



St Matthias Newsletter – Term 4 2023/2024

“Spring is such a joyful time of the year and this newsletter we have a number of great successes to celebrate. Lots of our pupils have moved on this term or will be moving on after the Easter break, and we wish them all the best in their new schools. We have also had trips to the Bristol Museum, The Clifton Suspension Bridge and Weston-Super-Mare relating to this term's Art topic of structures. I hope you enjoy reading about what we've been doing. Have a lovely break!”

Ms. Morrison

Fishponds Focus

Bouldering

We're thrilled to announce that this term, our students at Fishponds have embraced bouldering as a captivating addition to our enrichment activities roster. Right from the get-go, our pupils have shown remarkable enthusiasm and dedication towards this exhilarating pursuit.

Some of our students have exhibited an innate talent for bouldering. It's been inspiring to see them effortlessly navigate the climbing walls, igniting a spirit of friendly competition among their peers and encouraging their classmates to push their boundaries and discover their own potential in the sport.





Bristol Museum Trip

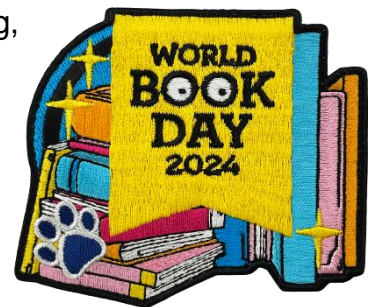
Lastly, we took some of our Year 11 GCSE pupils to the Bristol Museum for an inspiring day trip filled with Art and joy. Our students got to look at the museum's entire collection and take pictures as part of their preparation for their Art exam, while also getting inspiration to produce their own artworks in their test. Following their museum adventure, the students took to the streets of Bristol, seizing the opportunity to document the city's vibrant essence through street photography.



World Book Day

On the 7th of March we celebrated World Book Day. The goal of this charity event is to celebrate literature, foster the love for reading, and to raise funds to provide children across the country with access books. Students could come dressed as their favourite book character and a lot of emphasis was put in our Reading tasks throughout the week.

As we reflect on the success of our World Book Day celebrations, we are reminded of the profound impact that literature has on shaping young minds and fostering a sense of empathy, creativity, and understanding. Here's to many more enchanting adventures between the pages of a book at Fishponds!



Red Nose Day

We also took part in Comic Relief's Red Nose Day this term. Staff and pupils got to have a day with no dress code in exchange for a small donation that will help providing people in the UK and around the world with essential supplies such as food, toiletries, clothes, etc. Fishponds managed to raise a sum of £50 that could make a world of difference to those in need.



Brentry Bulletin

WOW Enrichment Activities

It's been another busy term here at Brentry. Our weekly WOW enrichment sessions have afforded our pupils opportunities to excel in the kitchen, on the sport's court and with a range of hobby based and gaming activities. The pupils have also worked hard to earn the points for our off-site trips this term that included Ninja Warrior and virtual reality experiences! This impressive work ethic was also on display in the run up to world book day which saw pupils pushing to develop their reading skills as part of our reading competition. We were also joined by a powerful Knife crime prevention workshop. The level of respect and engagement demonstrated by our pupils during the session was commendable.



PSHE

This term in PHSE we have been looking at healthy relationships. We have compared differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and have identified some green and red flags to look out for. We also looked at setting personal boundaries and how it is important to set boundaries for a healthy relationship.

English

In English pupils enjoyed exploring the dystopian genre. We analysed a range of seminal texts such as The Hunger Games and 1984 before moving on to produce our own dystopian narratives. The resulting texts have been rooted in a firm understanding of genre and included some immersive settings, ambitious vocabulary and well-defined characters.

Art

In Art this term we have been studying Building and Structures and many learners have gained their AQA award in perspective drawing as part of this work. The attention to detail



in drawing some of our nation's most iconic buildings and structures has been extremely impressive!

ICT

In Computing we have been learning all about some of the Pioneers of Computing including such diverse characters as Alan Turing, Katherine Jackson, Grace Hopper and Sir Tim Berners-Lee.

DT

Pupils made great use of the DT facilities and have been creating wooden boxes using corner lap joints. This has required precise work with saws and chisels as well as a lot of sanding! There have been some excellent pieces of work that pupils have spent considerable time, skill and care making. Some have been converted into jewellery boxes, playing card containers and even a goldfinch nesting box for inside an aviary.



Maths

In maths this term the focus has been on algebra. A number of pupils have discovered that instead of being fearful of trying algebra, they can actually do it quite well! By the end of term, all pupils have completed end of topic tests that demonstrated they could write and simplify expressions, substitute into formulas and solve 2-step equations.





Rush Hill Round Up

Construction Careers Fair

This month our KS4 group attended a construction careers fair held at Widcombe Social Club.

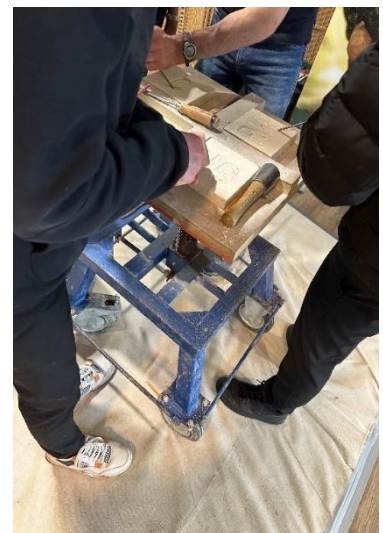
The staff team were very helpful and there were lots of opportunities for our students to talk to trade professionals and listen to speakers regarding career opportunities, apprenticeships as well as college courses.

They had a hands-on stone missionary task for the participants to take part in. Our students made a name slab.



Curo was very impressive with the opportunities they have to offer for school leavers. As were many other companies who supported the careers fair including Acorn construction, YTL development and Wessex Water.

Wessex Water also provide opportunities for their apprentices to learn to drive.



Boxing

Ricky is holding boxing sessions with our pupils to. This is to support them to manage and support their social and emotional needs, as well as building confidence, overcoming barriers and in learning a new skill.

All pupils are enjoying the experience of having a pro boxer based at Rush Hill.





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Join our

Careers & Aspirations Event

For all students in Year 10,11,12 & 13

On: **Thursday 25th April 2024**

Time: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

at: Knowle DGE Academy

Workshops, information stands and support to plan your future:

- ❖ Future jobs, careers, local employers
- ❖ Apprenticeships & Supported Internships
- ❖ Post 16 & Post 18 colleges and training providers

Students: You will be visiting during the day **with your school**

Parents & Carers are welcome join **parent slots** from 9:30 am– 10:30 am or 1:30 pm–2:30 pm.



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