Welcome to your whispers of news and events...

20.11.26

Top Weekly Reward Points		
Year 7	7MKE	54.8
Year 8	8NWA	55.3
Year 9	9MHA	48.1
Year 10	10KSC	48.4
Year 11	11NFR	51.3

Star Students

Toby L Y8

Bluebell H-B Y8

Chess Club:
A Game of Strategy and Skill!

This week, we joined Chess Club and were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout, with so many members enjoying a game and putting their strategic thinking to the test.



Run by Mr Reid, the club is clearly a popular gathering, bringing students together through a shared love of chess. A game that has been played for centuries, chess is much more than moving pieces across a board; it encourages patience, concentration, problem-solving and forward thinking.

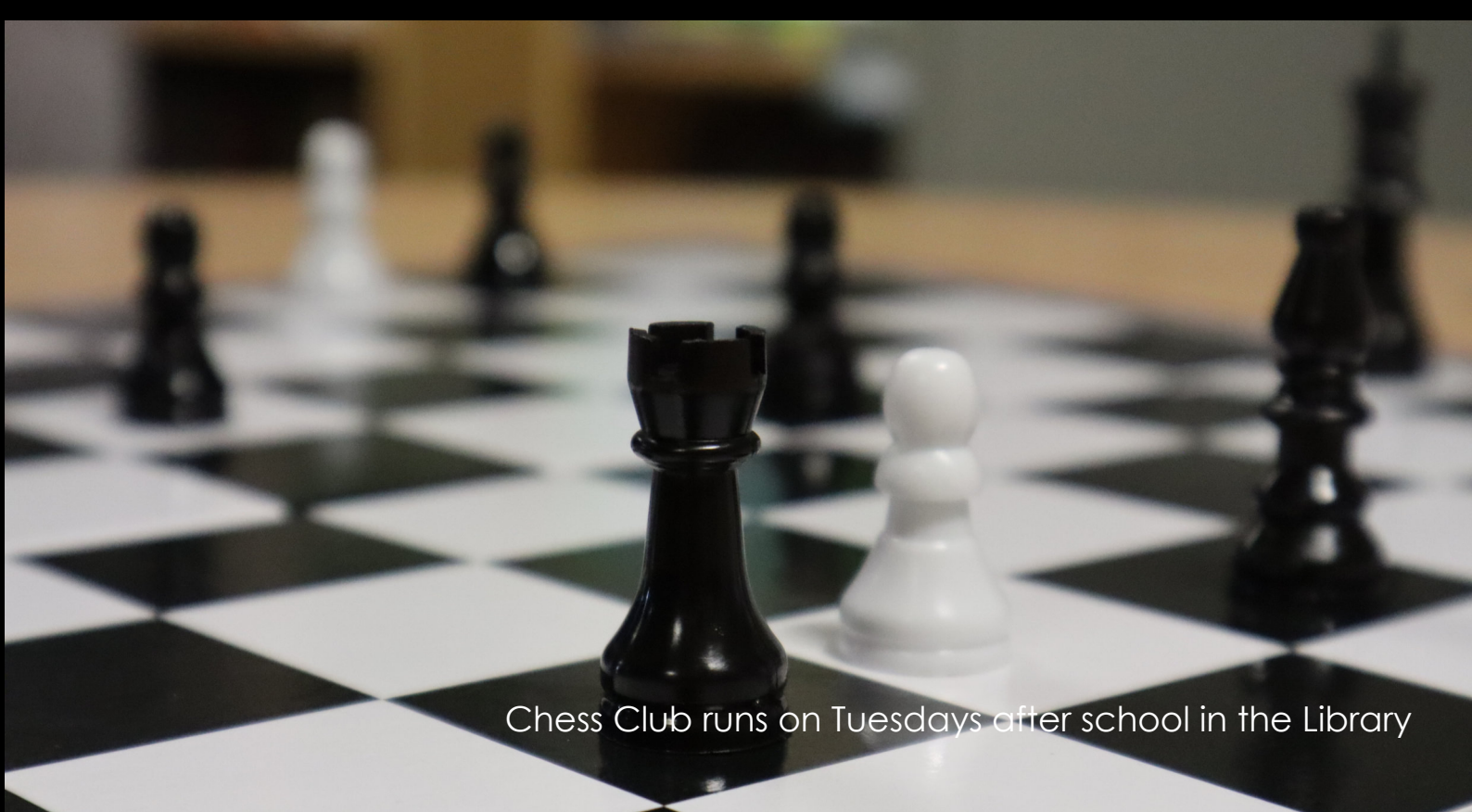
It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm and engagement, and there's always room for another player! New members are very welcome, whether you're a seasoned strategist or completely new to the game.

