

What's on Waverley?

Your E-Newsletter
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Executive Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Carer

As I write this introduction our students in Years 11 and 13 have just finished their GCSE, A Level and BTEC examinations and I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of another academic year.

Once again it has been a year of great successes at Waverley Education Foundation, some of which I have tried to capture and share with you in this newsletter.

As I reflect on my first year at Waverley, I will always remember the many occasions that our students, staff and local community came together as one, to put into practice our Trust values of Humanity, Equality, Aspiration and Respect. There have been many occasions when the students have raised money for disaster appeals and other charities that we are affiliated to including Akamba Children's Education Fund (ACEF). The Ladies Night in November, the performance of The Kimichi Symphony Orchestra in January and the Grand Itaar in April were great community events which encompassed all of our Trust values, as well as showing our commitment to community cohesion. I truly believe that our greatest ambassadors are our students and I have been really proud of how our students across all the phases - Primary, Secondary, Sixth Form and at Studio College, have developed as responsible members of the school and wider community.

None of the above would have been possible without the hard work, commitment and determination of all the staff. I would like to put on record my thanks to all staff across the Trust for their time and support in enabling the students to grow and flourish both in and outside the classroom and for giving them memorable experiences that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Finally we say goodbye to two colleagues who will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs Frye joined Waverley School in April 2015 as Assistant Principal of SEND and in 2022 took on the responsibility of leading on SEND across the Trust. Mrs Syed joined Waverley School as a Bi-lingual Classroom Assistant in October 1991. She was then appointed to the post of Learning Mentor in 2002, a role which she has carried out for the last 21 years.

Both Mrs Frye and Mrs Syed have given Waverley School a total of 40 years loyal and dedicated service. They have supported generations of students during their time at the school and will forever remain in our memories for years to come. On behalf of everyone at Waverley Education Foundation I would like to thank Mrs Frye and Mrs Syed for all their hard work and commitment to Waverley and we wish them both a happy and well deserved retirement. They will be missed by us all.

On behalf of all staff, I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year. We wish you a happy summer holiday and look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

S. Farar - Executive Principal

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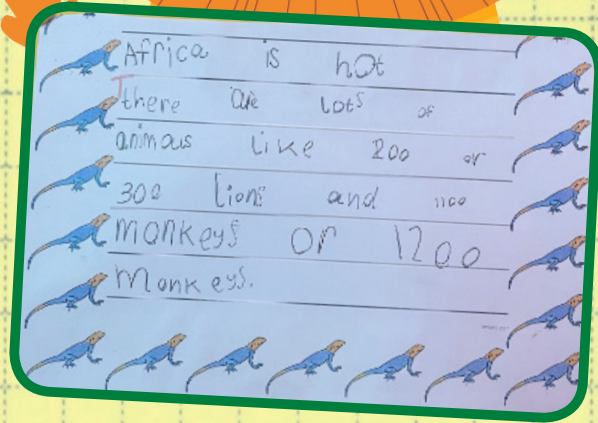
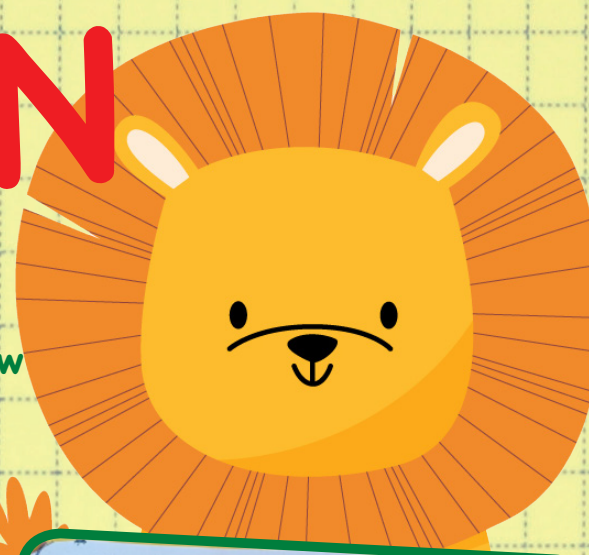


RECEPTION

Trip to Africa!

Reception kick started their new topic 'Hot Climates: Africa' by immersing into a vibrant safari learning environment. They explored a variety of African culture, lifestyle, and music throughout the week. They even enjoyed a visit from Mr

Dowe and gained an insight of his lifestyle and culture; they were very excited and impressed! The children have learnt about safari animals and how they have adapted to survive the harsh heats of the Savannah. We then tasted some exotic fruits and decided our favourite fruit was mango!



Creative Cookery



This term pupils in Reception have been reading 'The Book with No Pictures' by B. J. Novak. Within the book, there is a description of a robot monkey with a blueberry pizza head. This sparked a discussion amongst the pupils around what a blueberry pizza is. The teachers then baked three pizzas for the children to try; margherita, vegetable and blueberry. The children tried all three and there were mixed reviews on the blueberry pizza, with some children, saying it's the best pizza ever, whilst others disagreed saying blueberries should stay away from pizzas! The children then made their own pizzas with toppings of their choice: sweetcorn, peppers, blueberries and pineapple.

ERUPTION! An Eruption from Early Years

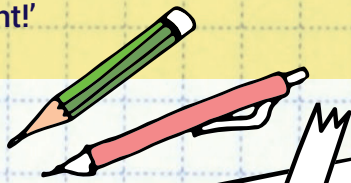
Pupils in Reception have been learning about dinosaurs and how they became extinct. On learning about the volcanoes, pupils conducted a science experiment to see how volcanoes work. Pupils used bicarbonate of soda as the control and water, lemon juice and vinegar as the variables. The children were very excited and formulated their hypothesis over which would erupt and which would not. We found that water and bicarbonate of soda did not react, whereas the lemon juice and vinegar created spectacular eruptions. For the grand finale, we tried the diet cola and Mentos experiment, which was the showstopper!





