



Christ Church Cathedral School

Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents,

We had a glorious time for World Book Day this year. People had gone to great trouble to put on costumes connected with one of their favourite books. You will see from the newsletter the wonderfully varied costumes that were on display. It is a real joy to see the delight with which people flew and jumped and ran down Brewer Street on Thursday morning, their identities transformed for a day into that of another person or indeed another creature.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of World Book Day are the comments and incidents it produces. Yesterday was no exception. "Mr Murray," one pupil shouted as I appeared in my Gandalf costume, complete with lengthy beard and wizard's hat, "Today you look so powerful!" That was a good start to the day, despite the fact that my disguise had clearly been seen through. Indeed, that became a theme for the day. At break time one of the pupils looked at me very closely. After a little while he said, "You're not Gandalf! I know who you are – you are Mr Murray!" "Why do you think that?" I asked. "Because you are wearing his shoes!" When I decided to go to lunch, I thought it best to divest myself of my beard as I did not want to get the delicious pasta all over it. The pupil next to whom I was sitting stared at me for a while and then said, "Sir, you've shaved!" He was even more amazed when I appeared later with my beard attached again – perhaps I had acquired Gandalf's magical powers! I hope all the pupils enjoyed the effect of being someone else for a day and had a similarly enjoyable time as I had.

Most of the focus of World Book Day is upon the costumes – but, of course, the point is that the characters come from books. The aim is to encourage people to read, one of the most important skills in life. Some of the most exciting aspects of reading are the journeys of the imagination which result from it – how the young mind can travel from the seat where the person is reading to any part of the world or, indeed, to other imagined worlds. The colourful characters who appeared at school yesterday, remind us of the vividness of the images which are summoned up by those magical black marks on white pages. We will continue to encourage our pupils to nurture a love of reading.

You may remember that we organised an Academic Scholarships Day before half term for Forms 4, 5 and 6. We had a large number of very able applicants and were able to award eight scholarships to external pupils and two internal scholarships, one to Adam Crooks in Form 4 and one to Matthew Newman in Form 5. I want to congratulate both these pupils on their success. Some of the new boys are able to join us from next term. We look forward so much to their arrival.

On Merton Field this week we played Football against Church Cowley Primary School for three days running, matches being played at all age levels. These were very well supported and the quality of the Football impressive. At Worcester College on Tuesday, our boys sang alongside the pupils of The English Martyrs Catholic School in Leicester at a joint service. It is a real pleasure to forge links with these schools and I hope our associations with them will continue.

It was St David's Day on Wednesday. St David is the patron saint of our neighbour, Wales, and is celebrated with great fondness in that beautiful country. In the Cathedral this morning, I directed the boys to St David's most famous saying "Do ye the little things." So many of life's great achievements come about because little things have been done well. When little things are done well, great things will follow. I used, as my illustration, the climbing of the highest mountain in Wales, Snowdon. To reach the glorious and elevated summit, thousands of little steps are required. I hope you have a weekend of successfully achieving little things – or perhaps even big ones! Let's see!

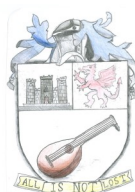
Mr Murray
Headmaster

Hilary 2023

Monday 6th - Sunday 12th March

<p>MONDAY 6</p> <p>2.30</p> <p>3.45 - 4.45</p> <p>4.00 - 5.00</p>	<p>Forms 7 & 8 Hockey Session (Radley College, during Games)</p> <p>After School Chess Club (Forms 3 & 4)</p> <p>After School Football Club (Reception, Forms 1 & 2) (Merton Field)</p>
<p>TUESDAY 7</p> <p>9.30 - 12.00</p> <p>2.30</p> <p>4.00 - 5.00</p> <p>4.30 - 6.30</p>	<p>Open Morning</p> <p>Concert (Forms 3 & 4)</p> <p>After School Tennis Club (Reception, Forms 1 & 2) (WWH)</p> <p>Form 7 Parents' Evening (SchoolCloud)</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 8</p> <p>2.30</p> <p>3.30 - 4.30</p> <p>4.00 - 5.00</p>	<p>Forms 3 & 4 Swimming</p> <p>Colts A - D Football v The Dragon (Away)</p> <p>After School Chess Club (Form 2)</p> <p>After School Tag Rugby Club (Forms 3 - 6) (Merton Field)</p>
<p>THURSDAY 9</p> <p>9.00 - 11.30</p> <p>2.45</p> <p>4.00 - 5.00</p>	<p>Drama Workshop for Nursery and Pre-Prep (WWH)</p> <p>Forms 3 & 4 Football v APS (Away)</p> <p>After School Football Club (Forms 3 - 6) (Merton Field)</p>
<p>FRIDAY 10</p> <p>8.30</p> <p>2.45</p> <p>4.00 - 5.00</p>	<p>Form 8 Trial CE exam results</p> <p>Cathedral Assembly, speaker Susan Wessels, Second Master, Marlborough College</p> <p>1st Team Football v APS (Away)</p> <p>After School Tag Rugby (Reception, Forms 1 & 2) (Merton Field)</p>
<p>SATURDAY 11</p>	CC: IN
<p>SUNDAY 12</p> <p>10.00 - 12.00</p>	<p><i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p>Play Rehearsal (Forms 5 - 8) (If necessary)</p>

