



We're On Our Way!



Our Intrepid Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award candidates took to the hills during the Spring term. They battled valiantly against some adverse weather conditions to successfully complete their practice expedition before the real thing in the summer.

Read about our Duke of Edinburgh activities - and more - in the following pages.



Meeting Our New Feathered Friends!

When the Easter holiday was on the horizon, many thoughts turned to chocolate eggs – and thanks to Mrs McGarry, Head of Learning Support, we had some real-life fluffy new visitors in her Learning Support room!

Enjoying their bright and warm surroundings, nine fluffy chicks hatched and students were able to spend part of each lunchtime enjoying their antics, and see how they grew and developed.

Whilst the chicks were with us, followers to our website and on twitter could watch them too via a live You Tube feed.



Celebrating International Women's Day

Our support for International Women's Day this year was organised by Year 8 Progress Leader and teacher of English, Mrs Robson. The theme centred on helping to forge a better, more gender equal, working world and students were invited to list adjectives to describe strong female leaders and role models in society today.

Working in their forms, students across the school contributed a wonderful and varied range of words that have been exhibited in our Reception area.

Year 8 students Isobel and Georgia are pictured here with the display.



Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

Our return from the half-term break coincided with an overnight fall of snow, brought to us courtesy of the 'Beast from the East' as it was termed by the media.

Year 7 students Ella-Louise and Charlotte are pictured here enjoying themselves before their afternoon lessons.



Even More Snow didn't stop the Show!

Shortly after the first fall of snow, this peaceful snow-scene, taken in the school grounds by former student and IT apprentice Courtney Birrs, contrasts with how busy we were inside school.

Safely indoors, we were celebrating International Women's Day, holding an assembly in which students could vote for their favourite speech as part of the Public

Speaking Competition, were taking care of our newly-hatched chicks, holding the first round of our Music and Dance competition auditions, and holding a Year 8 Enterprise event selling home designed and crafted Mother's Day gifts. The busy day was rounded off in the evening with an E-Safety and Social Media workshop for parents.

It all goes to show that a smattering of snow was not going to stop us doing things in school!



'Fantastic, Top Work' Year 7s!



When Mrs McGarry, Head of Learning Support, set her Year 7 students a project to design leaflets promoting Animal Aid, they enthusiastically started researching and reading up all they could about animal rights.

Animal Aid campaigns peacefully against animal abuse and, as they became more involved in the project, students became aware of many instances in which animals are cruelly treated, and of the need to care and look after them and to encourage an end to practices that involve animal abuse and exploitation.

Their completed work was sent off to Animal Aid so imagine their delight when a letter arrived in school enclosing a selection of Vegan sweets and some stickers - and thanking them for all their efforts, saying it was 'Fantastic! Top work'.

Well done to all of you!

Cakes were a work of 'Heart'

Some say it with flowers on St Valentine's Day but, on the day, there was a lunchtime surprise for our students. Thanks to our Chartwells Dining Hall staff, we had a 'love-ly' selection of treats from which to choose. Especially baked for the occasion, themed biscuits and cakes were added to the daily menu for students and staff to enjoy.



Thanks to Dining Hall manager Jane and her staff for our St Valentine's Day surprise.

Craft Fayre helps our Cultural Understanding

Question: What links the countries of Spain, Bangladesh, China and Poland?

Answer: They were all represented in our Year 7 Multicultural Craft Fayre!

Thanks to Faktara from Bangladesh (@wirralmeas on twitter and pictured here), Anna from Spain, Claire from China and Anna from Poland, students were able to have a cultural glimpse of life in these four quite different countries.

They learned about Bangladeshi lotus flower paper-folding, Chinese calligraphy and making book marks, creating greeting cards with a Spanish flavour, and wycinanki, a Polish style of intricate paper cutting.

Organised by Assistant SENCo and teacher of English, Mrs Major, students gained a better understanding of these fascinating cultures from the session.



Assembly Made Us Think

What better opportunity is there, when something is on your mind, than to share it with your own Year group during assembly?

That was clearly in the minds of Year 7R1 students when they conducted one of the term's Year 7 assemblies. Using the key points of 'Thoughts, Feelings and Actions', they tackled Peer Pressure and the tough options we often face, not wishing to let others down, and fitting in with the majority. They encouraged their peers to stop and think before they act - do whatever they think is right and that, whatever their decision, true friends will respect them for it.



Well done, 7R1!



Serving up Something Special

For our Chinese friends, the Year of the Dog was fast approaching - and again our Dining Hall staff served up a timely 'fire-cracker' of a meal for us!

With the Dining Hall serving area given a themed Chinese make-over, their Chinese Special Day menu included spring rolls, prawn crackers, sweet and sour chicken or Quorn, chicken or Quorn in black bean sauce, served on a bed of fried rice with stir fry vegetables, and with Chinese apples to finish.

Students Faye, Eleanor and Isobel are pictured here on the day - thanks once again to manager Jane and the Chartwells Dining Hall Staff.



We've been Keen on Going Green

Throughout the term we worked hard to support one of our nominated charities – the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity, who launched their 'Let's Go Green' week across the area.

Ms Kelly, Student Leadership, Miss Dunbar, Student Services, our Charity Representatives and Deputy House Champions co-ordinated our support for this important and valued Charity and, as you can read on these pages, we held an exciting programme of fundraising events that raised the wonderful total of £500.



Thanks Ellie!

A mouth-watering addition to the range of raffle prizes was donated to the Clatterbridge 'Let's Go Green' promotion. Thanks to Year 8 student Ellie who baked this cake, using the campaign's theme by topping it with green icing.

Thanks so much for this wonderful gesture, Ellie!

Wearing Green for Let's Go Green

A 'Let's Wear Green' day rounded off our 'Let's Go Green' fundraising week, co-ordinated by Miss Dunbar from the Student Services team.



Green accessories were 'all go' and were worn by staff and students in return for a donation.

Pictured are students Emillia, Heather and Hannah before school started, complete with their green accessories.

‘Baking’ News!

Congratulations to all our bakers – the staff Bake-Off before half-term raised over £80 for the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

In what has been our biggest and most competitive Bake-Off yet, our Students Services team (the ‘Lean Mean Green Baking Team’) edged a win by a margin of just seven votes over the Senior Leadership team. However, it was Senior Leadership ‘Titan’ Team member Mrs Hodson who baked and lovingly decorated the most popular treat – a salted caramel cheesecake.

A huge thank-you to all our ‘bun-fighting’ bakers!

‘Let’s Go Green’ Prize-winners

Elspeth Wilson, Fundraising Manager from the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity came into school to draw out five raffle prize-winners, culminating a week of ‘Let’s Go Green’ week activity in school. The interest was so high that the draw had to be made in the Main Hall!

Thanks to all those who bought tickets and congratulations to our winners: Year 7 students Aimee (stationery hamper), Jenny (pamper hamper), Eleanor (cuddly dog), and Year 8 students Alicia Jackson (movie night in), and Lauren and Ellie who won the ‘guess the number of sweets’ in the sweetie jar, narrowly beating a very disappointed Miss Eastwood!



“You’re all amazing!”

Elspeth Wilson returned to school in the final week of term to receive a cheque for £500 from our Year 7 Charity representatives.

Following the presentation, Miss Dunbar received this message from Elspeth:

“£500 really is an incredible amount to have raised – Fran and I could see how much hard work had gone into your Let’s Go Green week when we visited. From you and your colleagues sorting out the brilliant raffle prizes to the pupils who were running the raffle stall and being such fantastic ambassadors for the school – you’re all amazing!”



Year 7s are Inspirational Too

Following the presentation of the cheque to Elspeth Wilson from the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity at their assembly, six Year 7 students then took the floor.

