

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

Careers Week took place this week in school which was fantastic! Thanks to Mrs Dawes and the Careers Team for all their hard work with this. As you know, careers advice and guidance are a very important part of your child's school journey with us and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch with our Careers Team.

On a sporting note, we have also been really busy with several matches taking place this week. On Tuesday, our Year 7 Boys' Football Team played Beacon Hill and won 3 - 2. This means that they are unbeaten so far. Our Year 9 Boys' Football Team also played Beacon Hill on Thursday in very tough conditions and came out with a 2 - 2 draw. A special shout out goes to Ollie Winwood for his great performance!

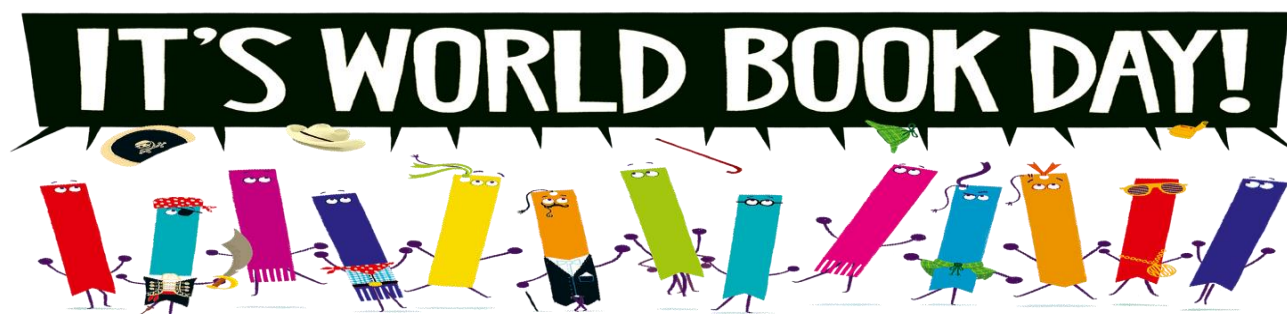
Also, on Thursday, our Girls Cricket Team took part in a tournament at Worcester University. Although they didn't win, as they were playing against some students who play county cricket, it was a great experience for them and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Miss Lines for arranging this brilliant opportunity!

We also celebrated World Book Day this week where some of the following activities took place;

- Year 7 World Book Day Decorate a Door Activity;
- World Book Day Guess the Book Door Competition;
- Year 7 Earls' High School Visit to meet the author Frank Cottrell Boyce.

During Period 5, all of Year 7 also had English lessons so it was a good opportunity to get Year 7 together for a special World Book Day assembly where we talked about the importance of reading, English teachers read short excerpts from their favourite books, did book 'shelfies' along with playing the Masked Reader video!

As usual, all pupils received a voucher which can be exchanged for one of the World Book Day special titles, or £1 off any book. Thanks to Mr Fox, Mrs Ellsmore and all the other staff who supported with this fantastic event. Judging on the World Book Day Door Competition will take place early next week, so watch this space!



On Sunday, Dormston choir members will be performing at Symphony Hall along with pupils from other Secondary School Choirs across Dudley. Pupils had their final rehearsal with the band this week at Resonance in Brierley Hill and were sounding fantastic! Mrs A. Beer and Mrs Grundy are so proud of the work all of the pupils have put into preparing for this prestigious performance. A number of other Dormston pupils are also performing with Dudley Performing Arts ensembles at the same event. We can't wait to see and hear all the final performances this weekend and wish everyone involved the best of luck!



Dormston Choir at their final rehearsal.

Best wishes.

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Events/Reminders

- Year 11 Photographs - Thursday 14 March 2024;
- Year 9 Consultation Evening On-line Booking System Opens - Thursday 14 March 2024 at 8.00am;
- Ingestre Hall Residential Payment Due (£60) - Friday 15 March 2024.

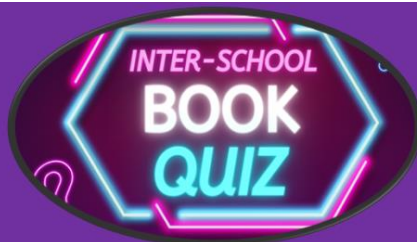
Updates

Instrumental Lessons with Dudley Performing Arts

Subsidised music instrumental lessons through Dudley Performing Arts are available. The cost of lessons would only be £4 a lesson, for a 15-minute group lesson, instead of the usual cost of £8 per lesson. Lessons are available on a wide range of instruments including Keyboard, Piano, Electric Guitar, Classical Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele, Drum Kit, Voice, Trumpet, Trombone, Cello, Violin, Saxophone, Clarinet, and Flute. Instrument hire is available on most instruments except Piano, Keyboard, Guitar and Ukulele. In order to undertake this offer, you

would need to complete the form by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/qTQzjcVNaE> or if you qualify for Pupil Premium funding via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/5dizkFaLPq> You will then receive further instructions on how to make the payment via parent pay. The cost will be £48, which will provide 12 lessons in the Summer term. Payment will need to be made by Friday 15th March 2023 to secure lessons for January. Once payment is received your child will be signed up with Dudley Performing Arts, who will contact you with a lesson day and time. These will also be displayed on the Music Department notice board. Any questions please email arichardson@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

Interschool Book Quiz



Would you like to be part of 'The Dormston Team' and compete against other schools in a book quiz ?

If the answer is yes, then this Inter-School Book Quiz is for you.

Each school will enter a team of 6 students. Each team will read the 4 books shown below
You will start reading the books from World Book Day and take part in a quiz of the books in the PLC on Monday 8th July from 9.30am – 12pm

Open to students from Y7 & Y8 – please see Mrs. Ellsmore asap. to take part. Only 6 places available.