Checkmate to a brilliant club!





"I really enjoy chess because every game is different. You have to concentrate, think carefully and sometimes change your plan!"



Chess Club runs on Tuesdays after school in the Library

Year 10 – Sculpting Something Special!

This week, we took a closer look at some of the wonderful 3D sculptures being created by our Year 10 artists. Starting with nothing more than aluminium foil, students carefully moulded, shaped and textured their pumpkins, using everyday tools to create those lovely ridges and distinctive little stalks. Layers of tissue paper and PVA were then added to build the form, before the final flourish of paint brought each individual creation to life.

What really stood out was the incredible concentration and enthusiasm in the classroom. Students became completely immersed in the process, experimenting with shape, texture and form, and taking real pride in their work.







The finished pumpkins look absolutely fantastic! Each one has its own character, with no two quite alike. What you're seeing here is just a small selection of the many wonderful creations. A brilliant example of imagination, patience and creativity taking shape in three dimensions.



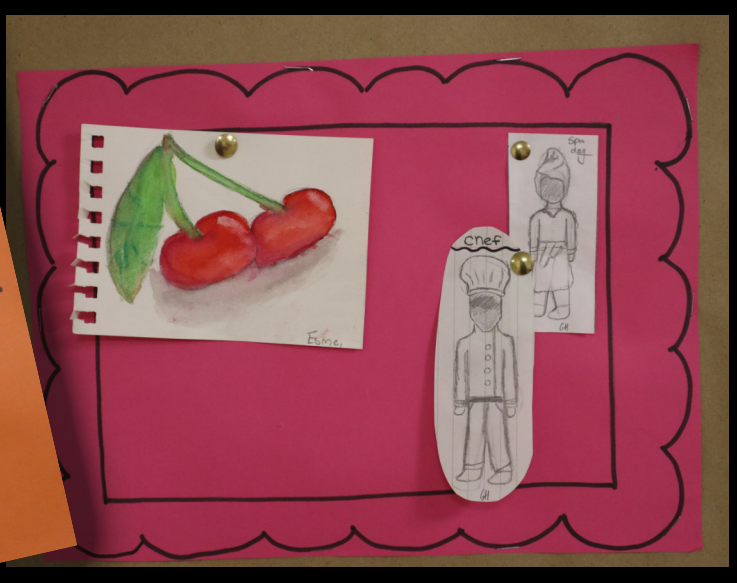


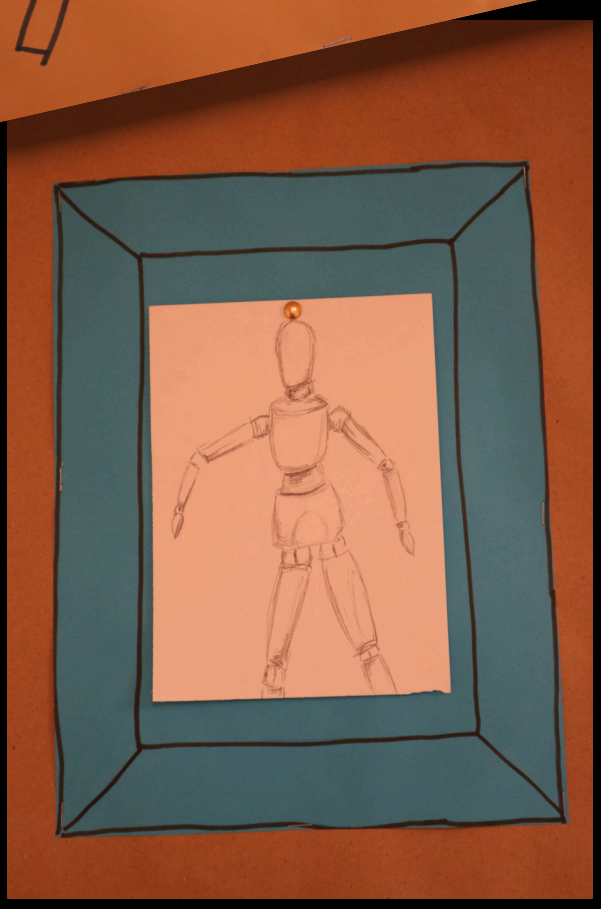


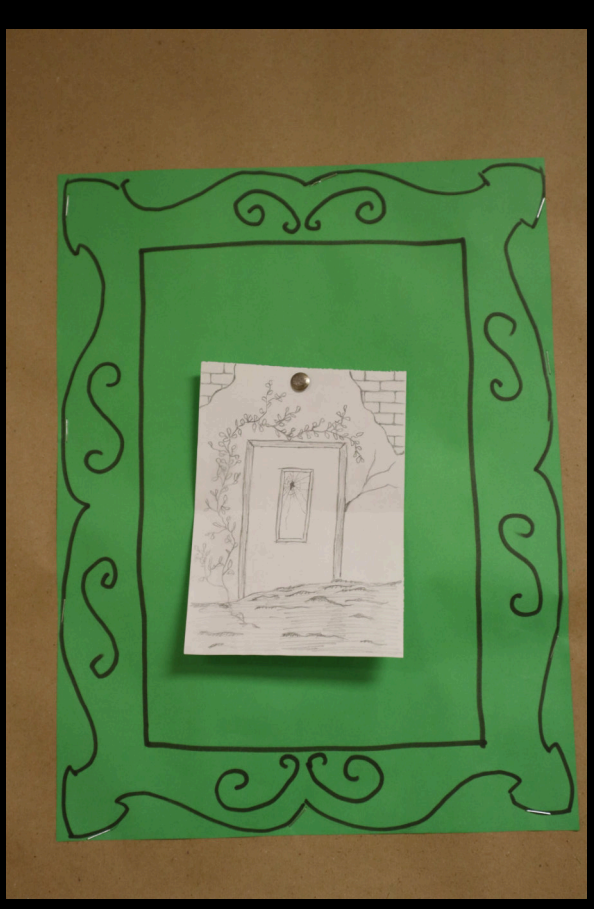
A Little Gem in the Huddle

