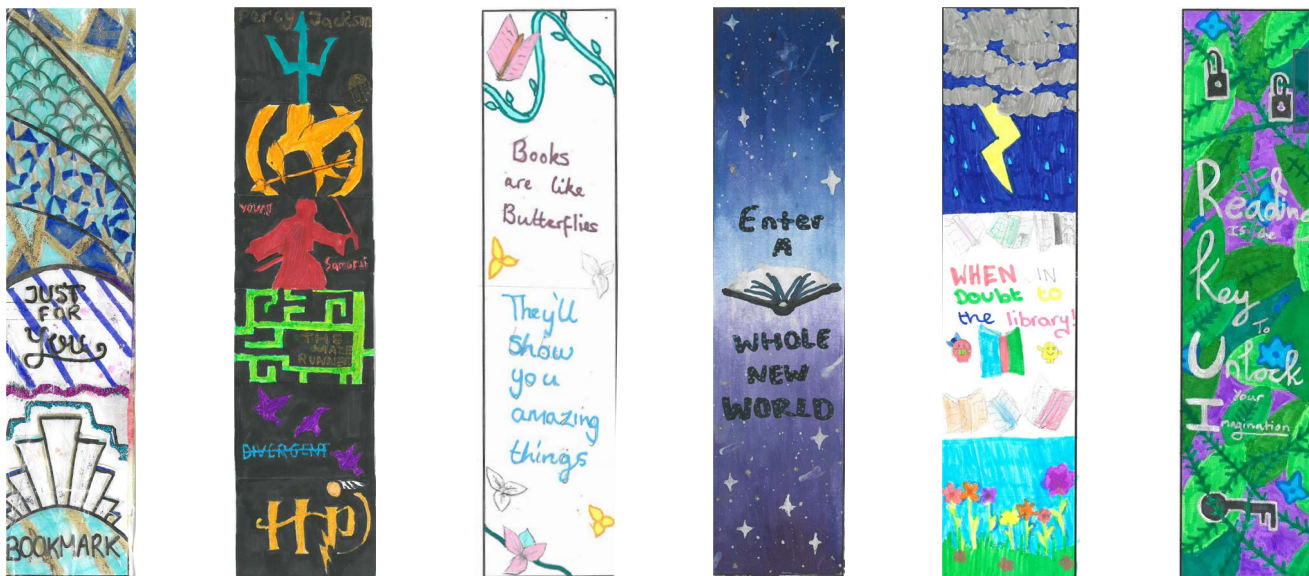


World Book Day Competition Winners!

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day, this year the Library held a competition to design a bookmark for students and staff to use in school.

We had some fantastic designs submitted making the judging process extremely difficult. After much deliberation the winning designs can be seen below.

Well done to Krisha Rana Yr7, Charlotte Maltby Yr7, Riya Parekh Yr8, Chelsea Omotayo Yr8, Dhruti Parekh Yr9, Naeva Joby Yr 10, Yulia Man Yr10 and Katie Cottrell Yr10, who have each won a £10 voucher and will see their winning designs printed and available from the School Library.



The runners up were Keneth Opoku Yr7, Sruthika Subash Yr7, Hana Ibrahim Yr7, Darius Stefu Yr7, Kayla Milbourne Yr7, Amy Haughney Yr8, Jessica Berry Yr8 and Safa Bashir Yr8, who have each won a book.

The Library also held a competition where students had to **"Guess how many bookmarks are in the jar"**.

We ran the competition over the whole week so as many students as possible could have a go.

There were 210 bookmarks in the jar and 2 students guessed the correct amount.

Well done Abshara Piratheebar Yr8 and Kirusnika Kathiravelan Yr7 who both won an Electronic Dictionary Bookmark!

The winners of the **My Favourite Book Competition** were:

Savannah Scott Yr7 – for the review of **Cirque du Freak** by Darren Shan

Mithula Pushpamohan Yr8 – for the review of **A Pinch of Magic** by Michelle Harrison

Anumitha Nagarupan Yr8 – for the review of **With the Fire on High** by Elizabeth Acevedo

Myah Saghir Yr11 – for the review of **The Song of Achilles** by Madeline Miller

Karina Kaur Post 16 – for the review of **The Lies we Tell Ourselves** by Robin Talley

Another Successful Week for Year 7 Boys!

Football 1/4 final Coventry Cup President Kennedy School 4 - Ernesford Grange School 1

Rugby President Kennedy School 50 - Finham Park School 0

Mr Garlick, P.E Department

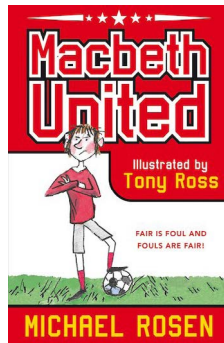


The Library

At President Kennedy School

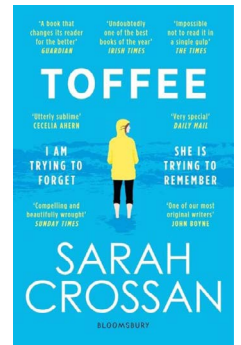
Macbeth United by Michael Rosen

Michael Rosen has reimagined this classic play by William Shakespeare as the story of Macbeth, a promising 12-year-old striker on the Shotfield football team, and his burning desire to become team captain. His hard-hearted mother pushes him to do whatever it takes to get ahead and get noticed by academy scouts - dirty tricks included. When it comes to the big game, fair is foul and fouls are fair...



Toffee by Sarah Crossan

Allison has run away from home and with nowhere to live finds herself hiding out in the shed of what she thinks is an abandoned house. But the house isn't empty. An elderly woman named Marla, with dementia, lives there - and she mistakes Allison for an old friend from her past called Toffee and invites her in. Allison is used to hiding who she really is, and trying to be what other people want her to be. And so, Toffee is who she becomes. After all, it means she has a place to stay. There are worse places she could be. But as their bond grows, and Allison discovers how much Marla needs a real friend, she begins to ask herself - where is home? What is a family? And most importantly, who am I, really?



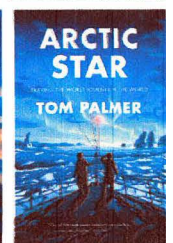
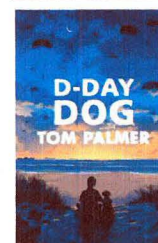
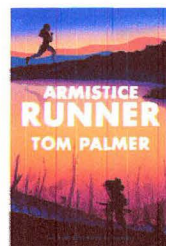
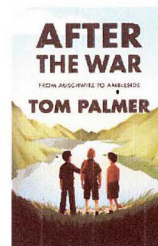
Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.

Library Staff



I enjoyed writing these history stories so we can learn from the experiences of real people. They are special shorter books that I would have wanted to read when I was at school.

Tom Palmer



Barrington  Stoke

"Turning book-phobic boys into page-turning maniacs" **Sunday Telegraph**

"The best children's fiction book I've yet read about the Holocaust. After The War manages to be vividly engaging both as history education and as a human story - eye-opening, exciting, hugely touching. It may be aimed at 9-14 year-olds, but no-one should miss it." @CEOAAnneFrankUK

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