Their presentation, headed Inspirational Women, started with them each naming their own choice and why they thought they were such good role models – ranging from JK Rowling, Emma Watson, Rosa Parks to Amelia Earhart. The assembly ended with each student stating what they themselves aspire to be when older – from being a Royal Marine, a Science teacher, to a Marine Biologist.

You too were inspirational - we hope your wishes are fulfilled!

Children in Need say 'Thanks!'

Year 10 student and Chair of Prenton Parliament, Grace, who organised our 2017 Children in Need Appeal, is pictured here with a 'thank you' from the BBC.

Grace thanks all those staff and students who helped with the fundraising and for their generous contributions.



Get-Fit January

It was surely not relating to any over-indulgence over the Christmas holiday on his own part, but Mr Hignett, Subject Leader - Science, encouraged staff to join him for an active January.

His concern for the well-being of his fellow staff members was the result of a reasonably well-founded suspicion, possibly of a scientific nature, that many staff had put too much pressure on hearts, livers and digestive systems during a few weeks of leisure over Christmas and the New Year.

Some staff signed-up to give up sugar and bread and others to undertake thirty minutes of daily cardio-vascular exercise (including dog-walking) during January. It is pleasing to report that we still had the same number of staff at the end of the month – albeit a lot fitter.

Thank you Mr Hignett!

Year 11s get Trial Exam Results

It was a red letter day in the Year 11 calendar when they received the results from their Trial Exams, taken before Christmas.

Students were welcomed into the Dining Hall at the start of the day where they were treated to drinks and biscuits and received those important grade certificates, very much how it will be in the summer.

Students then attended an assembly in the Main Hall, receiving encouragement, inspiration and aspiration with Year 11 Progress Leader, Mr Tang. At this half-way point in their school year, he urged everyone to stay focussed on their goals and to continue to work hard to achieve their targets.

Well done so far everyone – we wish you all the very best of luck in May!



Assemblies help GCSE Preparation

Good preparation is an essential element for all the important events in our lives so, helping our Year 11 students to be ready for their forthcoming GCSEs, a series of special support assemblies was held.

Organised and presented by Deputy Headteacher Mrs Fraser, and backed by Year 11 Progress Leader Mr Tang, the eight weekly lectures provided useful tips and advice, equipping students on how best to cope with, and prepare for, their forthcoming examinations.

The assemblies concentrated on specific aspects of mental and physical well-being: How Ready are you to Perform?, We can all Grow, Goals, Physical Activity, Nutrition, Rest and Recovery, Sleep and Mental Energy.

We hope this support will help make a difference for you all.



Young Enterprise helps Shape Futures



It is an important time for our Year 9 students prior to embarking on their Year 10 studies. The decisions they take now will determine the path of their future education and, ultimately, their careers.

The Learn 2 Earn programme funded by 'Shaping Futures Day', organised by Ms Craven, Year 10 Progress Leader, is designed to help and guide students to formulate their aspirations and future goals and will assist those few who have not yet made any decision on their GCSE options.

Anthony Brown, from the Young Enterprise team, opened by introducing the session leaders Stuart, Rich, Emma, Rebecca and Kat. A very full agenda, that included exploring Emotional and Financial Literacy, gave students the chance to think about their dream lifestyles, what success means to them, discover their talent type, what job they wish to do and the paths needed to achieve it, explore the cost of living, role playing interviews, and to set goals for the future.

Houses Celebrate a Successful Term

Bedford House students are pictured here holding the first House Rewards assembly during a week of celebrations in which the achievements of its students over the term were recognised.

Hesketh House and Riviera House celebrations followed. Performances from Cleo, Molly, Jessica and Grace, the overall winners of the Prenton Music, Dance and Drama Awards, added to the celebratory mood.

Congratulations to everyone involved in all three assemblies - it has been a successful term thanks to all your hard work and contributions to school life – well done!



Congratulations to our New Intake

We are delighted to announce that, once again, we have a full intake joining us this September.

We look forward to welcoming all our new students, parents, carers and family to our school and have planned lots of events - such as a three-day residential trip to Cholmondeley Castle in late July with the Bushcraft Company - to make sure that their move to Prenton High School is successful and happy.

Two important dates for diaries are for our **Induction Evening** on **Monday 9 July at 6.30pm**, when new students will have the opportunity to meet some of the teachers and staff, including Form Tutors and the Year 7 Progress Leader.

Induction Day will take place on **Wednesday 11 July** when new students will spend the whole day at Prenton High School. This is an exciting day giving the opportunity to experience a range of different lessons and activities and begin to meet new friends, giving everyone a 'taste' of what life in their new school is like.

Congratulations to each one of our new Year 7s, we are looking forward to greeting you soon!

Easter inspires Competition theme

When Year 10 students – and Peer Mentors to Year 7s – Ella and Josephine (pictured) decided to run a fun Easter themed poster competition, there was a scramble for entry forms!

With an abundance of colourful Easter eggs and bunnies in their designs, it was hard for Josephine and Ella to select the winners. Congratulations to Marie-Louise, Kirsten, Hope, Lucy and Trudi.

Thanks Josephine and Ella for coming up with this Easter competition for our Year 7s!



Lots to Say in our Speaker's Corner



The opening heats of the 2018 Public Speaking competition in the Drama Studio had set a high standard. With over fifty speakers registered, the sixteen judges of staff and fellow students listened carefully before deciding who was to be one of the five finalists (pictured here with Headteacher Mrs Ayling and Deputy Headteacher Mrs Fraser).

They heard many excellent speeches, delivered on a wide variety of topics - from Civil Rights to Child Labour, Education to Animal Cruelty, Achievement and Resilience to Breaking Stereotypes. There was no doubt that the response to this, our first competition, was overwhelming and a huge 'well done' goes to all those who participated.

The competition concluded with our finalists presenting with passion and confidence to each year group during a week's assemblies, with voting taking place following each session. Sumaiya and Haneefa (both Year 8) each talked about Racism, Beth and Jayne (both Year 10) spoke on Mental Health and Kindness respectively, and Phoebe (Year 7) on Homelessness.

Congratulations to you all, and especially to our winner Sumaiya who won an Instax Instant camera! Thanks also to our student judging panel - it's certainly great to talk and we cannot wait for the next competition!

Our New Appointment in National Apprenticeship Week

We had a special reason to celebrate National Apprentice Week during the term with the appointment of Miss Birss, who has joined our IT team.

Her joining us can be described as a 'homecoming', as Miss Birss was a student here before taking an Art and



Design course at Liverpool Community College. She then gained her degree in Photography at Manchester Metropolitan University, undertaking projects relating to Media, Magazine Imagery, and Collage, amongst others. Miss Birss' degree show won her the prestigious AON Award, with her tutor selecting one of her works to take to an exposition in China as an example of the excellent work produced at the University.

In starting her apprenticeship at Prenton High School, Miss Birss, who applied for the role through 3aaa Apprenticeships, will gain the work experience that most employers seek, gain a further qualification - and bring some new ideas and expertise to the school.

Miss Birss is pictured here with some of the work from her portfolio, and with Paul Martin from Wirral Met College and a representative of the National Apprenticeship Service. Paul delivered a Year 10 assembly giving the options that an apprenticeship offers and the choices open to those who decide on an apprenticeship. Welcome back to Prenton, Miss Birss!

School Governor's New Year's Honour

We were delighted to hear that Kathryn Podmore, former Principal of Birkenhead Sixth Form College, CEO of Wirral Academy Trust and Governor at our school, had been awarded MBE in the New Year's Honours List. Warmest congratulations from the students, staff and fellow Governors at Prenton!

Clifford White

We were saddened to hear of the death in February of Mr Clifford White, who was a Second World War Burma Star veteran.