This week, we took a look inside The Huddle, a welcoming space where students can come together at the beginning of the day, break and lunchtime to chat, enjoy activities or simply relax away from the hustle and bustle of school life. One of its hidden gems is the Huddle Art Gallery, showcasing some wonderful creativity and artistic talent. We caught just a glimpse of what's on display, but there's plenty more to discover! It's always worth a visit, and everyone is welcome to add their own artwork to the gallery wall. A little space filled with a lot of talent!









A Moment of Remembrance in the Library



Our Remembrance book display is continuing for another week in the library. Featuring a thoughtful collection of books exploring the history of the wars, alongside some wonderful historical novels, there's plenty to discover for anyone interested in learning more.

The library regularly showcases themed book collections throughout the year, so it's always worth popping in, having a browse and perhaps finding your next great read.



The Whittington Green School

Production of

Disney Beauty and the Beast JR

2nd - 3rd December 2026

7:00pm - Doors open 6:30pm

All Tickets £5.00
Available From Ticket Source
or The Finance Office (cash only)

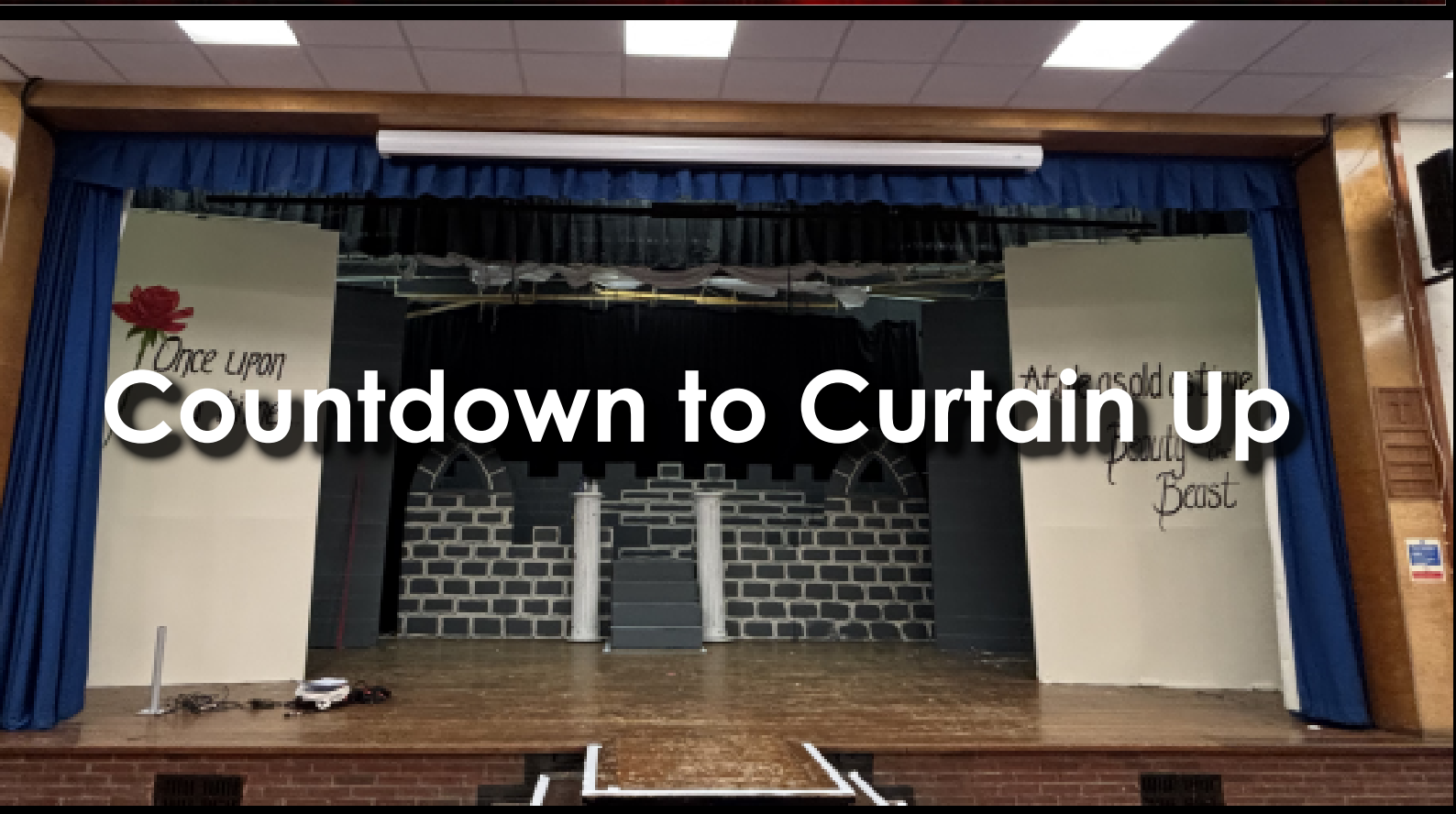
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Lyrics by
Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book by
Linda Woolverton

