

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

On Tuesday we hosted the Dudley Children's Book Awards. This is a really prestigious event which was held at Dormston School in our Theatre. 40 Dormston students took part, along with pupils from many other primary and secondary schools from the local area. Three winning authors were in attendance along with Waterstones so pupils could get books signed! The winners were as follows:

- Short and Sweet Award - The Storm and the Minotaur by Lucy Strange;
- Children's Award - Bella Bright and the Ghost Game by Carolyn Ward;
- Teen Award - Crossing the Line by Tia Fisher.



This week some of Year 7 have been studying solids, liquids and gases. Mrs Grundy's class enjoyed making slime which is part liquid, part solid.



Ashton Claridge & Mia Holden

Year 7 have also been studying acids and alkalis in science. Here are Isla Perks and Lily Perkins using universal indicator and litmus paper to decide if vinegar is an acid or an alkali.



We have also had 2 bake sales in school and have raised over £100 towards renovating the pond area!

Thanks to everyone who took part in FoDC Easter Raffle. Winners were Parent/Carer of Logan Hollinshead in 8AX in 1st place winning a £100 voucher of their choice and Parent/Carer of Fletcher Fullwood in 10SX, in 2nd place who won a fabulous Easter Egg Hamper!

Well done and congratulations to Noah Greaves in 9SX who is the winner of our World Book Day - Guess the Book Form Room Door Competition. Not only did Noah get all questions correct, he tasked himself to complete it in record time (which he did) by the end of the first day! Forms from all year groups were invited to decorate their form room door to promote a book, as a quiz question. There was a fabulous response, with 24 forms taking part, plus Main Reception and Pupil Reception, all displaying a variety of quiz question styles. Thank you to all who took part. Well done to the winners – 7CDN!

On a sporting note this week, we have been unbeaten! The girls cricket team won both their matches this week. In Football, Year 7 continued their unbeaten run winning against The Link 5 - 4 and Year 11 beat Summerhill in the cup 6 - 5 on penalties!

Thanks to all our Year 9 parent/carers and students who attended our Year 9 Consultation evening on Thursday. Just a reminder that it is the deadline for Year 9 Option Forms to be returned today.

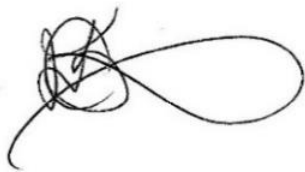
In the early hours of this morning our ski trip departed safely. We hope they have a really brilliant time and can't wait to show you some pictures when we return! You can follow them on X-@DormstonPE

Our hot chocolate rewards also took place again in school today and it was lovely to see so many students enjoying their treat!

Just a reminder that students can switch to their summer polo shirts when we return after the Easter holidays. Year 7 students should purchase a plain polo shirt (our uniform suppliers have been informed of this). Please be aware that students are not allowed to wear body warmers for school.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter! Hope you all have a great break! Students return to School on Monday 8 April 2024 to a Week 2 timetable.

Best wishes.



Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

The vast majority of all letters are now emailed home and we use electronic reply slips as much as possible. The criterion for 'selected student only' opportunities are based on various factors depending on the trip and its focus. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow every student the opportunity to be involved with every activity which we understand sometimes causes disappointment. If you require more details about the selection process for any opportunity please contact the event organiser.

- Year 10 Shrewsbury Prison Trip Letter;
- New York Trip Update Letter.

Events/Reminders

- PSHE - Thursday 11 April 2024 - Periods 2 & 3.

Updates

Writing Competition - Published Pupils!

We are delighted to announce that the following students have had their work selected to be published in "*Through Their Eyes - Viewpoints Unveiled*", a writing competition held by Young Writers. These students are Shelby-Stella Drew-Hitchcox, Summer Southall-Miller, Kyla Smith, Tessa Gobourn, Maddison Whittaker, Finlay Purchase and Ollie Whitbread. This is an amazing achievement, and these students should feel proud! Keep your eyes peeled for the book!

Literacy & Reading at Dormston


We just wanted to make you aware of all the events that have been happening in school recently to support literacy and promote reading. We also wanted to say a BIG thank you to Mrs Ellsmore who works incredibly hard behind the scenes to ensure they happen and run smoothly. Here are some of the things we have been doing in school recently:

- Celebration of World Book Day;
- Dudley Children's Book Awards;
- Author Visit by Tia Fisher;
- Reading Ambassador Programme;
- Year 7 Book Club;
- KS3 Book Club;
- Staff Book Club;
- Dormston Reading Award.

In times where some schools don't have libraries or librarians we are very lucky to have Mrs Ellsmore, who is passionate about getting the pupils reading and works hard to ensure these sorts of opportunities are available for our pupils!

Forensic Science Club

We currently have 38 Young Crime of Scene Officers that attend the Forensic Science Club every Thursday. After learning a sample of forensic science investigative skills like fingerprinting, blood splatter analysis, flame testing, chromatography and hair sample analysis, they then used these skills to solve a crime re-enactment. If you click onto the weblink you will see that a few of the forensic scientist turned into news reporters as well to give other forensic scientist clues as regards a crime. https://youtu.be/K-jI_neoXU?si=1fLu-V79oMM3A9U



Forensic Science Club

GRIME SCENE

What is Forensic Science?

FORENSIC SCIENTIST

An Investigator's Job

Click on the link below for a special Dormston news report. See if you can spot any clues?

https://youtu.be/K-jI_neoXU?si=1fLu-V79oMM3A9U

Every Tuesday from 3.20 pm to 4pm in C2
You will learn chemical analysis techniques' such as chromatography, finger-printing, flame testing, DNA extraction, blood splatter analysis etc
You will be required to keep a Forensic log which will be scrutinized by your fellow CSI.

After you are more forensically aware you will investigate several crime scene(s) where you are expected to present evidence as a group to inform a judgement based on science forensics gathered and not speculation.