A Knight in Shining Armour!

This half term children in Year 1 are reading 'St George and the Dragon', this is building on the knowledge they acquired in their previous unit 'Sir Charli Stinky Socks'. To inspire the children and help them to understand what being a knight was really like Year 1 stepped into Knight School - they looked at what it means to be a Knight, the Knights code of conduct (Knight School rules) and the armour. While exploring armour children, as part of DT, designed and created their own shields, including creating their own heraldry. Year 1 were amazed to learn that St George is the patron Saint of England! With one child commenting 'But he's a brave and bold knight!'



Y1 'The Magic Box'

This week, Year 1 pupils have been studying the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We explored the adjectives and imagery that the poet uses, and the features of a list poem. Pupils enjoyed exploring the class's 'Curiosity Box', which featured some of the items that are in 'The Magic Box'. This curiosity developed children's creative language, encouraging them to use imaginative adjectives.

"I will put in the box
the swish of a silk sari on a summer night,
fire from the nostrils of a Chinese dragon,
...a sip of the bluest water from Lake Lucerene"



Y2 Live From South Africa



Year 2 pupils have been learning about Nelson Mandela. They are reading the autobiography and have discovered facts on: Nelson Mandela's childhood, young age, profession, family life, as an activist, Presidency, achievements and legacy. They have been fortunate enough to talk to the CEO Dr Vuyani Gweki Booi, of The Nelson Mandela Museum in South Africa. Dr Booi was impressed with pupils' knowledge about Nelson Mandela and the questions that were asked. He expressed that he 'would cherish meeting our children forever.'

Y3 Class 3B Make a Visit to the Eco-Park

Class 3B visited Eco Park as part of their current Science topic on Plants and Habitats. The Guide at the Park led the pupils through a tour of the woodlands area and into the orchard where pupils were surrounded by a range of trees including pears, apples and plums. Later, pupils looked around another area in the Eco-Park, which was moist. Here they discovered many different mini-beasts like flies, caterpillars and beetles, all of which were on the checklist!

The highlight of the experience was the enclosed area with tall, lush, vibrant trees, where they discovered different types of birds, which live in trees and this habitat.



Y3 Let's Shout Out About Shavuot!

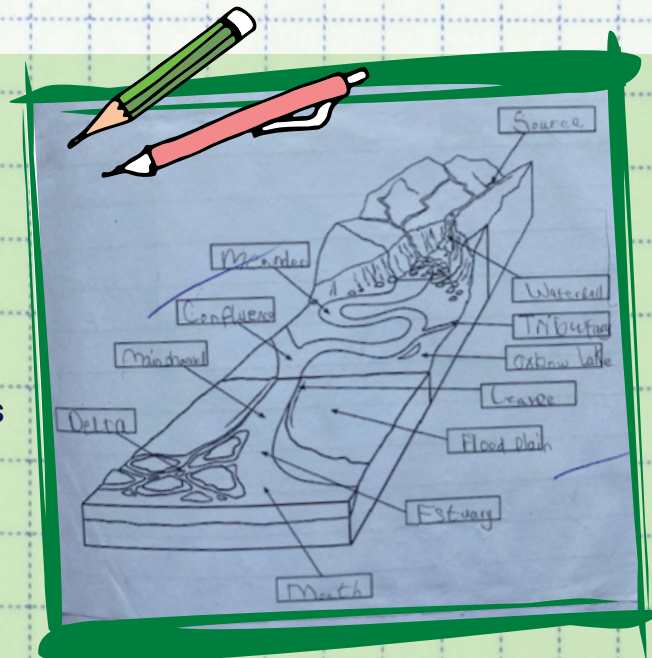


Class 3C performed on stage in front of parents and peers. They shared their knowledge on the Jewish celebration Shavuot. It was interactive, informative and most importantly FUN! From role-play to singing, the children of 3C worked extremely hard to deliver an exciting yet educational performance.

The rest of the Year 3 children had the opportunity to learn a lot about the importance of the festival and how Jewish people celebrate it.

Y3 Reduce Pollution!

The children in Year 3 have been learning all about rivers! They have explored the different features of rivers and have compared and contrasted rivers from across the world. They have also written letters to Severn Trent regarding the issue of pollution and how we as people can help reduce pollution. They drew their own maps and created their own compass and keys.



Y4 How to Train a Dragon



Year 4 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed reading and writing about their new class text: 'How to Train a Dragon.' They began the unit with a movie hook and rapidly progressed to characterisation where they explored each character in detail and even described their own dragons:

'Located in the middle of nowhere, in a gloomy, eerie cave, lies the most demonic beast with scaly skin. The true definition of devastation! Armed with sharp razor like teeth which he uses to devour his prey and all of mankind. Undoubtedly, his rage has no limits and this devilish spawn of Satan massacres mercilessly. Causing havoc, wherever he goes, his skin is impenetrable armour. Roars so loud, he can wake up the dead....' Year 4

Y4 Visit the Canals of Birmingham

Year 4 attended a curriculum trip to Birmingham Roundhouse Canals as part of their Summer 2 topic: Along the Canals. They began the guided tour by learning all about the history of canals and the significance it had on Birmingham especially the trade and tourism industry.

Soon after, children had the amazing experience to ride across Birmingham in style on a narrowboat that was built in 1873 to truly experience how life was like during the Victorian era. FUN FACT: Did you know that Birmingham has more canals than Venice?

Y5 Class 5C Ask: What will You do to Make a Change?

This Monday, 5C performed their class assembly to mark 'World Environment Day'. World Environment Day is a global platform for inspiring positive change as people from all over the world participate and take environmental action to create a more sustainable world.

5C truly put on a great performance as they demonstrated their brilliant leadership skills, team work, drama and dance. Some of their top tips were to always switch off the lights to save energy, turn off the tap when brushing your teeth, and always carry a reusable bag with you to the shops. Remember to REUSE, REDUCE and RECYLCE! What will you do to make change?

