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King James's School Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day as part of our Fully Booked programme that has been happening all week in school. It was such a fantastic day and great to hear our students talking about books. All students listened to 'You have arrived' by Anthony Horowitz in all their lessons yesterday and were left with a cliff hanger at the end of the story which provoked a lot of discussion!

As the Fully Booked programme comes to a close today, we will publish more detail about how our students have got involved in reading next week and we hope that this sparks their interest to continue to read for pleasure outside school. Some of our staff made a fantastic effort in dressing up for the occasion, please see the photograph at the end of this newsletter. Happy reading!

Clare Martin
Headteacher

The Wonderful World of Dissocia

The cast of our next KJS Studio Production have started rehearsing with our script read through; we loved seeing you all get to know your characters! Congratulations to all the students that auditioned. It was a very close contest and we could have recast the show several times over from such talented students. Our production of "The Wonderful World of Dissocia" will take place on the 10th and 11th of June. Tickets will be available closer to the time. For all Drama updates, please remember to follow our Instagram account at @kjs_drama_dept.



Assemblies

All assemblies next week have a focus on Rewards and Recognition and will be delivered by the Associate Assistant Headteachers for each Key Stage.

Reflect and Review

Students will be taking the time to reflect on their LC2 reports in tutor time next week. Students will be celebrating the progress they have made and setting targets focused on making further improvements.

Careers

National Careers Week assemblies delivered to students from Year 7 through to Year 12 this week have emphasised the importance of developing transferable skills and qualities for future career pathways. We have encouraged students to utilise the information and resources that have been put together for National Careers week. There is a great quiz and video clip on BBC Bitesize. To access these, please click on the links below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zh9f46f>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zs7kmbk>



Sporting Successes

Our students do benefit immensely from taking part in competitions against other schools and we believe, amongst many things, that it fosters better connections within the student-school relationship. As a school, King James's School are competing extremely well, which hasn't gone unnoticed around other schools and the community as to how well we are proceeding with the football in particular over several years now.

These are the current standings, with teams still alive in 11 competitions:

Harrogate and Craven Area cup
 Year 8 - Semi-Finals
 Year 9 - Quarter finals
 Year 10 - Semi-Finals
 Year 11 - Semi Finals
 6th Form - Semi-Finals



Year 11 Rugby

U13 Girls - Quarter finals
 U14 Girls - Quarter finals
 U15 Girls - Quarter finals

North Yorkshire County Cup
 Year 9 - Semi-Final
 Year 11 - Semi-Final
 U14 Girls - Already into the final

On Thursday, the Y11 boys rugby team won the Yorkshire Plate Final, beating a strong Ilkley Grammar School by 37-5. The win and trophy is no more than the boys deserve after working so hard all season. It follows on from their excellent 10-7 victory over Harrogate Grammar before February half-term.

The team were superbly led by their captain Will Andrew and all the boys were a credit to the school. The joint players of the match were Will Andrew and Luke Dawson.

A special thank you needs extending to all the parents who came along and supported the lads so enthusiastically.

Many congratulations to Georgiana L in Year 7, who has had lots of swimming success lately in her competitions. In the Yorkshire County Championship, she won gold in both 50m freestyle and 100m freestyle. A fantastic achievement, well done Georgiana!



Artificial Intelligence - Safety tips

There can be many positives to the use of AI in helping to find information, making creative content and getting support quickly through chat functions. However, as with other areas of online use, it comes with risks to children as well. The link below provides useful information for parents on all aspects of AI as well as tips on keeping children safe.

