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Principal's message to families – 8 March 2024

Next weeks Lower school word of the week is - pretend
The Upper school word of the week is – revise

Our week has quite rightly been dominated by World Book Day! Who knew there were so many Harry Potters, Willy Wonkas (and the rest of the chocolate factory crew!), Cats in the hat, as well as all the other amazing literary characters that appeared at Dawn House School this week! Staff and pupils joined in more than ever and even some visitors from another school arrived in World Book Day costume.

A big thank you to Ms Drewnik and team for organising the day and here is her overview:

World Book Day 2024 has been a great success again with our pupils enjoying a great range of creative activities celebrating the love of reading!

Our younger pupils were very excited communicating an imaginative space story using visuals, modelling clay and the whiteboard. Main school students report Human Book Cover making was their most popular - lots of mystery and laughter there! Our 6th Form students spent the morning on planning a ghost story and then went off site to Scarsdale Hall to film it.

And our Chimes students particularly enjoyed the AI activity where they used technology to create images of favourite book characters from text prompts.

Everyone showed outstanding engagement in the whole school Quiz - congratulations to Chimes for winning! And well done to the winners of the Best Dressed Competition - the Caveman and Violet Beauregarde - do ask your child was hiding under the costumes! And to top all of that... some students have been inspired to write a book!

For further reports of the day, please check our social media page.

On **Tuesday** a group of KS4 pupils attended a combined **Handball and Dodgeball** tournament at Harvey Hadden. The pupils were phenomenal, winning every game they played, but more importantly showing compassion, respect and empathy to a team who were a lower ability to our pupils. I am very proud of the pupils who attended, and they should also be very proud of themselves.

Highlights of the residential week



On **Monday** "Foodie Friends made excellent tomato and spinach muffins. I certainly enjoyed mine! Other students attended a taster session at a local Badminton club.

On **Tuesday** students participated in the weekly football training session, before one of them proudly being the flag bearer at Mansfield Towns home game! Wow!

On **Wednesday** the gardening club started to create a wildflower area in the 6th form area as part of the RHS "Schools rewilding initiative".

On **Thursday** the swimming club enjoyed a social swim in the school's pool. Every evening the students had the opportunity to spend time in the sports hall playing a variety of games including tennis and dodgeball.

Great to hear an overview of the residential week!

Our Celebration stall today has gone down a storm! Hopefully some of you will benefit from the gifts purchased today! I hope they all make them home!

A final note this week:

Well done to Miss Makepeace for completing her Level 1 Makaton tutor training. Makaton is taking a higher and higher profile in school, largely thanks to Rachel with the support of the therapy team. Do have a look at our Facebook page- you might see some faces you recognise!!!

Next weeks assemblies focus on **Science** week- I'm sure your children may have things to share with you. Please ask them!

That's all for now, we wish our Robin Hoods Bay trip (KS5) well and look forward to telling you all about how they get on next Friday.

Enjoy your weekend,

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If your child leaves home in the morning a little unsettled and you want to quickly tell us, so we know to expect a tricky start to the day, a quick email (that we can follow up later) to the tutor and/or core team with '**Handle with Care**' in the email title will ensure that we are aware.