Y6 A Thought-Provoking Assembly

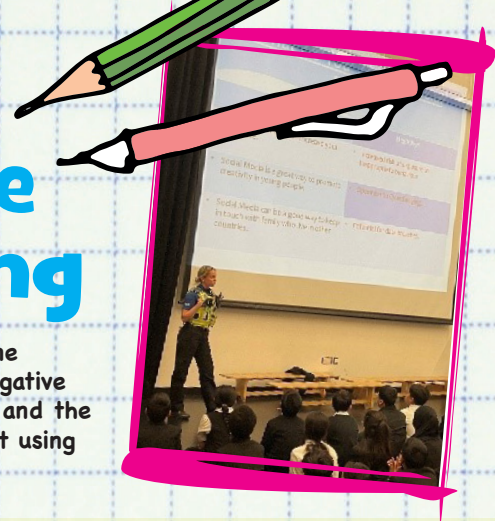
Mark Crofts from City of Birmingham School (COBs) visited our school to deliver a special assembly focussed on the importance of keeping safe.

Through interactive discussions and thought-provoking examples, he empowered our pupils to make responsible choices with confidence and vigilance.



Y6 Pupils are set a Challenge! Online Safety and Cyberbullying

PC Nathan and PC Jessica were invited into school to talk to our Year 6 pupils about online safety and cyberbullying. The assembly helped raise awareness about the positive and negative influences of social media. Pupils learnt how social media can be used, why people use it and the impact of social media on people's lives. Pupils were left with the exciting challenge of not using social media for a week.



Stories from the Heart

Class 6A were very fortunate to listen to the personal story of one of our Trustees Mrs Caesar. Pupils were immersed into the events, the barriers and challenges she faced when coming to this country as a fifteen year old girl from the Caribbean. Mrs Caesar explained that how through self-belief, determination and hard work she and her family succeeded in life. The key messages to our pupils were: 'no matter where you come from you can do well and education is the key.' Mrs Caesar left our pupils with a question - 'why cannot you become the next Prime Minister for this country?'

We thank Mrs Caesar for giving up her time so generously and leaving our children inspired!

Y6 Pupils Attend a Football Festival

On Tuesday 13th June, our Year 6 football team were fortunate to be invited to one of the best football training facilities in the country at BodyMoor Heath (Aston Villa F.C. training ground). They took part in a football festival competing against seven other teams. All the children enthusiastically participated and experienced playing against other schools. Most importantly, they all worked hard as a team and did each other and the school proud. Pupils displayed fantastic football skills along with good sportsmanship. Well done to Year 6!



Thank you to Mr Tonks, Mr Yousaf and Mrs Khatun for organising and supporting with this festival.

Y6 Resilience 2 Resolve

Year 6 pupils began their work with Resilience 2 Resolve, a Birmingham Youth Service early intervention project.

We are excited to offer this opportunity to our children as they prepare for transition to secondary and a new chapter in their lives. The objectives of the project are to focus on early intervention and prevention, and building young people's resilience by developing their skills, abilities, self-esteem, values, and identity.

Each class took part in a workshop around peer pressure:

What is peer pressure?

Where can peer pressure come from?

How they navigate themselves through societal pressures, how this can lead to poor choices, low self-esteem, and mental health.

Primary Resource Base Pupils Visit the Butterfly Farm



Our recent trip to Stratford Butterfly Farm was a blast! Even though it was raining, the children had a great time seeing all the colourful butterflies flying around. They were amazed at the different stages of the butterfly's life cycle, which linked to their previous topic. The children were especially fascinated by a real-life chrysalis.

But that's not all! Our guide, Will, showed the children some amazing mini beasts and wild animals. The children got to touch a cockroach, a stick ant, and a snake. Students was very intrigued and asked many questions, like where they live and why they have so many

legs. The children even named the creatures they met! The cockroach was named

Ben, the stick ant was Mr. Pickles, and the snake was Aiman.

We're proud of our children for their inquisitive nature and enthusiasm towards learning. Thank you to everyone who supported us on this trip, and we look forward to sharing more exciting educational experiences with our children in the future!

Primary Parent Coffee Morning



Birmingham Adult Education Service delivered their first Coffee Morning with our primary parents. The service provider introduced ESOL and Family Learning to our parents. The parents were very excited to be involved and learnt about the courses on offer.

Attendance Winners Visit Bounce Mania!

The competition has been fierce and Primary pupils have all been battling to get to the top position. Classes 4A & 3A reached the school target of 97% for Summer 1 and were rewarded with an afternoon at Bounce Mania. Pupils were thrilled and enjoyed The Wave and The Twin Snakes – not for the faint hearted!



Coronation of Kings Charles III

Preparations for the Coronation started with the 'Coronation Project'. Pupils were allocated a wide range of activities such as model making, art and writing about such an important day in history. A collection of masterpieces were exhibited outside the Primary hall. The top three artistic creators from each phase were awarded with a certificate of excellence and all participants received a certificate of contribution.

Phase assemblies informed pupils about the Coronation and its process. They listened to the Coronation anthem, which dates back to 1727, and were introduced to George Frideric Handel. Pupils were given an insight into what happens during the ceremony and the long-standing traditions that take place. It was a good opportunity to look at Kings and Queens of the past and how many aspects of the ceremony are still the same today!

Waverley pupils and staff dressed in their regal attire. Pupils were invited to a Royal Banquet with a diverse menu from mushy peas to trifle, but the highlight of all was the King's own recipe, Coronation Quiche!

As part of the celebrations in the classrooms, pupils accessed a wide range of cross curricular activities such as painting a royal family member, using playdough to re-create royal family artefacts, writing a postcard to the King, writing a diary entry, creating a fact file, timeline etc. The outdoor celebration activities such as playing charades, royal rules, guess the Royal member... entertained pupils. To mark this historic event, pupils were presented with a Coronation medal as a souvenir from the school.