Mr White was a great friend and supporter of the Prenton High School, and a regular guest speaker at our Remembrance Day assemblies. He relayed to students his personal experiences during the brutal Burma Campaign and provided an insight of the terrible hardships endured by Allied soldiers there during the War; many of whom were not much older than themselves. Our condolences go to his family.

Maths



Competing with the UK's Best!

Thirty of our Year 9 and Year 10 mathematicians have taken the UK Maths Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge.

The Trust's challenges aim to stimulate mathematical problem solving and the Intermediate Challenge is aimed at students in Year 11 or below in England and Wales, as well as in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

New Chapters for Old Books

When not in school working as our Artist in Residence, Julie Dodd is rapidly gaining both a national and international reputation for her art.

In recent years Julie has exhibited extensively in the UK as well as in Holland, Italy, Jamaica, and Memphis, Tennessee. She also has work in collections in Australia, Canada, America (New York and Utah), in the permanent book collection at Tate Britain in London, and created specially commissioned installations for prestigious companies such as SAICA's paper mill at Partington, Manchester. Julie's work has even been displayed on a billboard in Times Square!



Her work clearly impressed other curators across the Atlantic, as it is being shown in two new shows in the United States - at the Morris Museum in Morristown, New Jersey, and, earlier this year, at the Centre of Book Arts in New York as part of their 'Our Anthropocene: Eco Crises' exhibition.

For those of us not fortunate enough to visit New York, some of Julie's work will be on display in Liverpool throughout March! Her paper woodland scene will be part of their 'In the Window' show at the Bluecoat's display centre, supported by Granada Foundation & Cass.

Much of Julie's work reflects her passion for environmental issues and she uses her art to reflect her concerns about our consumption and environmental responsibilities. Usually working with paper, she recycles discarded books and magazines as the basis for many of her pieces.

As the photographs and links below show, Julie's creativity and skill in producing her work is exquisite – no wonder curators and exhibition organisers are so keen to display her work!

Julie's website is: www.juliedodd.co.uk



And It's Tweet Success for Julie too!

Since we started tweeting about Julie's success and achievements, the 'twittersphere' has gone crazy, easily generating the most coverage on our twitter account. There is great interest in your work, Julie!

Art Students draw High Praise

Eight of our Year 10 students attended a GCSE Art weekend, hosted by Neston High School.

Our keen artists joined up with others to take part in workshops that helped develop new skills and completing a mini project on the theme of 'Organic Forms'. Their work, which will enhance their GCSE portfolios, was put on display on the Saturday evening for parents to view.

Their work, which can be seen on Instagram: @prentonhighart, has already received a number of most favourable comments.

Well done, everyone!

Looking to the Future

Thanks, JMU

We welcomed members of John Moores University into school thanks to organiser and Year 10 Progress Leader, Ms Craven.

They worked in maths and English with Year 10 students as part of a five-week course and gave them advice about life at university.

Learning about Law

Thanks to Ms Craven, Year 10 Progress Leader, fifteen Year 10 students, accompanied by Mrs Larsen, Behaviour and Rewards Manager, attended a taster session at the School of Law, University of Liverpool in March.

Is This The Answer to the Long Summer Break?

Once their summer exams are completed, our Year 11 students have an extended summer break ahead. The question is, how can their free time be used to the best advantage?

This is where Steve, Christine and Megan from the National Citizen Service, who came into school to deliver a special Year 11 assembly, had a suggestion. Their presentation offered students the opportunity to meet new people, join in with fun activities, and learn new skills – which could be a useful addition to that all-important CV or personal statement. The NCS three-phase programme ‘Adventure – Discovery – Action’ starts with a four-night residential away from home, a further five days in a university-style environment developing life skills, and finishes by students working in teams to deliver a community project of their choice.

Definitely something to think about!



Design Technology & Business Enterprise

Finding that Special Mother's Day Gift

For those students who were still uncertain as to what to buy Mum for Mother's Day, Year 8 students Ellie and Lauren, pictured, provided the perfect solution.

They are with Ms Kelly, Student Leadership - who also organises our Enterprise projects, selling a selection of personalised key-rings that have been designed and created by members of the Year 8 Enterprise team. Each gift came with an individual choice of message especially for Mum – and for Grand-mothers, too!

Well done on creating a most enterprising venture, Year 8.



Being Creative with Pancakes!

Day two of the GCSE Food Technology practical exams meant a busy day ahead for Teacher of Food and Nutrition, Mrs English. Then, with it being Shrove Tuesday, she oversaw the Year 7 pancake-making competition after school, organised by Ms Kelly (Student Leadership) and the Peer Mentors.

Pictured below are students Chardonnay, Charlotte, Ciara, Lucy, Sheila, Mia (with Peer Mentor and competition judge, Josephine), and Isobel and Mia (with Peer Mentor and competition judge, Jayne looking on) taking a break whilst working on their creative designs.

Congratulations to winner Mia whose pancake took the form of an ice-skating rink – perhaps inspired by the Winter Olympic Games that were on the horizon?



Ciara Prepares a Treat

Having won through the initial stage of the 'Future Chef Competition' in Liverpool last December, Year 10 student Ciara qualified for the regional finals held in Manchester in early February.

The level of entries at that stage of the competition was high, so excellent preparation and planning were essential if Ciara was to impress the judges – and that was where James Holden, Regional Chef North West from the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts helped!

The Academy's 'Adopt a School Trust' programme teaches young people about food in a holistic sense - where it comes from, how to cook it and its impact on health and the environment. James is one of a small number of specialist Professional Chefs, able to pass on their knowledge, ideas and food preparation skills to budding chefs such as Ciara.

Ciara clearly learned much from James' visit and she was presented with a certificate from the judges, recognising her remarkable skills.



Duke of Edinburgh

Swapping Back-Packing for Bag Packing!

Our Duke of Edinburgh funds were given a wonderful boost thanks to the Sainsbury's store in Upton.

Students from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 worked hard helping to pack bags of groceries and - in return - were generously rewarded by Sainsbury's customers. Their day's work helped to increase the funds for our Duke of Edinburgh Silver and Bronze Award students.

Thanks again Sainsbury's, we're now looking forward to getting out into the community and onto the hills!



Silver candidates are covered in White

No-one ever says that gaining a Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award was going to be easy – and this was just a practice expedition!

When our intrepid students headed to the Ribble Valley in Lancashire one weekend, the weather played a big part in testing the remarkable qualities of endurance and map-reading skills demanded of our students – not to mention staff members Mr Robinson and Mrs English.

In spite of their weekend's walking and camping being severely tested by the elements - blasts of wind, rain and snow - they were all in school on Monday morning.

Well done, everyone!



Non-Uniform Day boosts Duke of Edinburgh Funds

The last day of term saw a wide variety of lunchtime activities that included a Bake sale, face-painting and wet-sponging a teacher or two!

It was all in a good cause – raising money for our Duke of Edinburgh students. In the afternoon, all Club Zero students (those with no negative IRIS points) and those who had 100% attendance across the school were treated to a film and refreshments in the Main Hall.

A great day's fundraising everyone!



Meeting Wirral Paperback of the Year Authors

It is rare to have the opportunity to meet five top authors at the same time; but that exactly is what twenty-one of our keen readers from Years 8 and 9 have managed.

As part of the Wirral Paperback of the Year 2018, we joined up with students from eight other secondary schools for an author event, hosted by Bebington High School.



Students listened to shortlisted authors Sarah Alexander, Non Pratt, Simon Green, Alice Broadway, and Will Hill talk about how they approach their writing and telling them about how their books were conceived. After question and answer sessions, students had the chance to buy books from the shortlist and have them autographed.

As one student said afterwards: "It was a wonderful day and I couldn't wait to go home and tell my Mum all about it!"



Playing Our Part On World Book Day

Year 7 and Year 8 students - not forgetting many staff members too - celebrated World Book Day in style this year, arriving in school dressed, in place of their normal uniforms, as a character from their favourite book.