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Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

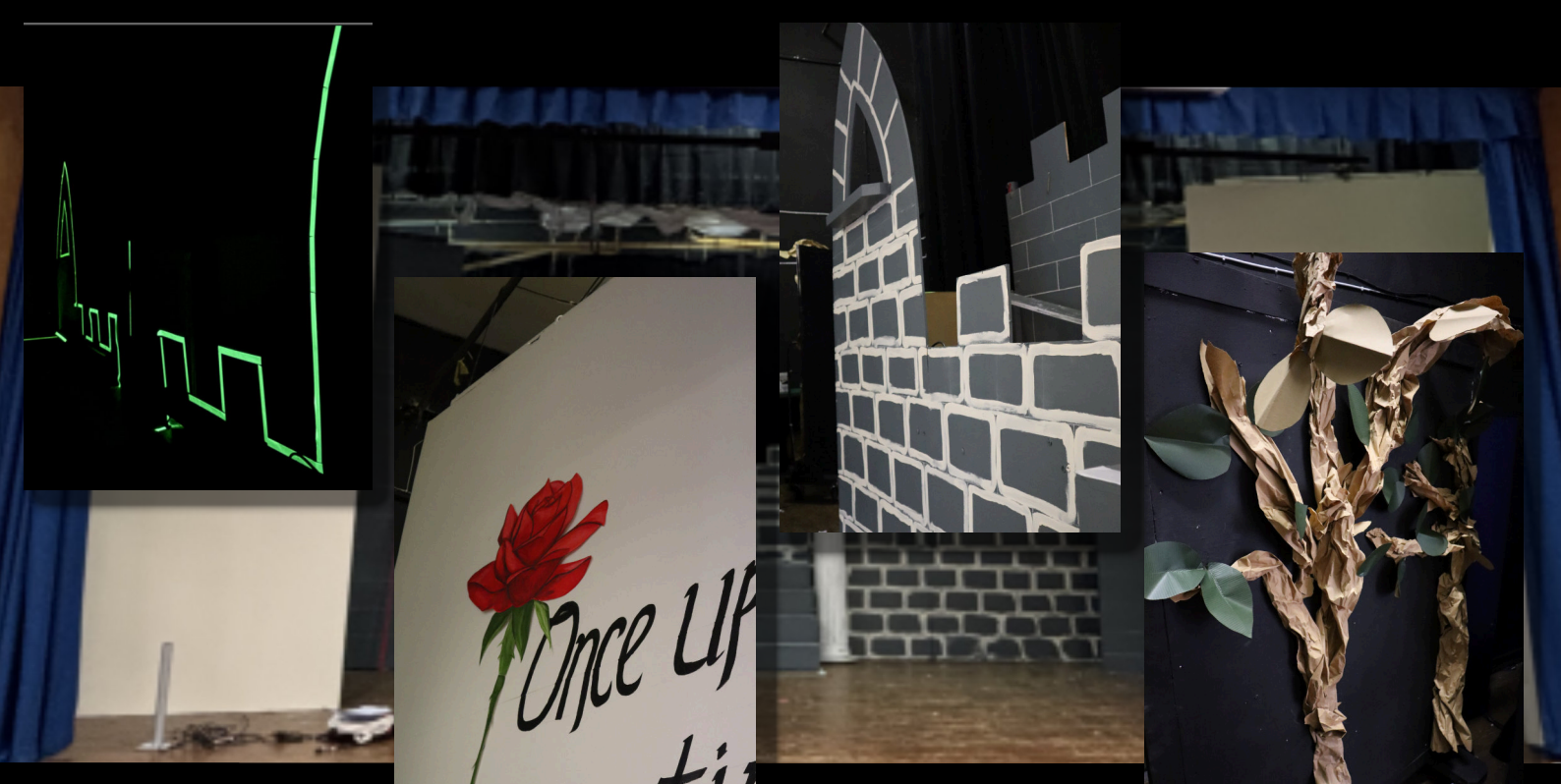
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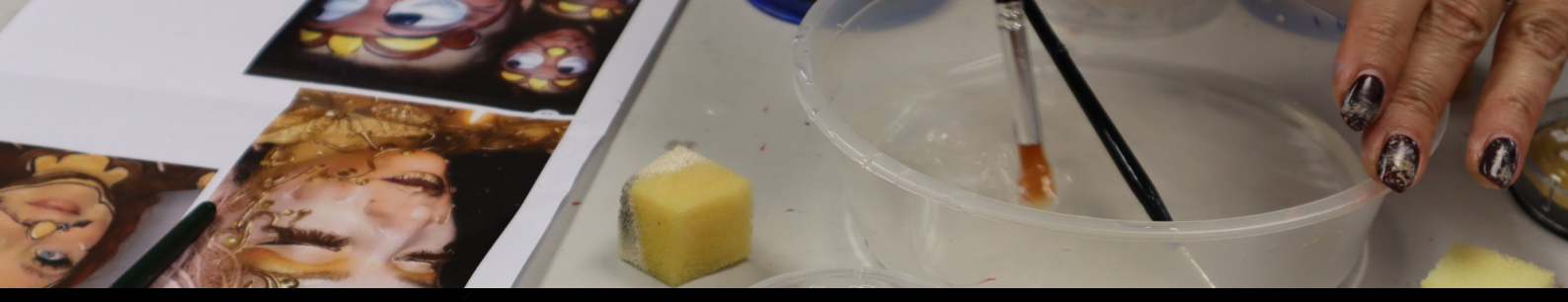


