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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

14th May 2021

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that in just a few days' time we will be saying goodbye to many of our wonderful Year 11 students. They have had such a turbulent year but to their absolute credit they have not given up or allowed the pandemic to stop them from preparing well for their Final Assessments. Some students will be coming back in the next few weeks to finish off various elements of their evidence portfolios and we want all of them to join us on Friday 28 May for our End of Year 11 Celebration event. We wish all of our Year 11s every success in the future; they have been a credit to the school. Could we also thank all of our Year 11 parents and families for their wonderful support throughout their five years with us and especially during the previous 12 difficult months.

You have hopefully heard the wonderful news that from Monday face coverings will no longer be compulsory in school for staff and students. We will be talking to all of our students on Friday 14 May about what this means for them but in essence from Monday 17 May students do not need to wear face coverings in school. Members of staff do not need to wear face coverings in classrooms but will need to wear them in communal areas if social distancing is not possible. This is great news as we know how difficult life in school has been with compulsory face coverings. We will continue to use enhanced cleaning in school and will continue to wash and sanitise hands regularly.

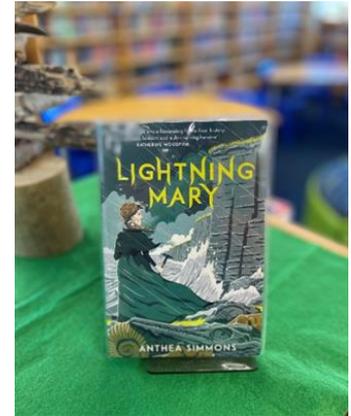
SCHOOL UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

We would ask you again to support us in getting back to normal school uniform. There is still around 25% of the school year to run and we want to get back to good, pre-pandemic habits. Please could parents and carers ensure that their child is attending school each day wearing their full school uniform. All students must wear a school tie – replacements can be purchased from reception. Students also must not be wearing training shoes for school.

Mr T Cartmail
Headteacher

News from the LRC

Things are slowly getting back to some sort of normality here in the LRC! A lot of our new books have been flying off the shelves since our return from lockdown. Philip Pullman fans will be pleased to hear that we now have the latest books in his 'dark Materials series' called the 'Book of Dust' (volumes 1 and 2), as well as a wide range of new and interesting titles donated by the Books Trust. One of these, 'Lightning Mary' is the story of the life of Mary Anning, who was the first scientist to discover dinosaurs on the Jurassic coast. With the recent release of a film about her life called 'Ammonite', starring Kate Winslet, there is no better time to find out about this brave and talented woman!



World Book Day

World Book Day was a bit more challenging than usual this year, with everyone at home in lockdown. Undaunted however, the English department set a series of missions for students which included a cake baking challenge, inspired by their favourite book or author and a recycled art/craft challenge, to tie in with one of the free World Book Day books on saving the planet. Of course students in all years rose to the occasion with some very interesting entries! There was also a 'Draw with Rob Bidulph' workshop, where students could illustrate their own character for a book. Here are a few of the entries from Years 7 and 8:



All students were also given a world book day token (see Miss Elliott for another if it has been lost!) which they can now use to collect a free book from any local bookshops. Even though the date on the tokens has expired, we have been told that book stores will honour them until they have run out of stock.

Finally, staff were also asked to describe their favourite book of all times for World book Day, and the results can still be seen on the school website. Handy if you are looking for inspiration for your next read!

News from the PE Department

Girls PE

Our KS3 girls really showed the professional footballers how it's done last term. Super footballers Chloe Cooke (Year 7), Jessica Baxter (Year 7), Megan Bush (Year 8), Ruby Harrison (Year 9) and Amber Harrison (Year 9) really stepped up this term to show their fantastic footballing skills in a range of competitive situations and games, well done girls!

This term our KS3 girls will be taking part in rugby and handball.