The day saw a variety of fictional characters in and around the classrooms and corridors, bringing a definite literary atmosphere to the school. Each student was offered a £1 book token (sponsored by National Book Tokens) and some challenging literary ding-bats and author quizzes were set during lunchtime in the Learning Resource Base- with a £10 Waterstones voucher for the winning entry.

Thanks everyone who played their part!



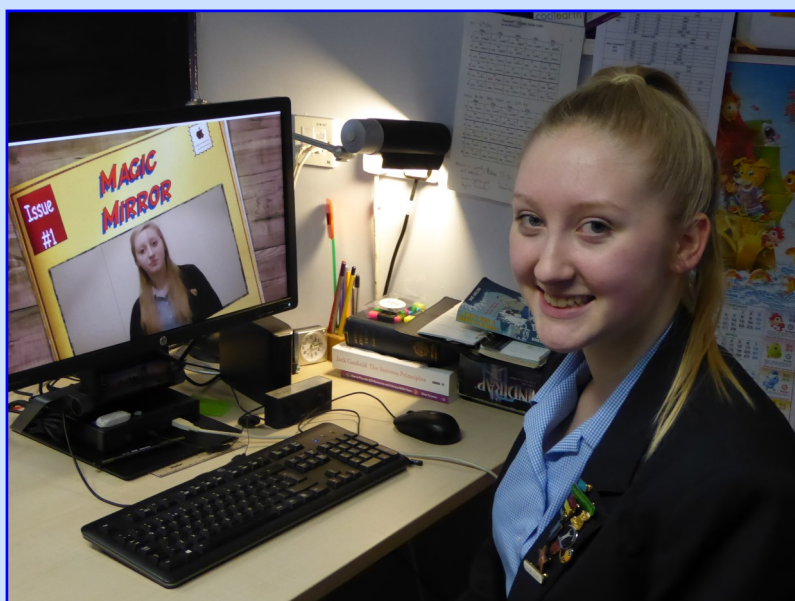
“Keep Reading!”

That was the World Book Day message from our English Ambassadors who conducted special assemblies to promote the joys of the printed page and to encourage us all to read.

The team’s presentation included a video that they had written, produced and presented – and its message was well received by everyone.

Our English Ambassadors, and budding film producers, were:
Beth, Poppy, Esme, Beth, Jayne, Neve, June-Marie, Megan, Elizabeth and Imogen.

Beth is pictured here using her video editing skills.



Congratulations, Emily

Year 9 student Emily, pictured here, had the winning entry in the Learning Resource Base 'Book Title Ding-Bats' quiz. Emily has a £10 Waterstones voucher to add to her free World Book Day National Book token.

Thank you to Mrs Sagar, Subject Leader – English, for drawing Emily's name out of the hat.



That's Very Clear, Ladies!

Congratulations to Year 8 students Olivia and Abigail who, along with other students from across the area, attended the Wirral Festival of Music, Speech and Drama.

In the Solo Verse Speaking section they each recited a set poem that had to be learned by heart - Circus Elephant by Katherine Worth. The adjudicator awarded Olivia first place and Abigail second.

Well done to you both!



Rock Ferry's Creative Writing

Year 7 students Sheila and Ayse are enjoying creative writing so much in their English lessons that they came up with – well, a new creative idea!

They thought it would be nice to share their enthusiasm for the subject by giving something back to their former school – Rock Ferry Primary School. Sheila and Ayse arranged to deliver a talk on creative writing to around forty Key Stage 1 pupils and to launch a competition. With help from Mrs Radley, Headteacher at Rock Ferry, there were prizes to be won for the best short stories.

Well done Shelagh and Ayse for encouraging younger students into creative writing.



Poems Produced from Conflict



Our Year 10 students are currently studying a range of poems about 'Power and Conflict' as part of their GCSE English Language course.

This inspired Mrs Sagar, Subject Leader - English, to devise a poetry competition based on these topics for her group. Students more than met Mrs Sagar's expectations, producing some moving and powerful work that she has described as 'outstanding'.

Congratulations to winner Beth, pictured here with Gina, Amy and Beth, all of whom received Amazon gift vouchers. Students can see a copy of Beth's poem in the Learning Resource Base.

Book swap

Assisted by the Year 10 Literacy Ambassadors, Mrs Sagar launched a Book-Swap for students across the school.

The popular scheme arranged for books that were no longer needed to be donated and made available for fellow students to read.

Our Italian Adventure

At the start of Spring half-term, forty-eight of our Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Humanities students travelled to Sorrento, Italy, to sightsee and learn more about the fascinating geography and history of the area.

Although the weather was not as inviting as the excellent food the country had to offer (Mr Major remarked on the wonderful gelato and chips), it did not stop them from seeing Tiberius' jump, the Medieval streets, the Operatic Society of Sorrento, the limestone cliffs and gorge in Sorrento, the sunrise over the Tyrrhenian Sea, Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii – and the rain could not dampen students' enthusiasm for the landscape and history of Capri!

There was even time to relax from their busy schedule with some ten-pin bowling and a big quiz of the trip at the end of their stay.

Thanks to Mr Major, Miss Doyle, Miss Eastwood, Mr B Taylor and Mrs Stevenson for accompanying the students – and to Year 10 student Jadyn who accompanied guests on the piano in the hotel lobby one evening!



Year 7s pro'motte' Castles

There was a tasty surprise for our Humanities staff when Year 7s made Motte and Bailey castles for their Home Learning – as well as some wonderfully created models, some students brought theirs into school as cakes!

All of a 'Lava' over Volcanoes

Projects are a good opportunity for students to show that they not only understand a set subject, but can also provide the perfect platform for some wonderful creativity.

A recent Year 9 geography task on the key features of volcanoes set by teacher of Humanities, Mrs Stevenson, is a good example. She was delighted with the enthusiasm her students brought to the project and impressed with the many different ideas they used to demonstrate their understanding of volcanoes.

Congratulations to all, with special mentions to Holly who brought in a fully functioning, erupting volcano, and to Molly who baked a fabulous cake, magma chamber and all!



