

Hayley Richards reporting...

"Pretty Curious"



Last half-term 35 Year 8 girls were given the opportunity of attending the 'Pretty Curious' workshop with EDF. With women filling just one in five vacancies within STEM professions, EDF have been committed to engaging more girls in these subjects and inspired us with an afternoon of problem-solving and collaborative thinking.

Students were able to explore some of the latest home technologies, build a nuclear power plant using virtual reality and hear from various women currently working in science and technology fields. The highlight of the afternoon was building and programming a R2D2 droid from Star Wars!

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

WELCOME

Thank you for your support over recent days during the most difficult "weather" week I have ever experienced in 12 years of Headship. I apologise, once again, for the inconvenience caused, and can assure you that decisions to close the school are never taken lightly. Hopefully "Show My Homework" enabled pupils to access work where they were able to, and this is certainly one of the benefits of this new technology. I would also like to thank our pupils for the way they conducted themselves on the Tuesday, when we had some snow fall. It was heartening to see them enjoying the snow but also behaving so respectfully. Hopefully, this is the end of the bad weather and we can get back to normal!

CALENDAR CHANGES

Unfortunately, losing any days of school during term-time has a knock-on effect to school events. Most of these will be re-scheduled internally, but one or two events have to be re-scheduled for after

school, and, given they are time limited, it is never possible to find a "perfect date" to do this. To this end, Year 9 Parents' Evening will now take place on Thursday 8th March, which still gives plenty of time ahead of Year 9 Options Evening (see below). The Year 11 Drama event will still take place at 6pm on Tuesday 6th March, but the EPQ Poster event will also now take place this Tuesday at 6pm. Thank you for your understanding.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS

Having made a number of changes to our options offer last year, this year we are making no significant changes for September 2018. As a reminder, we have Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday 20th March, with Aspirations Day on the morning of the same day to help pupils prepare. Thank you.

Parents' Time

A member of the Leadership Team will be available to see parents without appointment:

9:00am-9:45am Monday - Friday

5:00pm-5:45pm Thursdays



Your weekly link with the school

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Book of the Week

SCARECROW

by Danny Weston

Jack's dad needs to run away and he's taking Jack with him to a hide-out lodge in the remote Scottish highlands; somewhere where the people who Jack's dad has "whistle-blown" on, won't find them.



There is a scarecrow in the field next to the lodge, and Jack swears it's alive when he sees the impossible. Alive, hungry and dangerous. But when dad's enemies arrive, the scarecrow might just be Jack's best hope of survival.

An exciting action and adventure story with supernatural twists.



Available in Main Reception for a suggested £1 donation

PARENTPAY FOR CATERING

Please remember to top-up your child's account on ParentPay at least a couple of hours before lunchtime. If possible, please top-up the day before.

Payments do not show on pupils' accounts for a couple of hours.

5th March 2018

DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Ben, Niamh, Ellie, Shay & Callum (8JBI)

Abbie & Hayley (8MLw)

Pupil Services

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember to clearly label school uniform with your child's name. If it is lost we can then return the items.

Please feel free to come and look at our lost property before we dispose of it again.

Thank you.

Pupil Services

