

Dear Parent/Carer

Please see below this week's updates from school.

World Book Day

As usual World Book Day was a real celebration of stories, poetry and famous literary characters. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who dressed up for the occasion. We had the full cast of Animal Farm, a variety of different Little Misses, Where's Wally, Tigger and many more. I was extremely impressed by the entries to our WBD poster competition. The quality of the entries was second to none. We have posted some pictures on our X and Facebook feeds for you to admire.

Our WBD book swap event was a total success. Thank you to all students, parent and carers who donated their pre-loved books, they have gone to good homes where they will be cherished and valued.

Assemblies this week have been about the value of reading and have aimed to encourage students to read more by explaining all the benefits that reading can give. Students were shown a section of a TED Talk by a girl who explained the four simple steps that took her from not reading anything to reading more than 50 books in a year. They are:

One: Pick a book. Two: Make time to read Three: Set goals Four: Pick a series – create a more solid habit

This might seem like a very simple strategy but it has proven to be effective as a way of getting young people to become readers without being overwhelmed by the range and number of books on offer. Our school library is open from 8.00am until 8.35am and then during break, lunch and after school until 4.00pm. There are always people there who can recommend titles and encourage students to read.

Sporting Success

The Year 7 boys played St Augustine's School last Friday afternoon in the Lancashire Cup 4th Round. The boys played some excellent football and comfortably won 11-1. Well done to all involved.

Uniform Shop

We are always looking for new volunteers to work in our shop, even if it is only once a month. If you would like to volunteer please contact us on <u>admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk</u> The uniform shop is open on Wednesdays between 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Saturdays between 10.00am and 12.00 during term time.



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