

School Library Service Regional Literature Quiz



Congratulations to The Cowplain School's Literature Quiz team for coming joint second at the evening event, hosted by Oaklands Catholic School on 6 March.

Despite some tough questions, our team, Alex Curphey, Abi Patis, Jacob Talbot, Evie Taylor and Evie Watson were amazing, as were their families, who came along to support them.

The students all received consolation prizes of books, and certificates for taking part.

Mrs Milford, Librarian

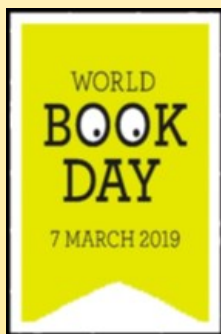
World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day (7 March) and the art of storytelling in many different ways. Staff dressed up to surprise the students, and students took part in a character treasure hunt to find all of the dressed-up book characters. Y7 and Y8 also entered a competition to design the book token for World Book Day next year whilst Y9 and Y10 devised and crafted mini-sagas based around the theme of contamination.

World Book Day is also an opportunity to stop and listen to a story so all students were read a short story in stages throughout the day. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and especially liked seeing their teachers looking so amazing in all their costumes.

All students were given a £1 book token to use towards a book of their choice and we would love to hear about the books they have chosen.

Miss Waterfall
Head of English and Media
Studies



News

Welcome to our latest newsletter, which sees us complete the Spring Term at The Cowplain School.

As I generally say in each newsletter, we have again packed in a great deal during the last 6 weeks; from the opening of our new all-weather pitch, winning the regional UK Maths Challenge, performing in Rock Challenge, the list goes on and on! All the additional activities have also complemented lots of hard work from students in their lessons, especially those in Year 11 who have started GCCE examinations, with subjects such as Drama already completing some practical elements of their course.

I think the biggest initiative we have launched for a long time was our work to make behaviour and the effort even better at The Cowplain School. As I said to parents, students and staff we were going to 'raise the bar,' from a position of strength, with behaviour at the school already good. I am going to make the bold claim that we have achieved this over the last 6 weeks and have seen most students responding to the challenge; there is no doubt that, already, behaviour has moved from good to excellent. We are also seeing students working extremely hard and enjoying seeing themselves improve at a greater rate.

During the process of implementing the new behaviour policy, we have greatly valued the feedback of students who have reported to me that they are enjoying the opportunity to experience disruption free learning, something we believe every child deserves. Similarly, feedback from parents has been equally positive and we have received a number of visitors from other schools who are amazed at the brilliant behaviour and attitude to work that they see from our students. We will continue to monitor and improve our policy and I am very confident we will see even more improvement over the summer term. At this stage, I would like to publicly congratulate the overwhelming majority of our students who have responded so positively.

As always, I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you and your family a great Easter break.

Mr IR Gates
Headteacher

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UKMT

We are extremely proud of four of our students who came first in the regional finals of the UK Mathematics Trust Team Challenge.

The UKMT Team Challenges promote mathematical dexterity, teamwork and communication skills, and our team showed they had these in abundance to come in first place! Our winning group of students will now be invited to take place in the national finals in London in June.

Congratulations to Jocie Dunmore, James Millar, Jacob Rackyleft and Evie Taylor.

Reminder:

**School reopens at 8.15am on
Tuesday 23 April 2019.**

(Week 2)

Able and Ambitious Residential

The Able and Ambitious Residential took place in March with over 40 students spending an exciting weekend at PGL. Students took part in a wide variety of team-building and adventure activities, including fencing, archery and abseiling. Throughout the weekend the instructors at PGL commented on how much they enjoyed working with our students, how polite they were and how well they worked together. It was particularly rewarding to see students embrace challenges, make new friends, and constantly support each other.

Mr Berrecloth, Able and Ambitious Co-ordinator



Charity Week

During 11 to 15 March we ran a Charity Week with a number of events occurring each day. All week students were encouraged to bring in food/supplies for our local foodbank in order to support our local area, which were then presented to Debbie Darke from the Waterloooville Foodbank. Students voted with their cash to pick one of their teachers to be "pie'd". Students also sponsored three of their teachers to take part in a Bush tucker trial to see who could make it through all the different rounds. Students also took part in a non-uniform day.



Total raised: £1056.37

£334.64 was split between Hope and Soul and Cancer Research, £721.73 for Comic Relief



Jukebox

On 12 March, we were invited back by the Southsea Skiffle Orchestra to perform at their monthly lunchtime gig at the Portsmouth Guildhall. Very generously, the Orchestra donated £200 to Jukebox for our forthcoming trip to Germany in June.

Dr Dave Allen presented the donation to Jessie Walker and Alfie Moth.



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