Thank you to all involved in making this a memorable day for our pupils. Thank you to Dr Bodhanker for making this happen!



Maths Number Day



Number

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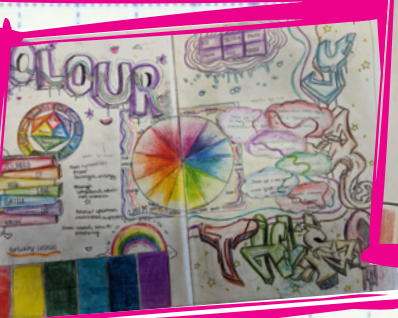
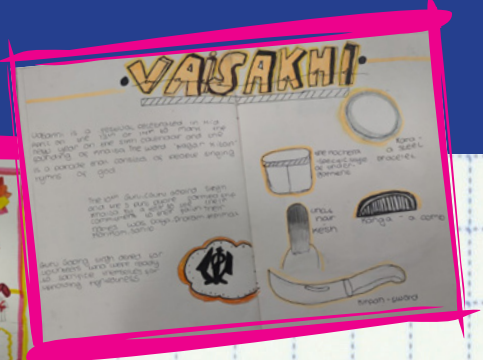
NSPCC

Waverley Primary took part in our first ever NSPCC Number Day, where they competed in a range of activities to raise money for the profound charity organisation that has done wonders for children all over the world. Children even challenged the teachers to a game of connect four, football and cricket where the teachers came out triumphant! We managed to raise a whopping £253! Thank you to Mr Muneem and Mr Yousaf for organising this event.

SECONDARY ART

Year 7 Exploring Cultural Diversity using Formal Elements of art.

This term Year 7's have been exploring the element of art 'Colour' and the Sikh cultural festival Vaisakhi. A festival that celebrates the 'Birth of Khalsa' and the end of the harvest season for farmers. Our pupils have responded to this festival by creating some amazing watercolour art.



Year 8 Identity Art

This term Art groups 8SArt1, 8SArt 2, 8SArt4 and 8WArt3 have been looking closely at the theme 'Who Am I?'. They began this project by observing and recording facial features and then were given a chance to investigate the work of other artists. Pupils completed this project by creating responses in the style of the artist they chose.



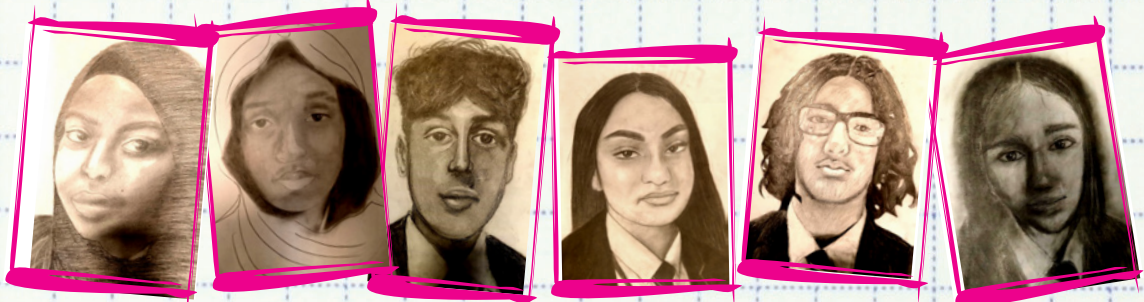
New Year 10 Art Cohort Show Great Promise in their First Half Term

The new Year 10 GCSE art students have made a powerful statement of intent with their first pieces of coursework. They have risen to the challenge of the demanding course with some strong pencil sketches of themselves.

Using photography as a starting point, they have produced some technically mature self-portraits using only pencils and rubbers.

They were asked to carefully study the light and dark areas within their facial features, - an Italian renaissance drawing technique called chiaroscuro.

Pupils then softened the hard edges within their portraits using paper towels or their fingers create a soft focus effect known as sfumato, a



technique made famous by Leonardo da Vinci. By blurring and blending the pencil carefully, students use sfumato to give a smoky, atmospheric effect to their drawings.

Mr Poole has been most impressed with both their skill set and application and is anticipating some excellent results in Year 11.

Year 11

A massive well done to all our 2023 GCSE Art and Textiles cohort. They have produced some 'mind-blowing' outcomes. We wish them all the best and hope they continue to create art.



New Year 11 A sneaky peek into Mrs Kaur's Year 11 art group. Look at some of the amazing work our new Year 11 students are creating. Watch this space!



TEXTILES



Sweet Treats Coursework
GCSE Art Textiles Year 10 pupils have been working hard all year on their coursework unit, based on sweet treats, cakes and afternoon tea. During the last three terms, they have looked at a range of artists and produced information pages in their sketchbooks along with experimental samples inspired by the artist work they have looked at. They have learnt

techniques this year such as applique, reverse applique, tie-dye and quilting. As pupils move into Year 11, the techniques and skills they have acquired will be evident in the final piece of artwork each pupil will produce. Good luck to pupils and keep up the hard work.

