

World Book Day 2025

This year our World Book Day theme was inspired by the marvellous stories written by the talented writer, Roald Dahl. Again, our timetable was transformed into a jampacked day of exciting activities all focused around our love for books.

Art focused on activities inspired by 'The BFG' and 'Charlie and The Chocolate factory' where students created dream jars and designed chocolate wrappers. In the drama sessions, KS3 students were able to dress up like characters from Roald Dahl books, some performed scenes from his plays, others took part in improvisation games and some students even danced part of a routine from 'Revolting Children' (in Matilda). Whilst in Science, the students made some amazing 'George's Marvellous Medicine', lava lamps and 'The Twits' toothpaste. Maths lessons were aimed around code breaking. Could you crack the code? Year 10 students were able to create theme tunes for Roald Dahl films using keyboards, whilst KS3 students used Song Maker - on Chrome Music Lab - to play theme tunes and songs from Roald Dahl films/ plays. Year 11 students managed to fit in a PE lesson and a rewards session too. The whole school even had time for a chocolate quiz! Which book do you think inspired that lesson?

As always, students were eager to take part in the World Book Day activities and a good day was had by all. What will next year's World Book Day theme be?

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This half-term, we were honoured to have two visits from the inspirational, former Young Poet Laureate, Matt Windle. Matt leads poetry workshops both in schools and libraries; he engages students by bringing poetry to the level of those he teaches, using influences such as R&B and Rap music to enhance the poetic experience. As well as being a celebrated poet, Matt is a keen boxer and won the light Flyweight Commonwealth title in 2022. Whilst at school, Matt struggled with behavioural issues before being excluded prior to starting Year 10. He then attended Wake Green Behaviour Support Centre. It was at the support centre that a teacher noticed Matt's incredible talent for writing poetry, and with support, Matt gained the confidence to enter the Young Poet Laureate competition.

During the visit to Newbridge, Matt worked with the students to promote the Worcestershire's Young Poet Laureate competition. The theme for this year is

'Courage'. Matt inspired the students by reciting his poetry, talking about his journey then ran poetry workshops. Students were encouraged to brainstorm words associated by the theme of 'courage' then they identified rhyming words and phrases before using them to create their own magnificent poems. Some of the students will be entering their 'courage' inspired poetry into this year's Worcestershire's Young Poet Laureate competition.

Worcestershire's Young Poet Laureate competition

Aspiring young writers across Worcestershire have been encouraged to apply for Worcestershire's Young Poet Laureate competition. Some of our students have written some inspiration poems based around the theme of 'courage' and have entered the competition. We wish all the applicants every success. We are so proud of all our students for attending the sessions with Matt Windle, participating in his inspiring activities and taking the time to put pen to paper. Keep posted for an update about the competition entries.