School Play



Performances of the School Play will be
on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th March at 6.30 pm.



Tickets will be available from the Office from next week. (This is so that we know how many parents to expect each night and to ensure that we do not exceed the capacity of the Hall.) NH

World Book Day Gallery



More...



Changes to Contact Details

Please may I remind you to let us know as soon as possible if you have changed your home address, email address or telephone number so that I can amend our database.

Any changes of details can be emailed to Laura Kemp: registrar@cccs.org.uk

Many thanks. LK

Music News

Forms 3 and 4 Concert

2.30 pm Tuesday 7th March WWH



An hour of instrumental and vocal performances
by the boys in Forms 3 and 4.

Refreshments afterwards. All are welcome! SB

Form 2 News



In Form 2 today, we enjoyed a very inspirational visit from Dr Greenwood, a Senior Research Fellow at the Open University.

Dr Greenwood gave a talk to the boys about Space and, most importantly, brought his extensive collection of meteors with him. There was a rock from the Moon, a meteor that came from Mars and rock from asteroid Vesta!

The boys were captivated. Apparently, if there is some nickel found in a piece of rock on Earth, it means it is a meteor!

A big thank you to Dr Greenwood for his time and expertise that he shared with us. EF

Sports News

This week we held our fourth annual week of fixtures against Church Cowley St James School. With two games on Tuesday for Form 2, four games on Wednesday for Forms 5 & 6 and four games on Thursday for Forms 3 & 4, it was the biggest set of fixtures we have ever played between the two schools.

Tuesday afternoon saw two very competitive games, with both schools playing their first fixture for their age group. The Football on show was fantastic, with players trying well to find space and show the skills that they have been working hard on, meaning there were goals galore! Both pitches produced entertaining games for Reception and Form 1 children, who had come over to watch.

On Wednesday, Forms 5 & 6 games, once again, produced a large number of goals. Playing conditions were far from ideal with wind and rain, meaning players had to really focus on keeping the ball on the ground to be able to play good Football. All four matches were lively events and gave the boys the chance to express themselves and show what they were capable of on a Football pitch. Church Cowley came out on top in the results and a couple of the pitches mixed the teams for the final ten minutes, to give the boys the chance to play with some new teammates.

Thursday's games were a close affair on all four pitches, with the games remaining in the balance to the final stages. Some of the Football on display was of the highest quality and it proved to be a very enjoyable afternoon in the sunshine. Church Cowley eventually edged the results. The cheers and goal celebrations from all four pitches could be heard from afar and everyone really enjoyed their Football.

Overall, a fantastic week of Football for both schools! SP



Lost and Found



Bobby Zou has lost his school bag with all his school books in. Please, if anybody has it at home by mistake could they let me know. Thank you. LK

There is a Lost Property Box on the landing near to Form 2.

Trumpet, Cornet and Flugelhorn Day



Join us for an exciting, fun day of ensemble playing, masterclasses and more

Sunday 23rd April 2023

10.30am - 4.30pm

Hosted by Wells Cathedral School

Open to musicians 18 years and under, of all musical abilities

£40 admission (bursaries available upon request)

For more information and to book your place:

<https://wells.cathedral.day/trumpet>

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01749 834487



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Enjoy an inspirational day of playing with some of the UK's top performers and teachers in our state-of-the-art performance venue, Cedars Hall. The day will include:

- Workshops and coached ensembles to develop your playing
- Solo performance workshops
- 'Lotto Lessons' - the chance to win a short individual lesson
- An informal concert for family and friends at the end of the day
- The opportunity to try and buy instruments from the Prozone Music trade stand.