Tipping Point Drugs Performance

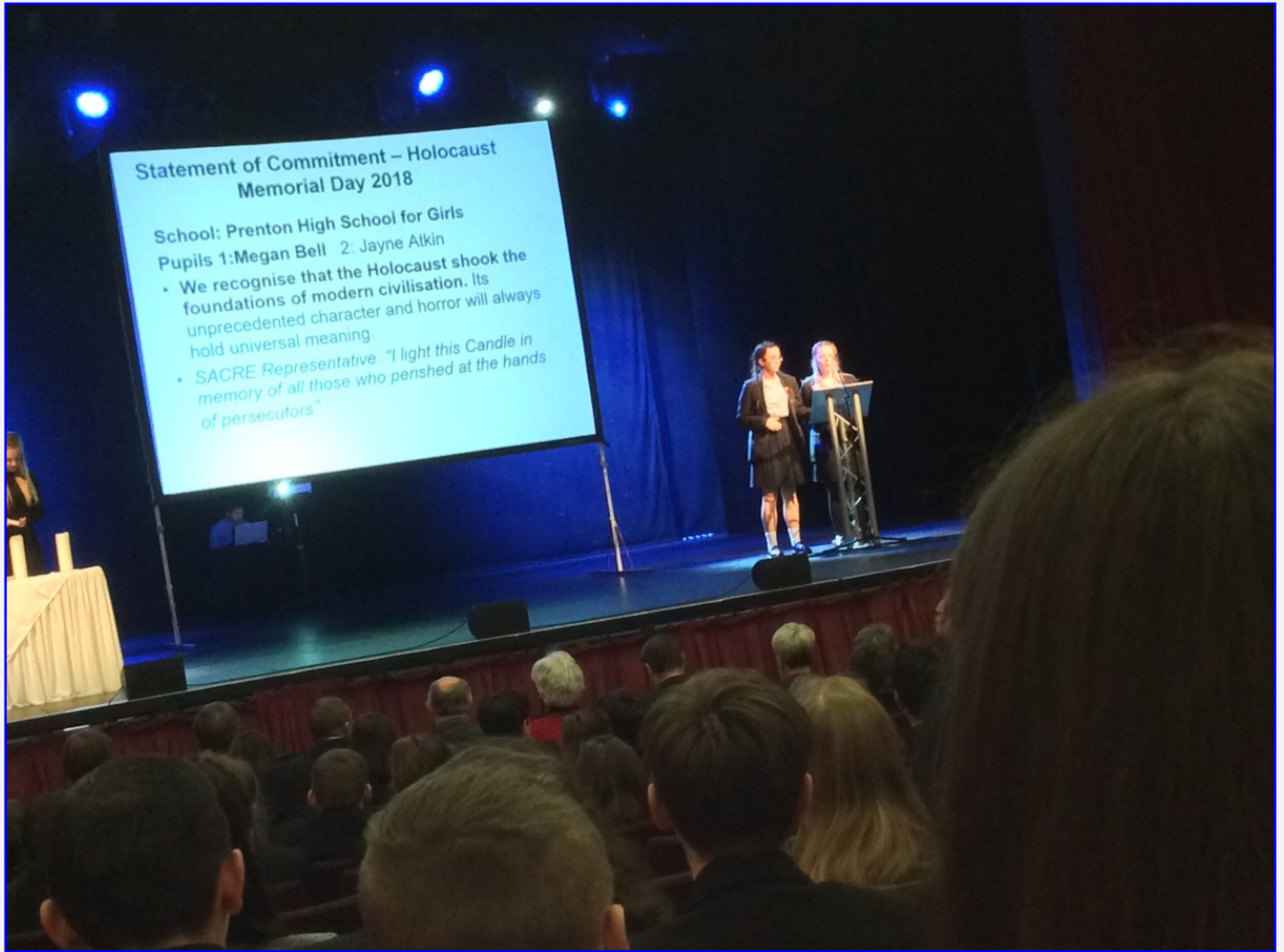
Thanks to Mrs Close, Subject Leader - PSHE, we were chosen to pilot a new play called 'Tipping Point', exploring the risks surrounding drugs and alcohol.

During the session, Year 10 students used the audience response system to answer and provide feedback to the questions posed by the cast members of The Last Minute Theatre Company. The cast acted out a number of realistic situations that highlighted the dangers and effects of drug and alcohol abuse, using a balance of humour and gravitas to re-inforce their message and delivering useful - and what could be lifesaving - information. The event had support from Health Services in School (HSIS) with students provided with details of the many support services on offer across Wirral.



Thank you Mrs Close and The Last Minute Theatre Company for a most informative morning.

Students hear about The Power of Words



A group of Year 9 and Year 10 Humanities students joined students from other schools around the Borough when they attended the Wirral Commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day at New Brighton's Floral Pavilion in February.

The theme of the afternoon - 'The Power of Words' - was a special opportunity for students to hear first-hand a story of courage and survival during horrific circumstances as a Holocaust survivor. Tomi Komoly was born in Budapest in 1936 and when Hungary came under control of the German Army in 1944, his father was forced into joining a labour unit of the Hungarian Army. Tomi never saw him again. He and his mother survived the final years of the war by hiding in 'safe houses' and the homes of sympathetic friends.

Students also presented their thoughts to the audience and Year 10 students Megan and Jayne are pictured here delivering their Statement of Commitment.

Speaking before the Commemoration, Karen Pollock MBE, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust said: "By hearing his testimony, students will have the opportunity to learn where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead."

Humanities students participate in Holocaust Memorial Day webcast

Twenty of our Year 8 students joined thousands of others from around the country when they watched a live webcast from a London school as part of the 2018 commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day.

Organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust, students listened intently as Holocaust survivor Janine Webber shared her moving and remarkable story of survival as a Jewish child in Poland. At the end of her forty-minute testimony, Janine held a question and answer session, taking questions across the UK.

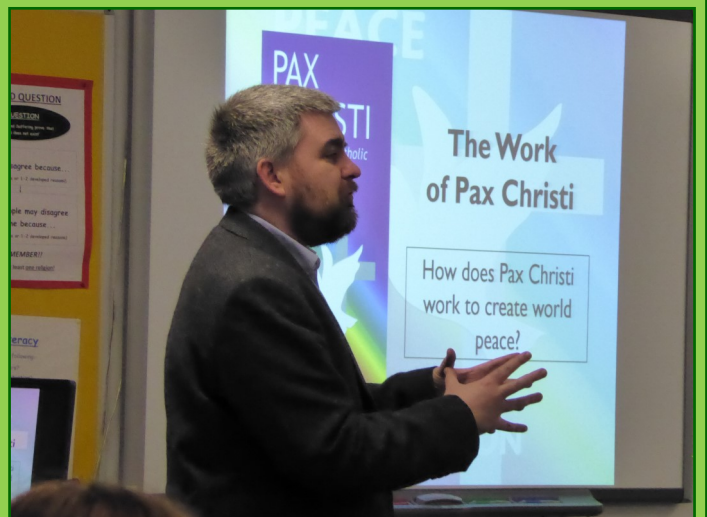
The morning finished with a reminder from Mr B Taylor, teacher of Humanities, for students to take time on the following Saturday, Holocaust Memorial Day, to reflect on Janine's story and to think of all those across the world who are experiencing the same sort of discrimination and suffering as did she and her family.



Pax Christi's Message of Peace and Reconciliation

The Pax Christi Foundation works for peace, reconciliation and non-violence – and the internationally known Catholic Movement was formed through an initiative by Marthe Dortel-Claudot, a teacher in the South of France, in 1945 after the Second World War.

This background was given in a presentation by Pax Christi representative Matt Jeziorski to our Year 11 Religious Studies students as part of their GCSE course that looks at the world's religions - in this case investigating aspects of Christianity.



Thanks to Matt for coming in to school and giving us valuable background about his organisation.

City's Cultural trip

Our Year 8 SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development) students crossed the River Mersey to learn more about the wealth of culture we have in nearby Liverpool.

In what was a busy day, they packed in visits to the Al Rahma Mosque, the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, the

Metropolitan Cathedral and, down on the waterfront, the Museum of Liverpool. Mrs Simpson reported that all students had a most enjoyable and informative day. She said that everyone worked hard to learn as much as possible in each of the places they visited, and that they showed genuine interest in what each had to offer as part of our local heritage.



Cerys' Impressive study on Hinduism

Student Cerys is photographed with the shrine she created as part of her Year 8 RE Home Learning project on Hinduism.

Great work, Cerys!



Preparing for a Safer Internet Internet

Internet Safety Representative Jess, Year 9, is pictured here preparing her safety messages for Safer Internet Day. The day was celebrated globally with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".



Thanks to Mr Simon, Subject Leader IT & Computing, we joined more than a thousand organisations across the UK to help inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. He delivered a series of assemblies to all year groups throughout this week, with some strong and significant messages for all our students. Stay safe, everyone.

Jess Supports Safer Internet Day

Year 7 student Jess is photographed here on Safer Internet Day admiring the one of a number of special screen savers set up especially for the day by Strategic IT Manager Mr Graves.



During the day and throughout the week, there were topics for discussion and advice on how to stay safe online distributed throughout school, and students visiting the LRB during their free time were encouraged to leave messages of good advice to others on building a better internet. Here is a selection of their messages:

- 'If you are worried about anything, tell a parent or someone who looks after you'
- 'Only contact people you know'
- 'Always keep your account private'
- 'Don't add to your contacts anyone who you don't know'
- 'Don't tell anyone your passwords'
- 'Never talk to strangers online'
- 'Don't give away personal information'
- 'Never meet up with anyone who have approached you online'
- 'Don't answer messages from people you don't know'
- 'Only post appropriate pictures online'

Very sound advice for us all – thank you!