Countdown to Curtain Up

The magic is slowly taking shape as preparations continue for our fantastic production of *Beauty and the Beast*, taking place on **2nd and 3rd December**!

This week, we've been following the progress behind the scenes, where there's so much more happening than meets the eye. The scenery is really beginning to come together, with the castle flats taking shape and each individual brick being carefully painted, one by one. A woodland scene is also beginning to emerge, adding another touch of magic to the stage.





But there's much more to consider than just the creative details. Every part of the set needs careful planning and safety checks to ensure the scenery is secure and safe for everyone involved. Even the makeup requires preparation, with products undergoing patch testing and checks before being used on our performers. It's all part of making sure everyone is safe and ready for the big performance.

A special thank you to Miss Scothorn for helping with the makeup preparations.

It's wonderful to see all these individual pieces gradually coming together. So much time, thought, creativity, teamwork and care goes into the details that audiences may never even notice, but they're all part of making the magic happen!













A huge thank you to Miss Lomas and our Hospitality & Catering Department, who have been busy creating a delicious selection of sweet treats to sell during our Beauty and the Beast performances!

For just £1 a bag, you can enjoy a variety of goodies, including chocolate orange fudge (a firm favourite!), Biscoff fudge, funfetti white chocolate fudge, peppermint creams and white chocolate pretzel bites.

Everything has been tried and tested, and we can guarantee it's absolutely delicious!

To give you a little taste of the magic at home, we've also included the recipe for the gorgeous chocolate orange fudge for those who would like to give it a try at home!











Chocolate Orange Fudge

Ingredients

- 397g condensed milk
- 300g milk chocolate
- 300g dark chocolate
- 2tsp orange extract



Method

- Line a 20cm square tin with parchment paper.
- Put the milk and chocolate into a pan and melt on a low heat stirring often.
- Add the orange extract and mix to distribute the flavour.
- Pour into the lined tin, smooth the mixture and leave to cool in the fridge for at least 3 hours.
- Cut into squares and enjoy!

The French Adventure

Students from Whittington Green School recently embarked on an unforgettable adventure to France, enjoying a fantastic few days exploring Paris, discovering French culture and experiencing the magic of Disneyland Paris.