Come along on a journey down the yellow brick road with Team English 2022-2023: A year to remember **September 2022**

English **'Those who don't believe in magic will never find it'**

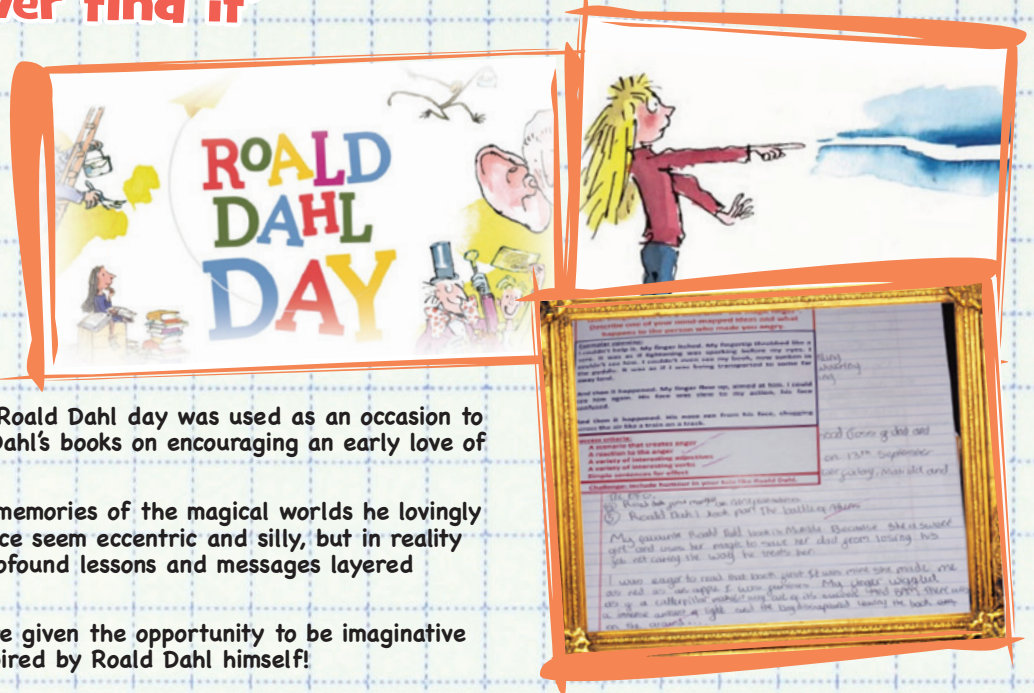
ROALD DAHL DAY 2022

ROALD DAHL DAY celebrates this creative master and all of the work that he has done by bringing stories of fiction and wonder to children.

On September 13th in English we celebrated the birthday of the illustrious author of so many unforgettable works of fiction, including *The BFG*, *The Twits*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Fantastic Mr Fox*, and *Mattilda*. Students explored the history of Roald Dahl learning all about his life. Roald Dahl day was used as an occasion to acknowledge the enormous influence of Dahl's books on encouraging an early love of words and reading for our students.

Just the mention of Dahl's name invokes memories of the magical worlds he lovingly sculpted for us. Worlds that at first glance seem eccentric and silly, but in reality shaped the lives of many through the profound lessons and messages layered throughout the stories.

Students read *The Magic Finger* and were given the opportunity to be imaginative and write a piece of creative writing inspired by Roald Dahl himself!



ROBBIE COLTRAINED

Ms Zaman's tribute to Robbie Coltraine... someone who impacted thousands of adults and children around the world:

Dragons and Rock Cakes
As memories form and life goes on,
Let's not forget the moments when:
Hope was found in a tender look,
Courage was shared in the smallest smile,

Birthdays were celebrated with a cake and a tail,
Warmth was provided from the end of an umbrella,
Spiders were kept as a token of loyalty,
And home was found within the embrace of a friend.

October 2022

Open Evening



On Wednesday 28th September we opened our doors to perspective Year 7 classes to explore what we have to offer at Waverley School. Welcomed by our fantastic English teachers dressed as characters from books from *Mr Tumnus* to *Inspector Goole* showcasing our school passion for literature. Parents and children had the opportunity enjoy a range of activities from our murder mystery challenge to going on a treasure hunt, to diving into the world of Narnia creating their own mythical creature! Parents had the opportunity to speak to experienced members of the department and gain insight into potential texts their children might study throughout their academic years here at Waverley School.

Ms Nichol's Star Pupil is AWO (Year 9)

Limitless Skies.

I have an ambition: a fervent desire to be at the top of the hierarchy. One day, I will be this country's light. One day, I will be the image of success. One day, I will hold glory in the palm of my hand: I shall feed off the sweetness of happiness and satisfaction... I will be the monarch of Great Britain.



Young Writers

Competition 2022 - Environment

For National Poetry Day, Waverley explored the national theme of 'The Environment'. We explored fabulous poems with both positive and negative depictions of occurrences within the environment, and how our environment is not only important but constantly changing. With great efforts and enthusiasm, students wrote fantastically inspiring poems about both nature and the world we live in. Delving into their creative passions, students read aloud their declarations of beauty, change, and importance, much to the delight of their peers and staff. We are so proud of these poems, that many were submitted to the Young Writers National Poetry Competition on 'The Environment'.



"By the pricking of my thumbs, something exciting this way comes."

