

Kindness Week Y7

January saw the start of our annual 'Kindness Bingo' competition involving our Year 7 students.

Each student competed to carry out as many kindness challenges as possible to accumulate points for their tutor group with the aim of being crowned "Cowplain's Kindest".



News

Dear Parents

Welcome to our February newsletter.

It's amazing to think that, as we finish for half-term, we will have completed over half the school year! As usual it has flown by and our students continue to use the weeks productively, participating in lots of experiences and events, some of which you can read about in this newsletter.

A few really stand out; for example, we continued our support of Holocaust Memorial Day by attending the Memorial Day Commemoration at Havant Cemetery. The Cowplain School has attended this event for a number of years because we feel it is so important that we remember the atrocities of the Holocaust. Students also participated in the Youth Speaks Debate, hosted by the Rotary Club. Despite the rise of technology, acquiring effective communication skills are still so important for young people, which this event highlights. You can also read about some of our other trips, and also about those who have visited us at school, in the newsletter.

You will know that, over the last few weeks, we have been reminding students of our expectations regarding uniform. The Cowplain School Uniform has not changed for a number of years, certainly not for any child currently attending the school. With the return from COVID and other factors affecting things, we have been patient with some students and have continued to ask very politely if their uniform could be improved. I am afraid that, whilst the overwhelming number of our young people wear their uniform well, a very small number have not responded to our repeated polite requests. Therefore, we do have to up the ante a little with those students, hence the letters and correspondence some of you may have received from Mr Colebrook. Uniform is so easy to get right, so please can I urge you that, should you be contacted by the school, you work with us and your child to ensure they are in the correct uniform. By then, we will have warned them and you a number of times over the last few weeks and months and we would thus expect any issues to be sorted out immediately. Thank you in advance for your help and support with this matter.

As always, thank you for your interest and support over the spring half term and I wish you and your family all the best.

Mr I R Gates, Principal

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Youth Speaks Debate

Millie-Grace Horan (Y10), Jasmine Pilmoor (Y10) and Grace Lynch (Y10) competed in this year's Rotary Youth Speaks Debate Competition.

The competition was hosted by The Rotary Club of Havant and took place at Park Community School. They debated about whether the government was doing enough during the cost of living crisis.



Reminder:

**February half term:
Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023.**

School reopens at 8.15am on Monday 20 February 2023 (Week 1)

Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration

On Friday 27th January, three Y9 students, Thomas Bird, James Joliffe and Abigail Tracey attended the Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration at Havant Cemetery, along with Miss Lee and Miss Hewitt. The theme this year was 'Ordinary People', and the students were able to listen to many different accounts of 'Ordinary People' who were survivors of the Holocaust, as well as accounts of those who were able to help save others.



Special thanks to James who read the story of Sima and Pola to the congregation at the service. This story is about two young girls, one Jewish and one Polish, who became unlikely friends during the Second World War after Pola's family saved Sima from life in a ghetto.



The service was a stark reminder that every person involved in the Holocaust was 'ordinary': ordinary people were murdered, ordinary people were bystanders, and ordinary people committed the horrific acts that took place in the Genocide. The students were able to reflect about how we must be careful to ensure we do not become the next group of 'Ordinary People' to experience such a terrible event.

Miss Lee, Teacher of E&P

Congratulations!

George Taylor-Bartlett has made it through to represent the school in the National Schools Trampoline Finals in March.

Well done George!



Well done!

A huge well done to Jake Hadfield, who raised an amazing £85 for the Ukraine Appeal by selling soaps to staff and students.



Well done!

Grace McElhinney, Y7, has been raising money for QA Hospital, The British Heart Foundation and Wave105 Cash for Kids for the last 4 years through her own charity **helpotherstogether**.

For further info see visit:

www.helpotherstogether.co.uk

Well done Grace.

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The Cowplain School Christmas Food Appeal

For our Christmas Hamper Appeal 2022, we managed to support 112 families needing a little extra support at Christmas with essentials and a few treats in our food hampers. Thank you for sending your donations for this into school.

Within school, our candle making club sold their amazing candles and the profits from these bought biscuits and chocolates for our hampers.

We would also like to thank our wonderful community who also provided donations; Cowplain Social Club, Morrisons and Sainsbury's.

We have received several messages from the families we helped support and they are so grateful for the support we gave them. On behalf of these families we would like to say a huge thank you to you all!

Miss H Davies, SENDco



Y11 Art Trip

On 10th January a group of our Y11 students, who are studying for GCSEs in Art and Photography, enjoyed a trip to London to visit both the **Tate Modern** and the **Tate Britain** art galleries.

We experienced digital art, paintings, sculptures, textile art, interactive art, Pop Art, traditional art, graffiti, architecture, installations, photography, public art and much more.

Mrs Dance, Head of Art and Photography



Long Service Awards

Congratulations to three members of staff who were recently presented with long service awards:

Mrs Pidgeon for 25 years service.

Mr Scoble for 50 years service.

Mrs Podolska for 50 years service.

Congratulations!
Amazing achievements.



School Production: We Will Rock You

The school show is over for another year and we just wanted to thank everyone who came and supported the production.

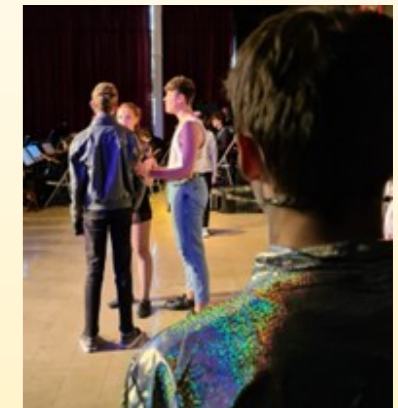


We had an unprecedented amount of sickness during show week so multiple amazing students stepped up and played roles they had never played before. Some only picked up the script the morning of the show and Erin Jones only had 45 minutes notice on Monday night for a role!

The students really love seeing your faces in the audience and we massively appreciate it.

Hopefully we will have the full cast for every show next year!

Miss E Devonshire
Teacher of Drama



Zurich Insurance Visit

Staff from Zurich Insurance came in to school to work with our Year 9 and Year 10 students in Maths. They introduced the students to careers in insurance and showed them how Maths links to the world of work.

The visit was very informative and the students were interested to hear about careers in insurance and the use of Maths.

Lee Berrecloth, Careers Leader