Winning Posters Promote E-Safety

Mr Simon, Subject Leader IT & Computing, ran a competition during E-safety Week that looked for creative and innovative posters and storyboards to promote safe and better use of the internet and to challenge our thinking on our online behaviour.

Following a display in the LRB in which students from across the school voted for their favourite pieces, the winners were announced. In the Year 9 Story Board competition, congratulations go to Zoe and to runners-up Paisley and Olivia. In the Year 7 and Year 8 competition, congratulations to winner Isobel (right), and to runners-up Emellia and Grace.

Each winner received a £20 Love to Shop voucher with chocolate awarded to the runners-up. Well done, everyone!



Year 7s urged to Stay On-Message when On-line

Following an appreciation of ninety-three Year 7 students' excellent IRIS record by their Year Progress Leader Miss Roberts, Mr Simon, Subject Leader IT and Computing, launched a week of lectures across the school in which he focussed specifically on cyberbullying.

His hard-hitting talks encouraged everyone to evaluate what constitutes cyberbullying and to reflect upon their on-line behaviour.

Competing with the UK's Best!

Thirty of our Year 9 and Year 10 mathematicians have been busy taking the UK Maths Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge.

The Trust's mathematical challenges aim to stimulate mathematical problem solving and the Intermediate Challenge is aimed at students in Year 11 or below in England and Wales, as well as in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

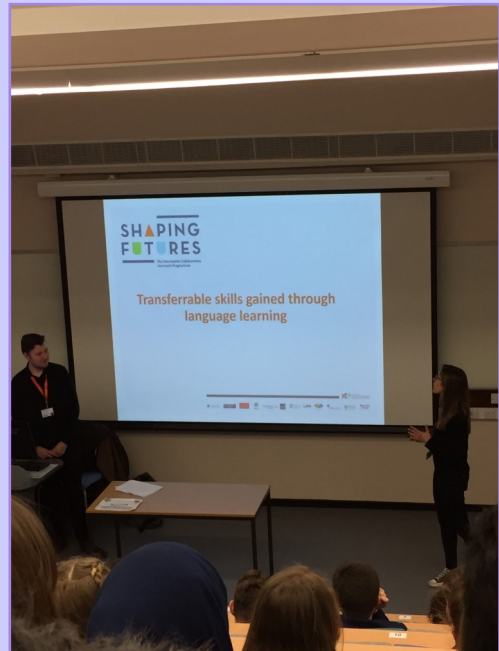


Organiser and teacher of Mathematics Mrs Green says that we should get the results in about a month's time. Good luck everyone!

Languages help Brainpower

Fifteen Year 9 students accompanied teacher of MFL, Mrs Hepke, to the University of Liverpool to learn more about the fascinating world of languages.

They spent a day participating in 'Shaping Futures', part of the Merseyside Collaborative Outreach Programme. The initiative provides activities, advice and guidance to young people and encourages them to aspire to higher education.

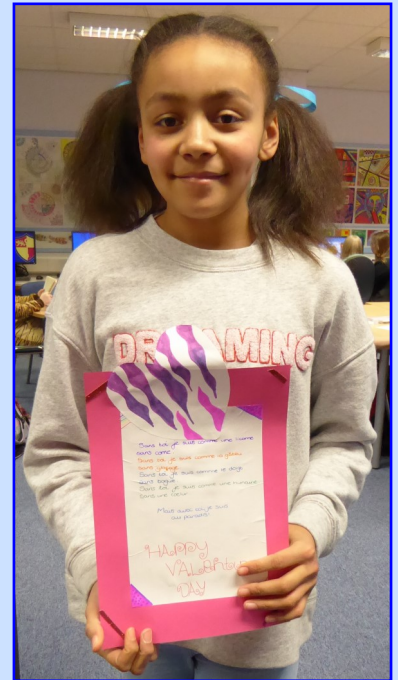


Included in the day was a lecture on Mandarin Chinese, trying their hand at Chinese calligraphy. They also gained an understanding of how learning a language boosts brain power, helping it to store more information, and what transferrable skills are gained through language learning.

Valentines with a French touch

“Without you, I’m like a bird without wings, a heart without a beat, a rose without petals, Christmas without presents, a book without the words...”. These were just a few of the romantic sentiments composed and translated into French by our Year 7 MFL students in a special St Valentine’s day home learning project set by Subject Leader Mme Rochet and teacher of MFL, Mrs Hepke, in February.

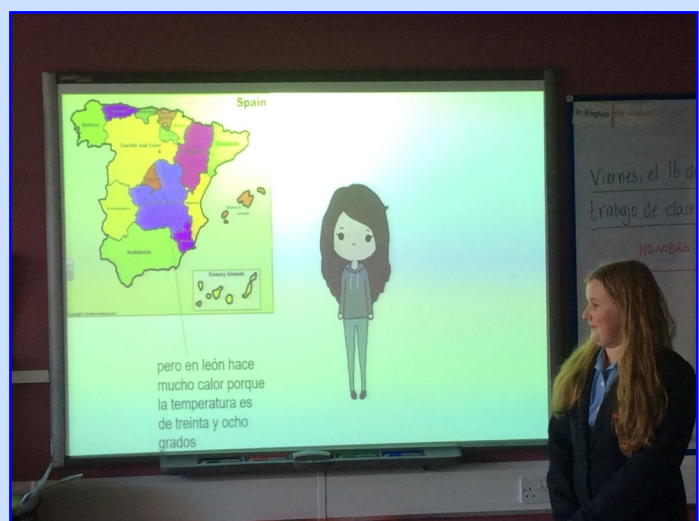
Both were impressed that students had not only composed their poems and translated them into French, but had presented them on some wonderfully designed Valentine cards.



And today's Weather is...

We all like talking about the weather, highlighted by our very un-spring-like conditions this year. Thanks to Mrs Hepke, teacher of MFL, lessons have provided a topical (rather than tropical) feel to her Spanish lessons.

Pictured is Year 8 student Amber presenting her forecast – there's no indication here that the Bestia del Este (the Beast from the East) has reached Spain though!



A Very Wicked Show

Ninety Prenton Theatre Company and GCSE Music and Performing Arts students had a night out to remember when they travelled to the Liverpool Empire to see 'Wicked'.

Described by London's Time Out magazine as 'The gravity-defying 'Wizard of Oz' prequel', the show has been voted the 'Best West End Show' on three occasions, received two Olivier Audience Awards, and gained over 100 major international awards.



Some of our students are pictured here before the 'huge, bright, colourful production that's full of wonder and joy' started.

Thanks to Mrs Burns, Subject Leader – Music and Performing Arts, and the supporting staff for laying on this wonderful evening's entertainment for us!

Music and Dance Festival announced

Before Mrs Jones, teacher of Music, launched the Prenton Music and Dance Festival earlier this week, the Year 9 assembly was treated to Miley Cyrus' 'Climb' by Year 7 students Emily, Phoebe and Rose.

Their performance was certainly different to previous assemblies in that, whilst Emily led the singing, Phoebe and Rose translated the lyrics using sign language. Phoebe is learning her sign language skills from her aunt who works at a Liverpool college where she helps those with impaired hearing.



The Music and Dance Festival announced will have three main categories – Solo and Group Music entries and Solo/Group Dance entries.

The Perfect Stage for Singing and Dancing Skills

Whenever our Music and Performing Arts department runs a competition, the number of keen performers ready to showcase their talent is always impressive.