The trip provided students with an exciting opportunity to step outside the classroom and experience some of Europe's most famous tourist attractions, combining education, sightseeing, history and plenty of fun with friends.

One of the highlights of the trip was visiting the iconic Eiffel Tower, where students had the opportunity to experience one of the world's most recognisable landmarks. The group also enjoyed a guided tour around Paris, taking in some of the city's famous sights, including the Louvre. Students also visited the Christmas market at the Jardins des Tuileries, enjoying the festive atmosphere, seasonal stalls and excitement of experiencing Paris in the run-up to Christmas. This gave students a fantastic opportunity to experience the culture and atmosphere of the French capital during the festive season.

Students also experienced Paris from a different perspective during a boat trip along the River Seine with Bateaux Parisiens. This provided a fantastic opportunity to take in the city's beautiful scenery and famous attractions while enjoying the atmosphere of Paris.



Of course, no trip would be complete without a visit to Disneyland Paris! Students spent a full day enjoying the parks, experiencing the attractions and making memories with their friends. Although the rain made an appearance on Sunday, it certainly didn't dampen the students' spirits. They embraced the day, made the most of every opportunity and continued to enjoy themselves, proving that a little rain couldn't get in the way of a fantastic experience!

Throughout the visit, students were exceptionally well behaved and represented Whittington Green School brilliantly. Their positive attitudes, enthusiasm and willingness to make the most of every experience made the trip even more enjoyable for staff and helped ensure everything ran smoothly. It was fantastic to see everyone embracing the opportunities available and supporting one another throughout the visit.

For our Travel & Tourism students in particular, the trip provided a valuable opportunity to experience tourism first-hand, visiting major attractions, experiencing different types of tourism and seeing how destinations attract visitors from around the world.

After an incredible few days of sightseeing, adventure and laughter, students returned to Whittington Green with fantastic memories, new experiences and plenty of stories to share.

A huge thank you goes to all the staff who accompanied the trip and helped make the experience possible. Educational visits such as this provide students with opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom, and Paris and Disneyland was certainly an adventure to remember!

Merci, Paris! Until next time!
Mr Evans



DofE Charity Challenge Success

We are incredibly proud of one of our Year 9 students who has taken on a wonderful fundraising challenge as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award, creating beautiful handmade Christmas decorations to raise money for Parkinson's UK.

The decorations went on sale in school on Wednesday morning, and the response has been nothing short of phenomenal! By Wednesday afternoon, the basket was almost empty, with just a handful of decorations remaining. We've even had members of our wider community getting in touch and placing orders!

The good news is that we've been assured there are more decorations on the way, although we suspect there will be some very busy hands, knitting needles and plenty of hard work over the coming days!

It's particularly lovely to see such enthusiasm and generosity for a cause that means so much to so many people. Not only is this a fantastic fundraising effort, but it's also helping to raise awareness of Parkinson's and the work of Parkinson's UK.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the initiative so far. Your kindness and generosity have been truly heartwarming.

And, most importantly, to our wonderful Year 9 student:
we are so incredibly proud of you.

Your thoughtfulness, determination and willingness to make a difference are something to be celebrated.