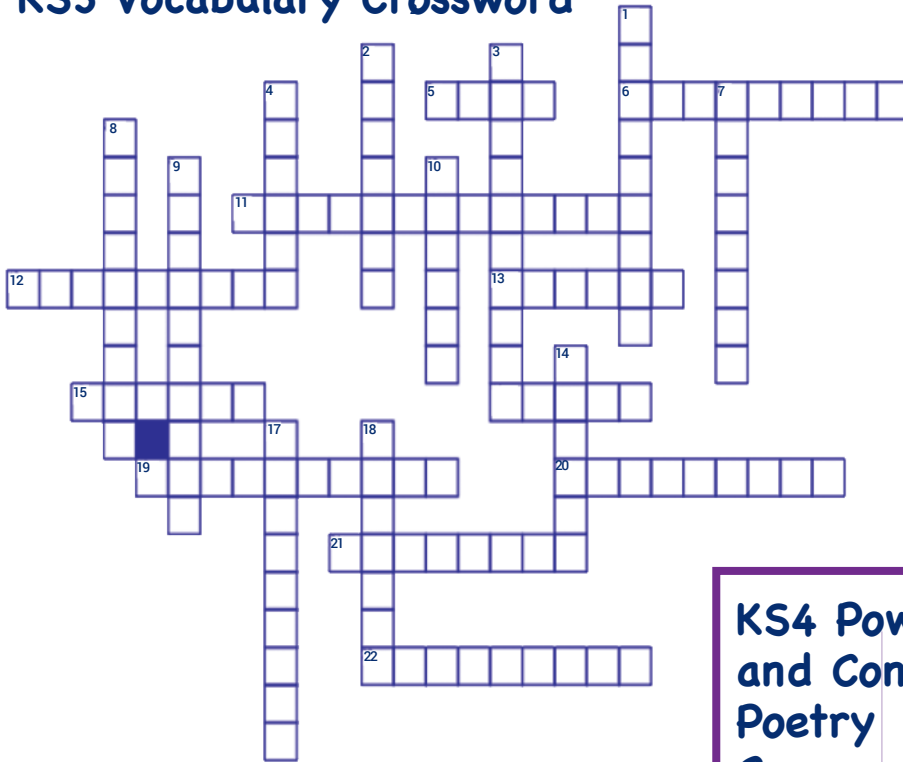
Students filed in class by class: some excited, some sceptical, but all in anticipation of the Macbeth performance to come. All eyes fixated on our makeshift stage, as the opening act of Macbeth unfolded: the witches in all their glory casting a spell on their audience. All sat transfixed, as yet another one of Shakespeare's stories came to life before them. Forgetting their surroundings, they became engrossed in the storyline, learning about guilt, betrayal and the dangers of all-consuming ambition for power.

A brilliant adaptation of the play that left the students hungry for more.

CROSSWORDS

Name: _____

KS3 Vocabulary Crossword



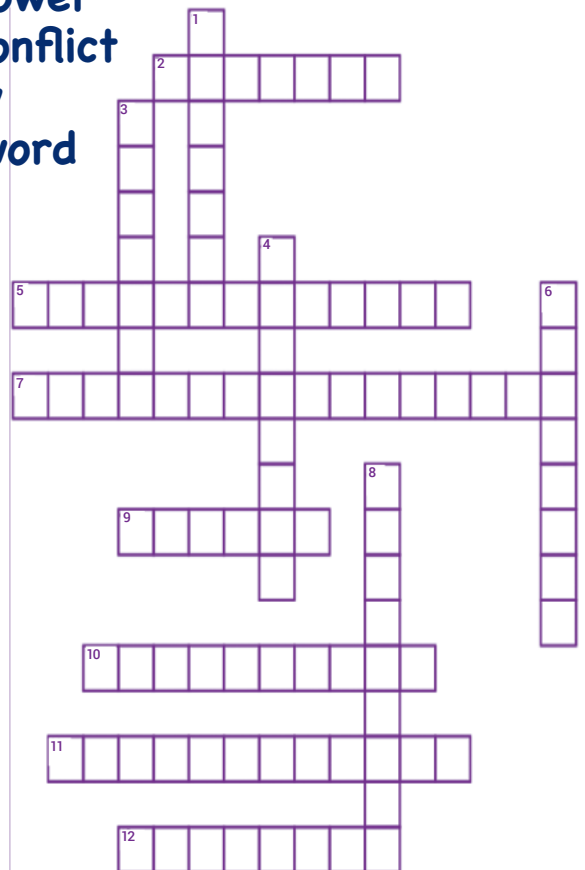
Across

5. Immediately
6. Too long
11. To lower in rank or reputation
12. Formal or ceremonious observance of an occasion or event
13. An absolute ruler unrestrained by law or constitution
15. Bitter sometimes violent conflict or dissension
16. Stop
19. To make greater, more numerous, larger, or more intense
20. One that contends with, opposes, or resists
21. Disposition to resist willingness to contend or fight
22. Outward and often specious appearance or show

Down

1. Troublesomely urgent
2. Possessing or acting with bravery or boldness
3. Eliciting amazement or wonder
4. Forcible or passive resistance to lawful authority
7. To be or become feeble, weak, or enervated
8. All future generations
9. Highly injurious or destructive
10. Hard to control
14. The face, countenance, or appearance of a person or sometimes an animal
17. A settling of accounts
18. Of a kind to move to pity or compassion

KS4 Power and Conflict Poetry Crossword



Across

2. A stop or a pause in a line of poetry - usually caused by punctuation
5. Married to the poet Elizabeth Barrett
7. Storming of the Bastille marked the start of the...
9. Typically a love poem
10. Run on tines
11. Dark dreary dreams
12. I gave.....; Then all smiles stopped together

Down

1. Long rifle with knife attachment
3. War between Britain and Russia in the mid 19th Century
4. Ozymandias
6. The mind-forged...
8. Group of poets who loved nature, and celebrated childlike innocence

Drama

Drama has taken off with a flying start at Waverley Trust with students from Primary and Secondary lining up to join the after school activities that are ongoing in the Drama studio.

Drama strategies and techniques have been used to explore a variety of scripts, stimuli and stories by devising, improvising and the use of role-play.

Mr Depper has been rushed off his feet preparing for the new academic year's show of 'Annie The Musical' coming Summer 2024 with a sneak peek being showcased on July 4th special Creative Art's event. Auditions will be taking place towards the end of the current term to hit the ground running from September onwards.



Maths Trip to Bletchley Park

Students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 visited Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes on the 17th May 2023 to see the important role of maths in successfully solving the codebreakers during WWII. The students had the opportunity to see real life applications of STEM subjects and immerse themselves in the rich history behind Bletchley Park.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were left inspired by possible future career options through the study of STEM subjects.

A big thank you to Mrs Couser, Miss Mahmoud, Miss Shmiem, Mr Adam, Mr El-Haffar and Mr Ul-Huq for their amazing support with the trip!



Pi Day



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Happy Pi Day

The 14th of March was International Pi Day. Students at Waverley school were set a challenge by the Mathematics department. The challenge was to see if any students could recite Pi. Several students came forward to recite Pi, however, there could only be one winner.