Thanks to organiser and teacher of Music, Mrs Jones, the Music, Dance and Drama Festival attracted so many students from Year 7 to Year 10 that auditions had to be held over a number of lunchtimes. The competition came to a crescendo when students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were invited to a special afternoon concert to support and be entertained by the finalists and to vote for the best performances. They were certainly treated to a variety of wonderful talent and congratulations go to the following students who all awarded a trophy and a certificate. Thanks also to LIPA who kindly donated five tickets to see their musical "Our House" performed by their students.



Solo Vocal Performance - May

Dance - Lottie and Grace

Group Vocal Performance (and Overall Winners) - Cleo, Jessica, Grace and Molly

Thanks to everyone who took part, there is an amazing pool of performing skills at Prenton!



Choir in Great Voice!

The Wirral Festival of Music, Speech and Drama is a cultural celebration open to a wide range of competitors, including different age-groups.

We are delighted that our choir, consisting of Year 8 and Year 9 students - but predominantly of Year 7s - was placed second in Class 55 (free choice, choirs aged 19 and under). They sang Budapest by George Ezra and Fight Song by Rachel Platten. Their achievement was even more remarkable as they were competing against students many of whom were older.



A great performance, everyone!

Masks bring us some February Colour

As part of their Music Home Learning, Year 8 students have been taking part in a competition to design and make samba masks.

Form 7B2 were chosen to help out with the judging, using their skills to select the top ten masks.

Congratulations to Isobelle, Alex, Abi and Caitlin – and thanks for brightening up our grey February days!



Prenton Theatre Company announces the Summer 2018 Show

There was plenty of dramatic tension in the air when Mrs Burns, Subject Leader - Music & Performing Arts, introduced the new Prenton Theatre Company season. Highlight of the meeting was her telling her delighted audience that this year's summer show will be Mary Poppins.



Jessica and Eva are pictured here eagerly looking over the newly arrived scripts prior to the forthcoming auditions (thanks to Year 7 student Ellie for the photograph) and Mrs Burns can be seen here at the launch. Good luck everyone, the hard work starts now!

Nicole distinctively plays all the right notes

Congratulations to Year 8 student Nicole who has achieved a distinction in her Grade 5 keyboard exam set by the Victoria College of Music and Drama, London.



Well done, Nicole – a splendid effort!

Performing at the Rochdale Music Festival

Our Junior Choir of Year 7, 8 and 9 singers travelled to Rochdale Town Hall where they attended the Music for Youth Festival.

The festival attracted schools from across the North West region and Mrs Jones, teacher of Music, was delighted with their strong performances of Budapest, What About Us? and Fight Song, originally sung by George Ezra, Pink and Rachel Platten respectively. The choir – and our soloists of Cerys, Molly, Millie, Georgia, Grace, Jess and Georgia – were musically accompanied by Mrs Rowlinson, Cover Supervisor.



Well done to you all!



Michelle's Message on Mindfulness

Mindfulness is about knowing directly what is going on inside and outside ourselves, moment by moment. Many of us, however, race through our lives without pausing for thought and paying more attention to the present moment.

Thanks to our school counsellor, Michelle Higgins, teaching staff were given valuable training during the term, helping us to appreciate the benefits of practising mindfulness. Michelle's useful grounding enabled staff to experience it for themselves, and to consider ways of bringing mindfulness practice into the classroom.

Since then, Michelle has been busy joining form time classes to demonstrate how to facilitate a mindful minute or two. The feedback has been positive, with staff commenting on how easy it is to do and how helpful mindfulness is in terms of helping students to settle and focus. Students too have fed back how enjoyable it is when their teachers use it in class and have told Michelle that they are using mindfulness techniques to help them get off to sleep - and that they then sleep better.

Michelle says: "Mindfulness practice not only helps with sleep, focus and attention, but also reduces anxiety and fosters a positive outlook. We will continue to build mindfulness practice into our school day."

Thank you, Michelle.

Seven-Week Course that Inspires Futures

Students Gemma, Ellie, Abby, Yazmin and Alisha from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been selected to participate in an external programme called Inspiring Futures, helping young people make better informed and positive career choices.

The programme, run by The Hive Youth Zone, includes activities such as team-building, developing employability skills, employer visits and variety of workshops and sporting activities.

Polite request on car parking

Can we ask staff, parents and carers to park considerately, particularly in Hesketh Avenue and Riviera Drive? By avoiding parking our cars across drives and on grass verges, you help us to play our part in being a caring member of the local community. Thank you for your co-operation.

Daisies help Birdwatch 2018

Prenton Daisies Gardening club members have enjoyed taking part in a "citizen science" event counting and recording visiting garden birds to our school garden. Club members are pictured here in some early February sunshine with their census papers.



Their data will contribute to the nationwide RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch 2018, giving them useful information to help to identify which species of birds are doing well in numbers, those that aren't and how we can help them.

Thanks to Miss Dunbar, organiser and Student Services Team member, our data was soon 'winging' its way to RSPB Headquarters!

DARA – Helping us Make the Right Choices



In an initiative organised by Student Services department, Alison Hardy from DARA (Drugs, Alcohol & Relationship Awareness) at Wirral Youth for Christ visited school to talk to our Year 9 students.

The DARA project aims to encourage and equip children and young people to make good, wise, and healthy choices, particularly around the big issues that young people can face. Alison's session on this occasion was about making the right choices, and being aware of the issues, around Alcohol and Drugs.

Thank you Alison, for coming in to give us the benefit of your advice.

A Positive Message from Kayte

The dictionary tells us that: “Esteem is about respect and admiration”, and defines self-esteem as: “The ability to like yourself”.

Helping us with her confidence- building programme on Friendships, Respect, Bullying and Self-Esteem, we welcomed into school Kayte Walsh from ‘My Esteem’ @EsteemKayte. As well as conducting the first of a series of workshops during her first day with us, Kayte also spent time with our Peer Mentors working on Child Protection.



Kayte has been recently nominated for a National Diversity Award for her work as a role model in the community. On International Women’s Day, Kayte supported children and young people to boost their self-esteem and resilience. She helped them to overcome issues they have faced (such as bullying, unhealthy relationships, death or loss), work that was recognised in the Liverpool Echo. Kayte was described as one of the Merseyside women who have ‘Suffragette Spirit’ today.

Thank you, Kayte, for coming in to work with our students.

Thank you, Brook

We welcomed Lucy and Demi from Brook when they ran a workshop with eighteen of our Year 7 students on friendship and resilience. The really useful session was part of a wellbeing programme organised by our Student Services department.

Thank you, Brook!



End of Term Treat for our Star Students

The Main Hall was converted to a cinema - complete with refreshments - on the last afternoon of the Spring term as a reward for our Club Zero students and for those who had achieved 100% attendance over the term. As you can see, the hall was full – well done,



Red Carpet celebration for GIRLS

This red-carpet event was not in Hollywood but in Birkenhead! It was a celebration evening following a number of weeks in which seven of our students joined up with others around the area for a series of workshops that focussed on raising confidence and a sense of teamwork through singing and song-writing.

Whilst taking part in the GIRLS project, run by Wirral Creative Youth Development, students gained valuable life skills and took part in discussions about the main issues that affect teens today and girls in particular.

Our students worked on Garageband, developing songs and lyrics. Early on in the workshop, they watched a theatre production called 'Tipping Point' where the key message was about the dangers and risks of alcohol and drug-taking, and, in particular, keeping yourself safe and healthy.

The project culminated with the GIRLS Red Carpet celebration event held at Pilgrim Street Arts Centre, where some of our students enjoyed an evening of dance, song and poetry by various other GIRLS project groups. Organiser Miss Dunbar, Student Services, said that it was a very inspiring and uplifting event and our students were proud to receive their certificates presented by the current Mayor of Wirral, Councillor Ann McLachlan.

