

Friday 8th March 2024

King James's School Newsletter

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The Headteacher's Message

This week we have had a visit from our LA Advisor to look at how teachers support literacy in the classroom, with a focus on vocabulary. He spoke to Curriculum Leaders of English, Geography and Music, visited some lessons, and looked at books. He was very positive about what he saw – there is clearly lots of excellent practice in these departments and he also provided useful feedback about how to improve further.

Thank you to Mrs Eastaugh who is leading our reading - it really has the potential to make a huge impact on raising achievement.

Clare Martin
Headteacher

Paris trip



This week a group of approximately 40 students departed for a 3 night trip to Paris, where they will have the opportunity to experience French culture whilst also improving their language skills. Activities will include a French language workshop, and a visit to a French bakery, where they will learn how to make bread. They will also have the opportunity to see the famous sights of Paris on a bateau-mouche and explore this wonderful city..

Photos to follow
in next week's
newsletter.

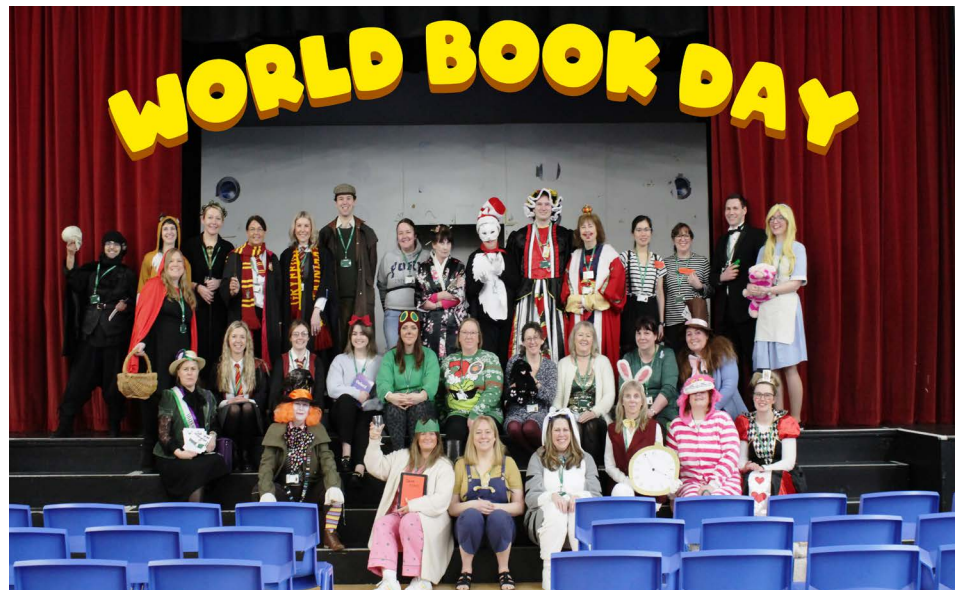
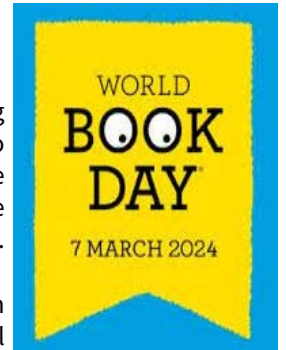


World Book Day

What a fantastic day we had in school celebrating World Book Day! A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in organising the activities that have been taking place all week. Our literacy leads and the Library have been really busy planning for the big event.

We've had author visits for Years 8 & 9 who have been involved in dystopian creative writing and graphic novel workshops. All our students enjoyed being read *The Landlady* in their lessons by their teachers throughout the day. Special reading lessons were delivered in subjects ranging from 'Mapping Roald Dahl's life' in geography to playing *The Martian* survival game in computer science and in music students listened to an orchestra play the theme tune to *Harry Potter*. To cap it all off, staff dressed as books or characters and students had to guess who in a treasure hunt round school. Over 50 staff were dressed up so a massive well done and thank you for the thought and effort that went into some fabulous outfits. The students loved it!

We do hope that our students are encouraged to pick up a book this week and read. If you need some inspiration our recommended reads can be found [here](#). Happy World Book Week and happy reading!!



Drama News

Congratulations to A Level Drama & Theatre Studies and GCSE Drama students on completing their practical assessments this week. We are always so proud of our students' performances and this year was especially memorable! Well done all of you.

Last night we took another group of students to the York Theatre Royal for Wise Children's Production of Bluebeard.



Then we finish off our term with the highly anticipated London Residential. We will be spending three nights in our capital, watching two professional shows, visiting the National Theatre and taking part in some professional workshops. We can't wait!

Training Day 14th March 2024

A reminder that school is closed for all students on Thursday 14th March 2024 due to a staff training day.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jack W in Year 9, who dives for Harrogate District Diving Club. Last weekend, he competed at Ponds Forge in the Steel City Skills competition, where he achieved second place. Well done Jack!



CERN visit

This week our A-level Physics classes went on a trip to Geneva for two nights. The students were given an incredible opportunity to have a guided tour of CERN including a lab experience making cloud chambers to see particles in action. The tour provided the students with a wider perspective on Physics and how elements of our course are used in the Large Hadron Collider. The trip was focused around CERN but the students also got a tour round the famous UN building in Geneva, seeing things such as the human rights and humanitarian councils in action. Overall it has been an invaluable experience which all the students thoroughly enjoyed.



Student Council News

On Friday our Student Council received a 'bid writing' workshop from the Community Empowerment Manager for Knaresborough. This is to support an application they are making to the UK Shared Prosperity fund as part of the 'Youth Engagement: Vision for the future' project. It is hoped that they will be able to secure the funds for creating a young person's visual (similar to that above) that specifically reflects their vision for the town



Bid writing is a really useful skill, specifically for students who either want to progress in the voluntary or statutory sector and its also useful for future university essay writing also. A great opportunity for our Student Council.

The Week Ahead: 11th March 2024

Personal Development Focus: Ready - Determination

"Being the best learner I can be by sticking with things that are challenging".

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon	Textiles Mock Exam Walking Talking English Mock 1	13 11	AM/PM	
Tue	Anti-Social Behaviour Assemblies Year 10 Parents' Evening	All years 10	Periods 1 & 2 4.30-7.30pm	S1 Online
Wed	DT/MFL Options Deadline	8		
Thur	TRAINING DAY - School closed to students			
Fri	Berlin trip departs SSG Fishing Trip	GCSE History students SSG students	Returns 17th March	Berlin

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