Tom Hutchinson

Besson Artist and Principal Cornet of Cory Band, European Champions 2022 and Professor of Cornet Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.



Ross Brown

Principal Trumpet - London Chamber Orchestra, Professor of Trumpet - Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Head of Brass at Wells Cathedral School.



Helen Williams

Virtuoso Principal Flugelhorn player of the Cory Band, European Champions 2022 and Courtois Artist.



Simon Jones

Senior Trumpet Tutor, Wells Cathedral School, and member of the Bristol Ensemble.



Refreshments will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch.



CCCS Minibus



For boys in Forms 3 - 8, we operate a morning and afternoon minibus service.

If you would like your son to be brought to and/or from school in our minibus, on a regular, or one-off, basis, please contact us:

schoolsecretary@cccs.org.uk

The cost is: Bus run one way, £240 per term.

Bus run both ways, £355 per term. LK

D.T. Corner



Form 3s Vulcanal Shrines

Flexi-Boarding



We offer flexi-boarding for £58.00 per night. If any of our parents would like to use this facility, please contact Mrs Kemp: registrar@cccs.org.uk.

CCCS Barber

To book appointments you can either message: 07748 105192 or email: andreachrisostomou@yahoo.com

Men's haircut £17.50, Students £15.00, Clipper cut £10, Beard trim £5, Over 65s £13.50, Under 16s £13.50.

Charity News



Life Skills Club are very pleased to announce that their cookie sales raised the grand total of £130 to go towards the Unicef Relief Effort in Turkey and Syria.

Many thanks to everyone's support and particular thanks go to Olivia and Sergio for their help in the kitchen. KS

Meet and Greet - Heather Montgomery - Parent of Raffie Form 5

What did you want to be when you grew up and what are you doing now? At first I wanted to be an astronaut but soon discovered that this world and the people in it were far more interesting. Having read Evelyn Waugh's *Scoop* at an impressionable age, I thought about becoming a foreign correspondent but in the end became an anthropologist. Now I'm Professor of Anthropology and Childhood at the Open University and spend my time researching the lives of children across the world both now and in the past.

If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go and why? I would go and visit the Trio, a small tribe in Amazonia. They are the people my husband (also an anthropologist) worked with for many decades. I have heard so much about them but only met them through the pages of his books.

Who is your idol? A cliché but David Attenborough. I love the fact that he is still so interested in knowledge and learning more, well into his 90s.

Favourite city or town and in which season? The Caribbean island of Dominica in the dry season. A beautiful, peaceful, un-touristy place with excellent goat curry.

One thing you would change in the world if you could? Restoring manners and reasoned debate into all forms of public life. If that meant banning all forms of social media, I'd do it.

Is there a family trait/habit that you have? Selective deafness certainly appears to run in the male line of the family...

Favourite Book? For fiction, *The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakov. The devil comes to 1930s Moscow and brings everyone their just desserts – for good or bad. Non-fiction has to be *1066 and All That*. Schoolboy/girl history at its best.

If you could start something new (hobby/interest or sport) and were not limited with time/age/money, what would it be? I would take up Cricket again, which I played badly in my youth, and fulfil my dream of making a century at Lords – while David Gower cheered me on!

Any advice on how you relax at the weekend? If I can fit in a good book, a long hot bath, and a dry martini, I feel very relaxed.

What a fascinating way to spend your days, the tribe must feel like two worlds apart. I can't recall being so on top of things when I was young like the children of today, they are so sharp, interested and clever. I understand that there is more access to information, but they manage to process it all too. I can totally picture you in Cricket whites and a baggy, Heather - it may be best to phone ahead to Lord's to organise extra seating as it will be a show-stopping event! I read this quote just the other day about Cricket, "Cricket reflects that life is unfair, it teaches us to never judge a book by its cover, and it shows us the importance of innovation."

What's not to idolise about David Attenborough? Dedicated to his passion and someone we really should be considering an A Grade influencer. In social media's defence, you can follow David Attenborough on TikTok, so you can be anywhere... M40 services, for instance, and just in need of a bit of a reminder about the good in the world /the plight of the environment, and in seconds you can hear his soothing voice taking over the rumble of the monotonous motorway.

Selective deafness is quite a common habit in our house too. Like a trip to Tesco, and you request a cucumber and cold milk, then the willing shopper returns with cold beer and cereal #sorryididnthearyou of course.

Thank you so much Heather, enjoy the weekend ahead.

Kathryn
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