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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a great World Book Costume Day today and there have been some great things going on all week! I hope you enjoy the pictures next week, whilst I came as an astronaut from Orbital last year, we were interviewing prospective science teachers so I went for the more sober Bunce (the short one) from Fantastic Mr Fox.

I would like to thank everyone who made the effort to dress up, it's always a great conversation starter and there was a lovely atmosphere sharing everyone's memories of favourite books!

As always, the link to the podcast version is here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZJXrF9okziSEq2R6YA7S4-L_28kSngLj/view?usp=sharing

Tuesday 10th March: Book Fair!

Following on from the World Book Week activities this week, we are delighted to tell you that we will be hosting a Book Fair on Tuesday 10th March.

The Little Bookshop, an independent bookshop from Chapel Allerton, will be bringing lots of fantastic books for you to browse and buy. They will be creating a pop-up shop in the library.

Some KS3 English classes will have the opportunity to visit the pop-up shop during lessons and the shop will also be open during morning break and lunch time.

They will accept cash and card payments - students will not be able to use their iPay accounts. Fiction titles generally cost £8.99 or £9.99.

All purchases you make will benefit the school, as The Little Bookshop will give a proportion of the book sales back to school to spend on lovely books for the library.

Year 11 Science Trip

Chemistry and Biology students enjoyed an engaging and informative visit to Harlow Carr last week. As part of the 'Capturing Carbon and Keeping Cool' workshop, students investigated the carbon cycle and

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developed their understanding of the vital role plants play in supporting and protecting our planet. Thank you to Mr Hutchinson, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Black for organising!



Year 8's Rose Celebrates Dance Success

Rose (Year 8) was nominated to attend the IDTA Theatre Dance Awards in Telford following her excellent Theatrecraft, Tap and Ballet exam results. She reached the finals in Tap (top 24/94), Ballet (top 36/146), and Theatrecraft (top 30/104), where she also received one of only five Special Commendations! We are incredibly proud of her achievement.



Horsforth School World Book Day Writing Competition 2026: Someone Else's Shoes

As part of World Book Week celebrations, students were challenged to submit a piece of writing with the title *In Someone Else's Shoes*.

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We received a range of wonderful entries from students across Years 7-11 and all those who participated were congratulated on their writing and received a pink (reward) slip. The winner was Hettie in Year 9 with a powerful, personal piece; she receives a £20 Amazon voucher and is a worthy winner. Well done, Hettie! We are really proud of what you have produced.

By Hettie in Year 9

*Some days are so hard
I wonder if I was made of this world at all.
I wish I could step into someone else's shoes.
Just for a day,
And be like them.*

*What would it feel like
To simply walk to the shop?
To socialise, to make new friends,
To understand things without trying so hard?*

*What would it be like
To hold a conversation with someone new
And not replay every word again and again?*

I imagine a day in someone else's shoes.

*What is it like to walk into a room
And not hear every sound at once?
Not smell every smell,
Not feel everything all at the same time?*

*What is it like
Not to be so overwhelmed
That you want to run and hide?*

*Sometimes I wish I knew
What it feels like to be someone else.*

*But there is nothing wrong with me.
My brain just works differently.*

And that's okay.

*So what if someone else walked in my shoes instead?
Saw the world the way I do.
Felt its intensity,
Its noise*

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Its depth.

*Maybe then they would understand
That different isn't weakness -*

It's another way of being human.



Connecting Schools to Hospitality

Last Friday 27th February, selected Year 10 Food Technology students attended a Connecting Schools to Hospitality event at Cedar Court Hotel, Harrogate. The visit was the first in a series of activities to explore the hospitality industry and different career pathways.

The students were enthusiastic, engaged and a credit to the school. They are all looking forward to their next visit on Friday 20th March!



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Sixth Form at Horsforth News

Well done, Louie!

Louie won bronze for hammer at the England Athletics Northern Throws Competition in February. He was then invited to compete at the National Throws Competition at Loughborough University this weekend, where he placed an impressive 7th in the country!



Join Us for Battle of the Bands!

Come along and support our talented student and staff bands on Monday evening 9th March from 6:30pm. Tickets will be available to purchase on the door on the night – and everyone is welcome. We know our musicians will appreciate an enthusiastic crowd!

Battle of the Bands
9th March
Doors 18:30 | Starts 19:00
Horsforth School Main Hall

Tickets on Sale
outside Library
Tuesday-Friday
Under 18s - £3
18+ £5

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Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell
Headteacher

School Dinner Menu for the Week Ahead

Please click on the link below to view the food on offer for the coming week.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YU51y5GO-H6-odpxhPOG8zIUwpletxJRyfSbz2tSY0A/edit?usp=sharing>

- 1. Please note menus may be subject to change due to product availability.*
- 2. Please note some of the products we serve may contain peanuts, tree nuts, soy, milk, eggs and wheat. While we take steps to minimise the risk of cross-contamination, we cannot guarantee that any of our products are safe to consume for people with peanut, tree nut, soy, milk, egg or wheat allergies.*
- 3. Please note we will make every reasonable effort to ensure that the information provided is accurate; however, due to the very nature of food production there can be variations in each meal. As a school we are not able to provide 100% accurate information on the food we serve.*

Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for free school meals. It's quick and easy to apply. To find out more, please visit <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>