

The Wixams Word



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News



Wixams in Wonderland! World Book Day March 1st

Emily: "World book day was very fun. I dressed up as Hermione Granger. All of the teachers came as characters from Alice in Wonderland. Mrs Smith came as The White Rabbit. In my opinion, Mrs Hepburn had the best outfit as she went as the Queen of Hearts. She was scary but it was fun to see the teachers dress up."

Hannah: "I went as Verruca Salt from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In 7J Tegan won our form best costume as Snow White. Mr Spyropoulos went as the Mad Hatter. I thought he had the craziest costume. Mrs Hepburn however I would say had the scariest

costume as the Queen of Hearts."



The person who won in 7T was Hadeel; she had a Queen of Hearts outfit. Jake Clark won for 7H as Wally. Sam Every won for 7F as Keith from Terry Pratchett's *Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents*."

Tru: "World Book Day was really good because you got to see all the nice outfits. The

The NEW Wixams Academy Shop

By Emily Wilding

On Friday the 9th of March 2018, I started running the Academy shop. The shop is for people to spend their house point credits. When you hit 100 house points, you get 100 credits and can spend them at the shop. It was very fun to see how interested people were in the stuff/stationary we had

– there was a very long queue. The most popular item was the flexible rulers. [Review by Hannah Baker:](#) I bought a flexible ruler and it cost 43 credits and it is good quality.

Emily's shop is open every Friday lunchtime from 1:00-1:30. It sells pens, pencils, note pads, sharpeners, rubbers etc.



Science CSI Day Friday March 16th

by Beth Rivenell There were two main incidents linked with science week. There was the 'Break in to the science department' and 'Malcom passing out'. Many students believed it; (sorry to break it to you) it was eventually announced fake. In my opinion, it was very smart how the teachers made it believable and how they linked it all together. Well done to all the staff at Wixams, you are great actors! *The investigation named Mrs Langley of*



*Wixams Tree as the culprit using poison perfume.
Thankfully, Malcolm has made a full recovery.*

Sports News

By Damon Forsythe and Tatenda Kashiri



GIRLS: On March 5th the girls' football team went to Bedford Academy. The first match was against Castle Newnham and we won 3-0. In that match there were a lot of easy goals. Then the second match which was against KCA the girls won 3 – 0. The final match it was 0-0. The girls played very well, they are currently waiting for the results to see if there in the finals. **BOYS:** First Wixams Boys played against Westfield school we won the match 6-1. Wixams then came third in a tournament in Biddenham were they lost 2 and won 2. Against Rushmore they won 1-0. Next they won against Lincroft 2-1. They then lost against Biddenham 1-0. then lost against to Bedford Free School 1-0. At the end of all this Wixams came third.

Assemblies



Calm Your Mind

Well done to Sam Common, Reece Matthews, Max Sharpe and Malachi Spencer who presented a fantastic assembly on the work they have been doing with Don Grassi. The theme was how to use techniques to help calm yourself and focus your mind, including 7/11 breathing. The boys did a great job explaining what they have learned which could be helpful for us all.

Form assemblies: Currently at the Academy, we have been having our form assemblies. They have been about the amazing scientists who our school houses are named. **Tatenda:** On the 16th March 7H did their



amazing class assembly, two days after Stephen Hawking sadly passed away in his sleep. Hawking was a British theoretical physicist known for his work on gravity and black holes in space. The assembly dedicated one minute's silence to remember the amazing discoveries of this man. **Hannah:** At the time of printing this newsletter, we have had assemblies from 7H and 7F. 7H had a really tough time due to the death of Steven Hawking. They did the ice bucket challenge and filmed it to raise money for ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) because he had the illness. In 7F's class assembly they had a lot of facts and a drama piece. Rosalind Franklin was the woman who helped discover DNA.



Welcome back Mrs Smith!

Emily: As you may know 2 weeks ago Mrs Smith was not in, we found out she was ill and we were very sad. The bad thing was that in our form (7J) we all felt different. Without our form tutor we weren't as happy and chatty as we were. Then yesterday (Monday the 19th) we were surprised and so happy to have Mrs Smith back. We all hope you feel completely better soon.



Beth: Many of us sent Mrs Smith cards and gifts; she (hopefully) enjoyed them and was very grateful! The school felt very different and empty without her and we are very glad to have you back.

What's Coming Up:

- Sport Relief Friday 23rd March

- Autism Awareness day – 29th March
- Thursday 29th March – Break up for Easter Holiday!