The Waverley School International Pi Day winner for 2023 was EF in 8 Hawking, who recited Pi to 100 digits! This student was confident and kept her composure when reciting Pi. The Mathematics department were impressed with her effort. She was awarded a superb prize. Well done EF!

MUSIC

Ex Cathedra "Let's celebrate singing" concert @ Symphony Hall

On the 7th June, the Music department took 36 Waverley choir children from the primary and secondary phases to take part in the Ex Cathedra "Let's celebrate singing" concert at the Symphony Hall in Birmingham. Pupils in Years 5, 6 and 7 were amazed and in awe of Symphony Hall and sang their hearts out throughout the concert. They sang songs such as "I just gotta sing" and "You are everything" with the amazing Ex Cathedra choir. The best moment of the concert was during the song "Together" which celebrates diversity, where two pupils (PS and AN) from Waverley went on stage to sing the word together in their home languages (Romanian and Urdu).

Pupils were excellently behaved and made us proud with how they represented Waverley School, demonstrating our school values. Thanks to Mr McAuley, Miss Malik and Ms Cooper who supported the trip and really got into the swing of things, dancing and singing along to all the songs. On Monday 17th July, the Ex Cathedra came to Waverley to deliver a whole-school singing workshop for our primary children.



Trip to Edgbaston Cricket Ground

Students from Years 9 and 10 went on their reward trip to watch a cricket fixture, Central Sparks vs Nothern Diamonds. It was an eventful day where students enjoyed an exciting game, met the players, signed their cards and even received shirts from players. One of our students got lucky and received a signed ball! It was great to be part of the growth of the women's game where the BBC was also present. Students had a great time and we would love to do many more trips in the foreseeable future.

PE

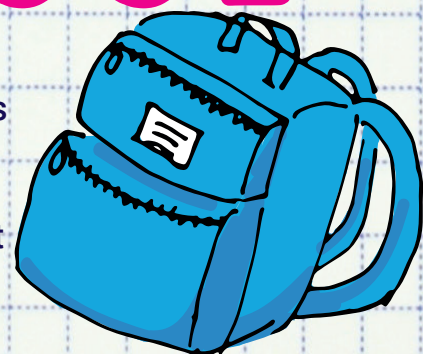


CRICKET TEAM

Our school cricket team have done a fantastic job finishing 2nd place in the school finals day. They have showed great commitment throughout the year attending after school clubs and matches along with their excellent behaviour in lessons. Our PE department awarded them with their second trip, which they were very fortunate to see England play at the Ashes on day 5. Now our team are on their verge of reaching yet another finals day in the outdoor league.

BLACKPOOL

Students in 11RB were taken to Blackpool for their end of year visit. The weather was great and the theme park and the beach were quiet. The pupils really enjoyed themselves and it was a great farewell gift for them. It was a very calm, soothing and therapeutic experience for them.



RE BCM Talk

On Monday 27th March, Year 10 had the pleasure of watching John Platt (from BCM) talk at length about Christianity and the importance of Jesus. It was a very informative session and students were incredibly well behaved. Students found it both enriching and interesting, especially as it dealt with more difficult topics in preparation for the exam.



Homework

Throughout the year the RE department has been involved in a series of fun and creative activities. These are a few of the activities that are worth mentioning and celebrating:

Before the Christmas holidays Year 8 (former Year 7) were tasked with completing a competition, it was to create a 3D place of

worship. They were expected to research the internal and external aspects of the place of worship. The pieces of homework that we got back in were phenomenal. Well done to all Year 7 who took part.

The students that stood out and ultimately won the competition were IA, NR and KI.



RESOURCE BASE

UNIT AWARD SCHEME - 'Achievement for All'

Congratulations to our Years 7, 8 and 9 Resource Base pupils' for achieving the Unit Award Scheme from subjects including English, Maths, Science, RE and Art. Our pupils' have received certificates of achievement for completing short units of learning which have developed their communication skills, problem solving and critical thinking. All our pupils' have worked hard since the beginning of the year enabling them to achieve the AQA nationally accredited units within their subjects.

Our Careers advisor Mr. Marshall was kind enough to come into school and present students with these awards, reinforcing the importance of aspirations. This is a scheme that we hope to continue with next year in an endeavour for students to continue accumulating certificates as part of their Record of Achievement Folders.

A very well done to all those involved - this is a great achievement for our students!



COOKING CLUB

This academic year students in Years 7 and 8 ditched their blazers for aprons and got busy in the kitchen. Students attended our after school cooking club over a course of five weekly sessions. Each week students got to learn a variety of different techniques in the kitchen from butterflying chicken breasts to cutting vegetables julienne style. Students got to prepare and cook a range of foods from around the world such as Italian mozzarella and red pepper tarts to Thailand's famous Thai green chicken curry. Students got to take home their culinary delights at the end of each session. A huge well done to all who participated in cooking club. Waverley definitely has a few budding chefs in the making. Special thanks also to Teaching Assistants who supported our students during the club.



GARDENING CLUB

This term, pupils in Year 7 and 8 Resource Base have taken on the challenge in clearing the school garden which had become overgrown and looking a little sorry for itself, to create an exciting outdoor learning environment. Once the garden had been weeded and cleared, Mr McAuley, Mrs Knight and Mrs Taylor got to work on spreading 10 bulk bags of wood chippings to make the garden a more appealing place to be and hopefully stop the weeds from growing back. Pupils then got busy sowing a variety of vegetables from seed such as, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, beetroot and a selection of lettuces. It was great watching the pupils taking a keen interest in watching their seedlings grow as they watered them every few days until they were strong enough to be planted out in the garden. Hopefully, over the coming weeks pupils will get to pick the produce they have grown.