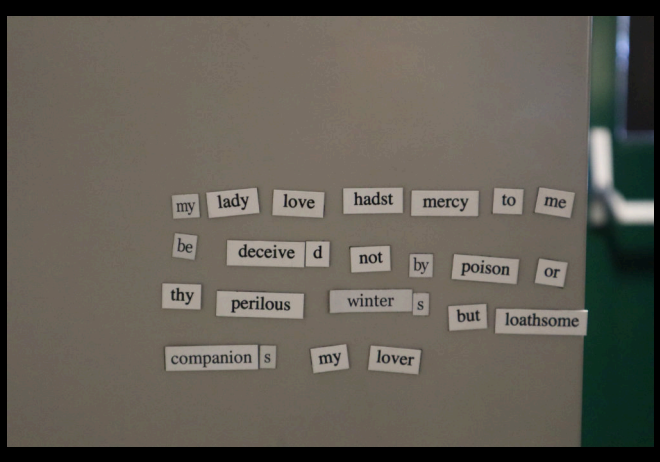






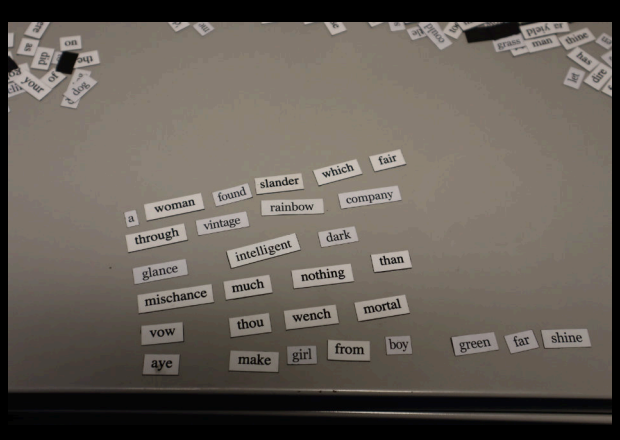
Writing Club

It's always a hive of creativity at Writing Club with Ms Turner! This week, Fern and Bluebell challenged Ms Turner to a five-minute poetry showdown using fridge magnet words. The results were great fun, with everyone racing against the clock to create their own little masterpieces. Bluebell even admitted that a couple of missing words meant a little improvisation was needed! Their recommendation? Get yourself some magnetic poetry words at home – you never know what wonderfully unexpected creations you might come up with!









We also caught up with Piper, who was delighted to have completed her entry for the GONE Writing Competition. Well done, Piper! There's still time for everyone else to get their entries submitted by **7th December**. So, sharpen those pencils, get those ideas flowing and remember – you've got to be in it to win it!

The Big Christmas Raffle is back!

Prizes Include:

Redfern travel – 2 x £50 travel vouchers
Oxygen Active Play Gift card – value of £45
Sheffield United – 2 x Football tickets
Renishaw Hall – Family Garden Entrance voucher
Pokemon figure and candle gift set
Cresswell Crags Voucher
Ice Nottingham – family skating voucher
Thornbridge Estate – Family Garden Entry voucher
Unescapable - £20 gift voucher
Playmania Sheffield – Play passes (value of £37)
Clip and Climb Voucher £5
Owlerton Stadium – Free tickets
Paintball Tickets (worth £100)
White Peak Distillery Tour for Two
Rollerworld tickets



Tickets £1 Available From Reception

Mr Ashworth's Brain Teaser



I shave every day but my beard stays the same.

What am I?

Do you think you know the answer to this week's brain teaser?
Be the first to find Mr Ashworth in Room 16 with your solution for the chance to win a small prize (and, of course, eternal bragging rights).

Congratulations!
The last week's winner is:

Amy W Y11



Q: What has 6 faces and 21 eyes but can't see?

A: A Dice

After School Clubs

Have you explored our after school clubs?

We have a fantastic array of activities that cater to every interest and passion.

Whether you're keen on sports, arts and crafts, technology, gardening or anything in between, there's something here for everyone.

Beyond the fun activities, our clubs provide an incredible opportunity to forge new friendships and develop valuable skills. Whether you're honing your teamwork on the sports field or unleashing your creativity in the art room, there's no shortage of opportunities to grow and learn together.

Our convenient after school bus ensures that you can join in on the excitement without any worries about transportation – it departs promptly at 4.00pm.

Come and be a part of the adventure!

After School Clubs

Monday

Beauty & Beast Rehearsals

Neurodiversity Club
House
Miss Wells-Cole

Manga Monday
Library
Mrs Bingham

Upper School Band
Rm 27
Mr Redgrave

Writing Club
Rm 20
Miss Turner

Project Club
Rm 45
CJ & Nicky

Y8 Fitness Suite
Mr Townsend

Level 1 Sport Leaders
Mr Williamson

Tuesday

Theatre Tech Club
Dance Studio

Chess Club
Library
Mr Reid

Y9 Fitness Suite
Mr Townsend

Project Club
Rm 45
CJ & Nicky

Wednesday

Beauty & Beast Rehearsals

Y10 Child Dev
Rm 16A
Mrs Dewberry

Y9,10,&11 Futnet
Sports Hall

Y10 &11 Fitness Suite
Mr Townsend

Warhammer Club
Rm53
Miss Hudson

Dof E
Rm 16
Mr Ashworth &
Dr Albon

KS4 Independent Study
Rm 21A
Mr Spacey

Book Club
Library
Mrs Bingham

Lower School Band
Rm 27
Mr Redgrave

Y11 D&T Intervention
Rm 35
Mr Wakefield

Project Club
Rm 45
CJ & Nicky

Thursday

Beauty & Beast Rehearsals

Varsity Fixtures
Mr Kingham

Garden Club
Rm 43
Mrs Pates

Art Club
Rm 28
Miss Scothorn

Textiles Club
Rm 36
Miss Donkin

STEM Club
Rm 38
Dr Albon

Y11 English Revision
Rm 12
Mrs Gallacher

Whittington Green School

Attendance Matters

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Attendance	Absence and days of learning missed
100%	**Well done, 100% attendance.**
Attendance that is 95% and above	Our target for all students. The student is attending school regularly, is on track with their learning. **No immediate action needed.**
90% – 94%	**Improvement needed.** This level of attendance can begin to impact academic progress. Our attendance officer may monitor attendance more closely, discuss reasons for absence with the student and family and provide support where needed.
Below 90%	**Cause for concern.** The Department of Education classes anyone below 90% attendance as a persistent absentee. When this is the case, we will reach out to you to see how we can support you and your child and address any concerns you or they may have.