7H1 student Jenny regularly attends the Pilgrim Street Arts Centre and is involved in several singing and dancing groups. She was one of the performers at the Red Carpet event and is pictured here with the Mayor and the Mayor Consort, Bill McLachlan, on the evening.



An Invitation from our PTA

Meetings are held each term in the school's Learning Resource Base between 5pm and 6pm. New members and new ideas are always welcome – our next meeting is:

Wednesday 13 June 2018

Prenton Parliament

Prenton Parliament in Session

There was a packed agenda to work through during the March sitting of Prenton Parliament – not counting topics discussed under ‘Matters Arising’ and ‘Any Other Business’!

The meeting also received feedback on a Dining Hall survey that was undertaken amongst students and staff earlier in the term. We welcomed Chartwell’s manager, Abbonny Rees (pictured here), who brought a selection of cookies and drinks for our representatives. She took us through the main points of the results - that included high levels of satisfaction with the service we receive – followed by a healthy discussion on some new ideas and suggestions which Abbonny took away with her for further action.



Science

STEM students’ taste of University

There was a series of exciting sessions prepared for our party of Year 9s, accompanied by Miss Bullock, teacher of Science, when they attended a University of Liverpool STEM Day.

The day started with a Dangerous Dragon Quiz, a fast-moving, calculator-free, science-based mathematics competition, helping to stimulate the mental processes for the day ahead. Students also attended a ‘Light Up the World’ lecture and participated in a physics-based ‘Skittles Spectroscopy’ session. Here, they investigated lasers and diffraction – and played a laser game of chess in which they ‘took out’ opponents using mirrors.

A hands-on chemistry session saw them successfully making their own lavender fragrance hand moisturiser to take home – all in all, a very productive day!



Prestigious Unilever Award for our Young Scientists



Unilever are not just a huge employer worldwide but, with a base here in Wirral, are big supporters of STEM, through their 'Bright Future programme - for the Next Generation'.

Year 9 students Kira, Natalia and Lucie attended a one-day workshop in Port Sunlight, taking part in activities that introduce them to the work that the many departments undertake at Unilever, and undertaken project work in school. They joined students from many other schools on the programme and were one of forty-five teams competing to impress the Unilever bosses.

Our team worked on a project brief to encourage young people to clean their teeth – and, thanks to all the students in school who participated in their recent comprehensive survey, their work on this topic and their initiative on researching bio-degradable plastics has since been recognised.

Kira, Lucie and Natalia were invited to a celebration event when they received one of just nine awards on offer by winning the 'Sustainability Award' for their research into bio-degradable plastics – something very much in the news these days.

Thanks to organisers Mr Morrish, teacher of Science, and Ms Kelly, Student Leadership, and a huge 'Well Done' to Kira, Natalia and Lucie, pictured here on stage receiving their certificates.

Cricketers Bat-tle on!

Our Under 13 Indoor Cricket team battled hard in the Cheshire finals, coming fifth out of the top eight area champion teams in the county.

Our first match was a close game against Cheadle Hulme School bowling them out for 57 and managing 46 runs in reply. The second game was against Fallibroome Academy, Macclesfield. We opted to bat first after winning the toss, making 72 for 4 wickets – with Keira and Eloise making so many runs they had to retire!

At the end of their six overs Fallibroome had made 43 for 4, meaning a Prenton victory of 29 runs!

Our final game came against the eventual champions, Sandbach School. Sandbach batted first, making an impressive 79 for 1, which proved a hard total to beat - our response was 32 for 7. Qualification for the semi-finals went down to net run rate, and we missed out to Altrincham Grammar School by just two runs per over.



Well played to our team of: Lillie (Captain), Keira, Eloise, Amy, Jess, Jess, Olivia, Gracie-Mae and Hollie. Team Manager and teacher of History, Mr B Taylor, offered many congratulations to our top run-scorer and wicket-taker, Keira.

School Sports Council

Thanks to all the Sports representatives who attended the Spring term's Sports Council meetings.

In addition to helping in the planning and promotion of the 3 on 3 Basketball tournament, the gymnastics competition, and the Sports Relief fundraising, representatives heard about plenty of exciting new initiatives to take back to their forms.

It has been announced that Years 7, 8 and 9 will have cricket, tennis, rounders and athletics in their curriculum and rugby, boxing and dodgeball are to be added to the list of extra-curricular activities.

3 v 3 Basketball Decider

Well done to Year 10 students Leah, Daisy and Madaleine who won their final against Bonnie-Mae, Alice (both Year 9) and Year 11 student Georgia in the PE department's first '3 on 3' basketball tournament.

The photograph shows Leah from the winning team.



Alisha Makes Her Mark!

For just over a year now, Year 8 student Alisha has been a member of the Family Martial Arts in Birkenhead – and already she has gained her Brown-Black belt in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA).

MMA encompasses disciplines from various martial arts such as boxing, kick-boxing, karate, taekwondo, wrestling and judo and, she says, when it came to selecting her sporting options, was the more appealing to her over dancing!

Alisha is now aiming to gain a red belt, and over the next year or so, she will be aiming for the ultimate – a prized black belt.

Well done, Alisha, and good luck!



Serious about Sports Relief

Thanks to our PE staff of Mrs Gore and Miss Doyle, the gym was festooned with balloons and had two badminton courts laid out for a lunchtime 'student versus teacher' competition in aid of Sports Relief.



This fun event was provided with some further light relief when Mr Simon, Subject Leader - IT & Computing, took to the court looking remarkably like John McEnroe. One thing was certain - that we were very serious about raising money for this good cause.

We're Going for Goals

Before our Year 7 and Year 8 netballers played in the Wirral Schools' Tournament, hosted by Wirral Grammar School for Girls, our undercover reporter spotted them training hard for the big day!



Autumn term 2018

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| INSET (Staff only) | Monday 3 September 2018 |
| INSET (Staff only) | Tuesday 4 September 2018 |
| Open Wednesday | 5 September 2018 (Years 7 – 11) |
| Close | Friday 19 October 2018 |
| Half term holiday | Monday 22 – Friday 26 October 2018 |
| Open | Monday 29 October 2018 |
| Close | Friday 21 December 2018 @ 1 pm |
| Christmas holiday | Monday 24 December 2018 – Friday 4 January 2019 |

Spring term 2019

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Open | Monday 7 January 2019 |
| Close | Friday 15 February 2019 |
| Half term holiday | Monday 18 – Friday 22 February 2019 |
| Open | Monday 25 February 2019 |
| Close | Friday 29 March 2019 |
| Spring holiday | Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April 2019 |

Summer term 2019

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Open | Monday 15 April 2019 |
| Good Friday/Bank Holiday | Friday 19 April 2019 |
| Easter Monday/Bank Holiday | Monday 22 April 2019 |
| Bank holiday | Monday 6 May 2019 |
| Close | Friday 24 May 2019 |
| Half term holiday | Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May 2019 |
| Open | Monday 3 June 2019 |
| Close | 1pm on Friday 19 July 2019 |
| INSET (Staff only) | Monday 22 July 2019 |
| INSET (Staff only) | Tuesday 23 July 2019 |

Please keep in touch via our website and twitter as some dates may change:

www.prentonhighschool.co.uk

@prentonhigh



Making a Difference

Headteacher: Mrs Lisa Ayling BA (Hons) NPQH

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Geraldine Fraser BEd (Hons) MSc

Head Girl: Niah | **Deputy Head Girls:** Anya and Megan | **Assistant Head Girls:**
Vicky, Ellie and Melissa

Prenton High School for Girls | Hesketh Avenue | Birkenhead | Wirral | CH42 6RR

TEL 0151 644 8113 | **Fax** 0151 643 9588

Email schooloffice@prentonhighschool.co.uk

Web www.prentonhighschool.co.uk | **Twitter** @prentonhigh