Boys PE

Last term, KS3 took part in a new sport to our curriculum, handball. Our KS3 boys learnt all about the rules and tactics and applied these into a range of competitive games. Superstar Freddie Tapper (Year 7) was unstoppable, providing around the clock attack and defence, really placing all opposing teams under pressure. Ryan Gharib (Year 8) applied previous knowledge from basketball into handball, showing his unbelievable dribbling skills. And finally, Lucas Markwell (Year 9) was the man with the tactical handball plan during his lessons, showing dominance in both attack and defence.

This term the boys will be taking part in basketball and cricket.

Cross Country Event

A huge well done to Rebecca Addison and Jemima Chapman. These two fabulous girls represented Ebor Academy Filey in the English Schools Cross Country event last term. Not only were our super runners part of the few who represented North Yorkshire, but these girls ran nationally against girls in Years 8 and 9. Both girls did unbelievably well and we are immensely proud of both of you! Well done Jemima and Rebecca.

Keep following them on twitter at [@EborPe](https://twitter.com/EborFileyPE)

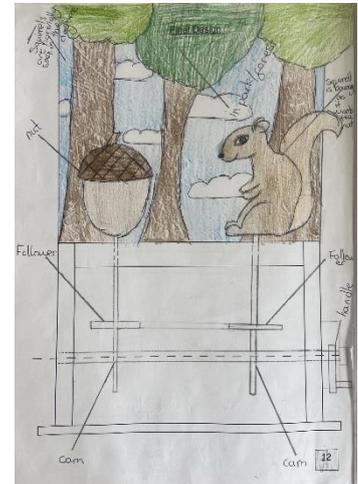
Covid Safety in School and Remote Learning

We continue to be very proud of our students and the way they adhere to the rules we've put in place at this current time. Please be reminded that if yourselves, your child or a close contact does develop symptoms or test positive that they will need to isolate immediately and the school informed as soon as possible.

Remote learning is always available on Google Classroom for every lesson so if your child does have to isolate and they are well enough to complete learning at home, it is essential that they follow along with their regular timetable to avoid falling behind in their lessons.

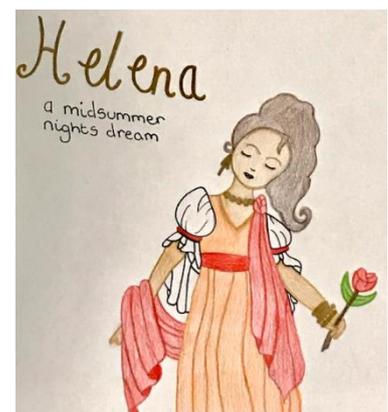
From our DT Department

Our Year 8 students have been designing a moving toy suitable for a child, inspired by their own choice of theme. Students have considered what mechanisms they will use in their project and identified this in their design ideas. I'm sure you'll agree that we've had some really unique ideas.



From our English Department

Just before February half term, our KS3 students were set a project in their English lessons to get creative and, inspired by key characters in the books they are studying, either; draw a portrait, design or bake a cake or design a costume. We have been thrilled by the effort and imagination that our students have shown.



Reminders from our Admin Team

Lateral Flow Testing

The Prime Minister has recently stressed how vital it is that both staff and students continue to carry out twice weekly covid tests to help identify those asymptomatic cases and prevent the spread of the virus. We would just like to thank all families who are continuing to do this and helping to protect ourselves, our loved ones and the wider community.

Should you require additional LFD testing kits, please be aware that these can be collected from reception as needed during normal school hours.

Period Product Scheme

As part of the Government's Period Product Scheme, we do have a supply of various period products available in school. These are offered free of charge and if you would like to collect some for your daughter, please visit the school reception.

GDPR Privacy Notice

Due to new EU guidance, our GDPR privacy notice has been updated. This is now available to view on the school website.

Uniform Donations

If you have any school uniform that you are no longer able to make use of, please be aware that the school would gratefully accept any donations. Please can any donations be dropped off in reception.

Water

With the weather warming up it is essential for your child to ensure they have adequate water to get them through the day. Please be reminded that due to covid guidelines we do not currently have the water fountains in use but bottled water is available for 20p from reception during social times.

Other Diary Dates

- **Friday 28th May** – Year 11 Celebration Day
- **Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June** – Half Term Holiday