Personal Perspectives



Scotty's Little Soldiers by Grace Higginson

My dad did something amazing last year. He took part in something called 36 hours of rugby to raise money for a charity called Scotty's Little Soldiers. It helps the children of servicemen and women killed in wars. Thank you Dad!

Claire's Dilemmas – Or Ear Piercing Issues, by Joanna Lewandowska

The renowned accessory store is most popular with those of younger age and teens. It specialises in selling glittery makeup and fluffy knickknacks.



The question here is however, do they really specialise in piercings? Recent anecdotes by some girls at school indicate a high level of infection problems following piercings at Claire's. One potential problem is the tool Claire's uses: a gun. The piercing gun cannot necessarily be sterilised effectively meaning that you would have great chance of infection. As well as that, the gun does not provide accuracy dubbing it unsuitable for other piercings such as lip or helix. In conclusion, I think we should just leave Claire's with unicorn notebooks and avoid their 'piercing professionals'.

Russian Spy Poisoning by Beth Rivenell

In case you don't usually keep up to date with the news, there was recently a large incident with a poisoning against a former Russian spy and his daughter in Britain. Apparently, the poisoning was a message to the world saying 'You won't be safe



anywhere, even if you're in Britain'. Many people across the world now feel unsafe and even the government are worried; they are trying their best to keep everyone calm. The British government, as well as France, the US, and Germany, have blamed Russia for the attack. Still, if the Russian government really was

responsible, why use a nerve agent that could so easily be traced back to them? There is still much confusion around this and lots more to be discovered.

Mohamed Salah Record Breaker by Damon Forsythe



Liverpool footballer Mohamed Salah has become the first Egyptian player to score 4 goals in one game: He also got an assist in Liverpool's 5-0 win over Watford. Salah has scored 37 goals so far this season. However, Fernando Torres scored higher than Salah with 41 goals. Some reports are comparing Salah with Lionel Messi. Salah is also top scorer in the league with 28 goals, 4 ahead of Harry Kane who has 24. There have been links with him going to Real Madrid but Liverpool are confident that the talks are fake and he is happy at the club.

All About Gilderoy Lockhart by Joanna Lewandowska



Gilderoy Lockhart, famous celebrity of the wizarding world of the Harry Potter stories, and a part time professor at Hogwarts, really doesn't have that much popularity and I think he should. The Professor was known to the wizarding world for his famous books. Some of his titles include 'Gadding with Ghouls' and 'Wandering with Werewolves' were he described his numerous, daring expeditions. As most people know, Gilderoy had unfortunately been a fraud and did claim other's experiences as his own. Professor Dumbledore had indeed been aware of his crimes when he hired him because he had a few friends whom Gilderoy had stolen from: he believed he deserved a second chance

to reform himself. Gilderoy's personality and appearance seem to clash and contradict each other with ease. He is a rather tall and handsome-looking man with naturally curly blonde hair, blue eyes and a blinding smile. His beautiful appearance is nowhere near for making for his terrible personality. Gilderoy is an over-the-top attention seeker and an extremely arrogant and selfish person in general – but I think he is a great character.

The new teachers having a go by Zakia Brandy

We need more teachers because Wixams is going to double in size in



September 2018. So some of the applicants for the new teaching jobs have been coming in to school to show their teaching skills in our classrooms as part of their application process. A couple of teachers taught 25 minutes of our French lesson this week and they were amazing! Two teachers came into my French lesson, the first teacher was amazing in everything she did and so was the second teacher but she spoke a lot of French so it was hard for the Class could understand. Overall I was blown away.

New Star Wars Film Coming Soon by Logan Chaudhry-Kiely



On this year in May 25th Lucasfilm are releasing their new movie 'Solo'. As the title suggests, the main character is Han Solo who is played by Alden Ehrenreich, plus it also features Joonas Suotamo who plays as Chewbacca and much more for a movie with a humongous length time of 2 hours and 23 minutes. For people who do not know who Han Solo is, he is

one of the most iconic characters in the star wars saga. Originally the actor was Harrison Ford, but he does die in The Force Awakens.

Wixams Quiz of the Month

1. Write a sentence on who the J stands for in 7J?
2. What football team does Mr.Dummett play for?
3. What is Mr.Spyropolous' favourite plant?
4. Which teacher has twins at university?
5. Which teacher did Mr.Spyropolous teach when they were at school?

And Finally...

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