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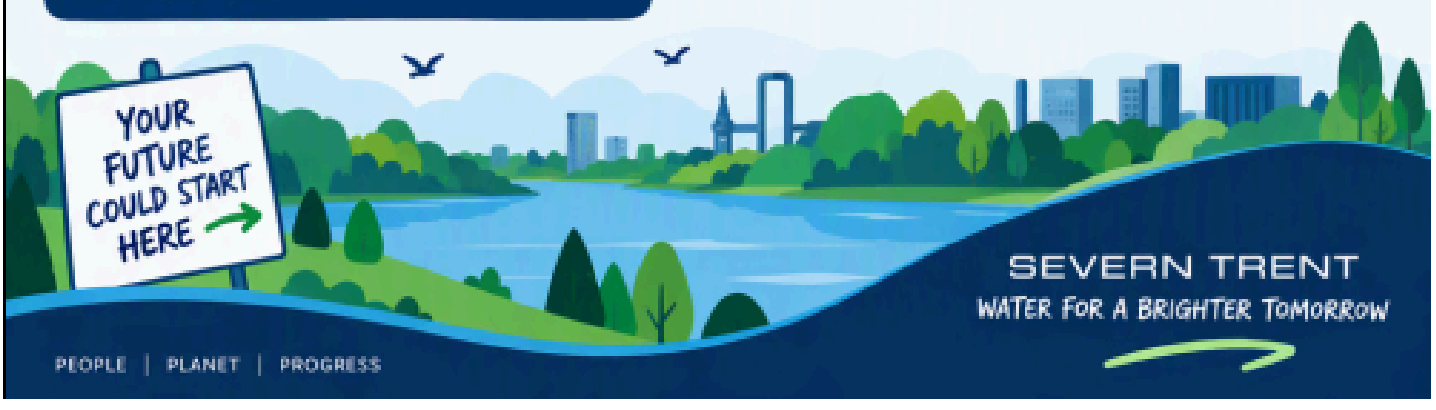
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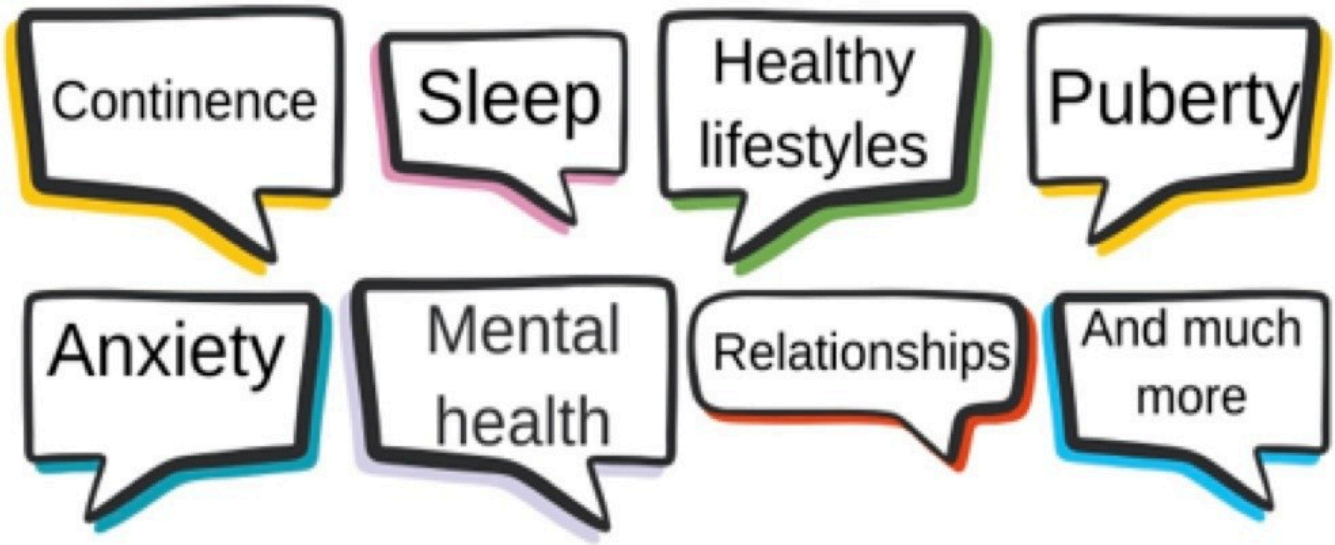
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