Pupils also had the opportunity to take part in this year's Gardeners World Live Competition at the NEC. The aim of the competition was to create a dish where all the ingredients were grown in a wheelbarrow. Our pupils decided on the theme of the British classic afternoon tea. Pupils got busy planting tomato, cucumber, mint, peppers, lavender and watercress, all from seeds. They also decorated a wheelbarrow using decoupage technique for the event. Pupils planted up their produce in their beautifully decorated wheelbarrow which was then put on display for the public at the NEC.

A huge well done to all our pupils involved in gardening club this term and we cannot wait to see how our young learners take on more exciting projects in the school garden next academic year.



WAVERLEY STUDIO COLLEGE

Coronation Celebrations

To mark the Coronation of HRH King Charles III, Waverley Studio College organised various off-timetable activities, including a non-uniform day and a special Coronation-themed lunch menu. The day started with some activities about the historical significance of the occasion. Students were then given the opportunity to participate in various activities related to the Coronation, including arts and crafts, literacy and numeracy activities.

As part of the day, they were visited by Deputy Lieutenant Mr. Afzal Hussain from the West Midlands Lieutenancy. The Deputy Lieutenant represents the King in their local area and students were delighted to engage with Mr. Hussain, asking questions about his role in local community events, social enterprise and charity work.

Throughout the day, students were engaged in meaningful learning experiences that helped them understand the importance of the Coronation and the role of the monarchy in the UK. The day was not only fun and enjoyable, but also educational and informative.

Lloyds Banking Group Finance Workshops

As part of the Business and Enterprise course, more than 30 Year 10 students participated in Lloyds Banking Group workshops, which were facilitated by 12 volunteers from Lloyds. The workshops, namely "Making the most of it" and "Risking it! ... Is it worth it?" were experienced by the students in small groups, engaging in group discussions and debates. The workshops provided the students with valuable first-hand insights and knowledge from experts.

The workshop sessions covered several key topics, with the highlights being:

- Educating the students on ways to stay safe and protect themselves in the future.

Introducing the students to various job opportunities, their respective incomes, and the possibility of receiving money from multiple sources, such as student loans, work, benefits, savings, or pensions.

Discussing the concept of insurance as a means of reducing financial risk in specific situations and exploring whether insurance is the right choice or not.

The facilitators of the day were instrumental in providing a productive and engaging learning environment for the students.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Knife Crime Workshop

We were delighted to welcome our Police Liaison Officer who delivered a workshop about CSE and knife crime to our students in Years 10 and 11. The workshop covered the following areas:

- factors and indicators that could help students to identify if a child is being a victim of sexual abuse or exploitation,
- spotting the signs of someone being exploited
- how to do something about it.

They also looked at the different ways young people can report this to professionals and seek further help and support.

The Police Officers also spoke about knife crime and how this is an increasing issue within our community and across the UK. They informed the students

about the law and consequences of carrying a knife in the community and how the law has changed.

The workshop empowered the students to be able to ask questions and to speak to adults regarding any concerns they may have; this could be their parents, DSL, staff members in school, police or professional agencies. The workshop was well delivered, interactive and well received by the students.



Trust Careers update

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

Welcome to Trust Careers update

We have had a busy Term with delivering the following progression activities and whole school careers events.

EY STEM APP Launch for Girls from Y8-Y13. This is a global initiative by EY for Girls to be involved in gaining insights into STEM Careers and reduce the gender inequality gaps in STEM Careers.

Unifrog – Careers Software is now available to support your child and you in exploring careers, career planning and decision making for long term progression. The launch is currently being undertaken across the Trust for KS2, KS3, KS4 and KS5.

Unifrog Launch Assemblies in July 2023 – this will enable KS4 and KS5 Students to begin preparing for their transition for Post-16 and Post-18; by undertaking skills, interests and personalities quizzes and exploring careers that match them.

This raises the students' self-awareness as well as the career and opportunity awareness to promote informed career planning and decision making for their futures.

KS4 progression activities – The Y10 Mock Interview will be happening towards the end of this term. This is to prepare and support your child in Y11 when they begin making applications for Sixth Form, FE colleges in September 2023 onwards. Your child is entitled to a 15 min individual Interview preparation. The delivery of this work is being supported and undertaken by a National Employer.

Waverley Education Foundation Trust Annual Careers Fair – the event is scheduled for Friday 7th July with a range of Further Education Colleges, Vocational & Apprenticeship Providers, HE Universities and Employers in attendance.

Additional Updates – September 2023, we will begin the new academic year with every young person

in Y13 and Y11 entitled to a face to face Career Guidance Session with myself to support with their progression into the next stage of their education at post 16 and post-18.

There will be HE Universities booked in to support your Child with their UCAS applications Personal Writing statements.

Employers Talks will also be undertaken across all Year Groups to inform about technical progression routes into employment, education and training.

UK Universities Search – Both KS5 Booked to attend at the Edgbaston Stadium on 10th October 2023.

If you have any enquiry please contact me on the following emails - Careers@waverley.bham.sch.uk
WSC-Careers@waverleystudiocollege.co.uk

Best wishes, Ms Satti - Careers Lead & Practitioner

Thinking about becoming a teacher?

Are you, a family member or someone you know thinking about becoming a teacher? Look out for our new secondary PGCE courses in partnership with Birmingham City University and local school partners. You will be able to apply for courses starting September 2024 from early October via the DfE Apply service.

To be eligible for a programme, candidates will usually have an honours degree and GCSEs in Maths and English at Grade C/4 or above. Please note that a degree needs to be in a closely related subject to the subject to be taught (approx. 50%).

If you want to make a difference to young people's lives, why not join one of our information events during the autumn term? Find out about the recruitment process, different types of programmes, and what being a teacher is like, with the opportunity to ask questions.

To register your interest, get in touch with the Waverley Initial Teacher Training team and we will get back to you with more information in October: Training@waverley.bham.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

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