[Artificial intelligence safety tips for parents | NSPCC](#)

Allergies

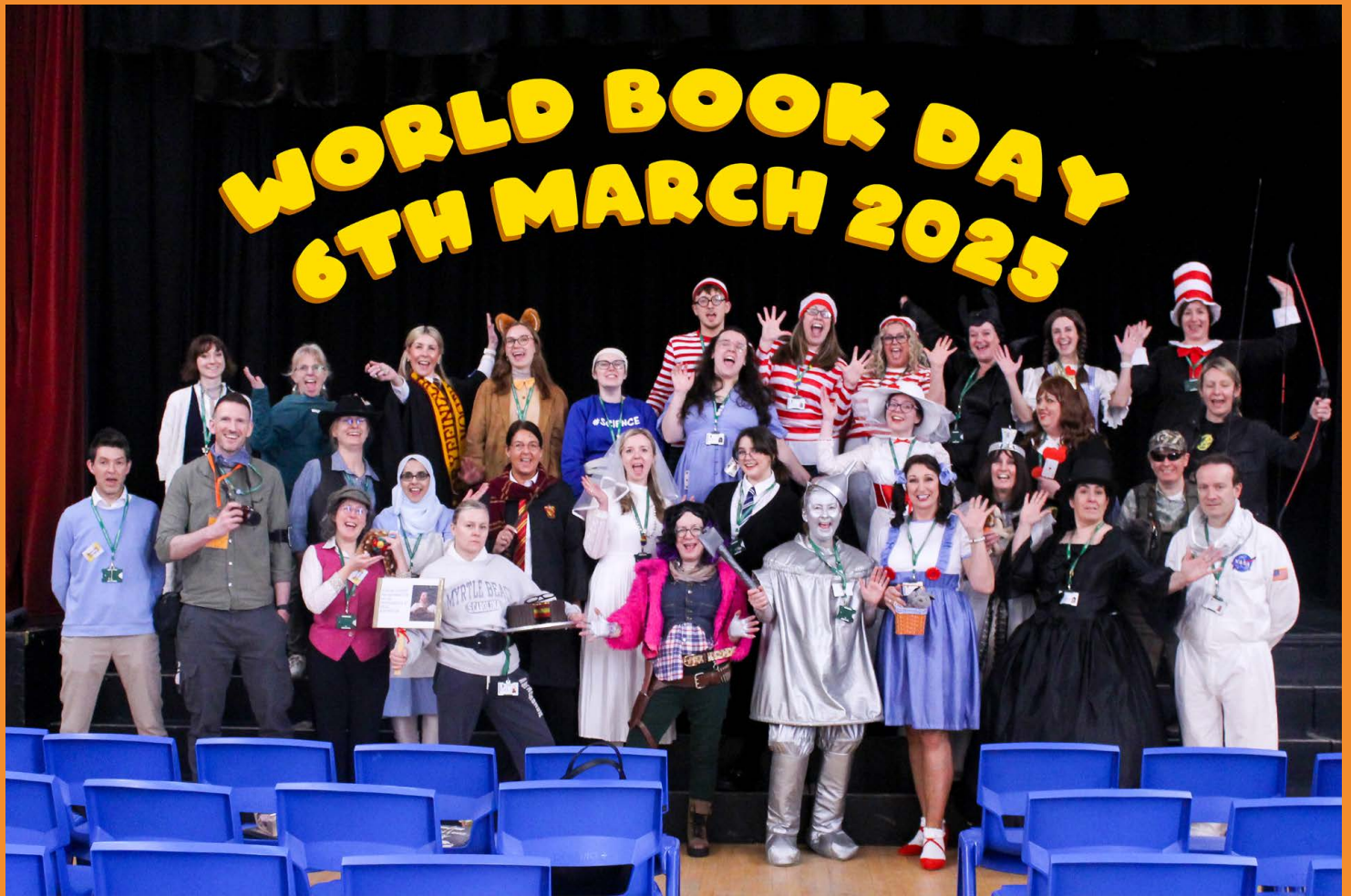
We would like to inform parents that we have a number of students in school who have a severe allergy to nuts. Whilst we are not a "nut-free" school. As part of our commitment to the health and safety of all students we kindly ask that parents are mindful of this if sending snacks and packed lunches into school. Thank you for your support.

The Week Ahead: 10th March 2025

Day	Session	Year	Time	Location
Mon				
Tue	Year 10 Parents Evening	10	4.30-7.30pm	Online
Wed				
Thur	TRAINING DAY - school closed to students			
Fri				

World Book Day 2025

Thank you to all those members of staff who dressed up for World Book Day, you all looked fantastic!



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