



HEDNESFORD VALLEY HIGH NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2024



WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

The whole school celebrated World Book Day by coming to school dressed as their favourite book character. We hosted a book read by an online author event, watched online events, shared stories with our friends and as whole classes. We had fragrant spaghetti with sweetie worms for our Explorer department who enjoyed reading the book 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. Years 7 and 8 enjoyed making 'Hungry Caterpillar' food with Mrs Corstorphine and Mrs Robathan. Year 9, 11 and sixth form participated in online activities and crafts. Not forgetting year 10 who had a wonderful day at college.

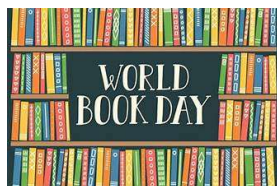
Encouraging reading for pleasure was at the forefront of what every class did today.

Thanks to all parents/carers who supported us, by allowing their children to dress up and participate. We hope you all enjoy reading your new books, purchased with your World Book Day token. Or you could use this link to listen to different audio books: <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

Well-done to all our fancy dress winners 😊

A big thank you to all from

Miss Tuft and Mrs Stephenson, team year 7.



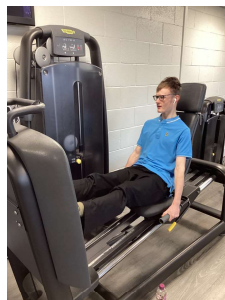
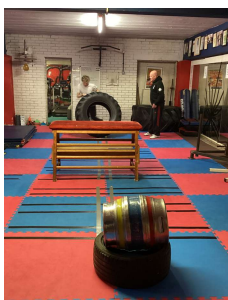
GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH RESIDENTIAL

Five students participated in their gold Duke of Edinburgh residential at Laches Wood. Students met at the outdoor centre on the Monday morning of half term and stayed until Friday afternoon. They took part in a range of activities that were adventurous and had to eat and sleep in the dormitories overnight. The residential activities included axe throwing and a chance to meet new people, well done to the five students that completed the residential section!

FOREST SCHOOL

This term 8JOv have attended Forest School sessions at Hednesford Park. They have explored learning about habitats, building dens, toasting marshmallows and enjoying team building games.

8JOv have shone during these sessions and have been a credit to our school.



SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form Life Skills group are very much enjoying their new activity at the gym at Rugeley Leisure Centre. We have been impressed at the confidence the students are showing and the high level of engagement they are having with all the different machines.

Previously, the group attended a Boxing class which involved learning footwork and basic punches. The sessions ended with circuit training and each student tried hard to beat their time from last week. It was impressive to watch them flipping a giant tyre and lifting a barrel above their heads!

END OF SPRING TERM ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday 20th March, we had a service with Reverend Jem.

Students with enough behaviour points enjoyed a Reward Day on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March to celebrate their hard work and achievements during the Spring term. Each tutor group had a fun-filled day; Students in 8JOv decided they would like to stay in school and play age-appropriate games on the Wii or bring in a toy of their choice. 9ABi played electronic and board games, enjoyed a film in the afternoon and had a McDonalds for lunch. Students in 10PWi took part in sporting activities, free drawing and watched movies in school. 11APa spent the day participating in class-based competitions and ordered a meal deal from Pizza Hut. Students in 11CWa went ten pin bowling in Walsall. Classes NWo and ISt went to Hednesford Park, followed by a meal at Hednesford Wetherspoons. Students from Sixth form went to the Puzzle Room in Cannock followed by a party buffet in school, and class RHu and EPa visited the Beach Hut and enjoyed a McDonalds for lunch.

On Friday 22nd March, students played Easter Bingo and we held an end of term assembly during the afternoon.

SPORTING TOURNAMENTS

Hednesford Valley High School U14 Basketball Team March 2024



Owen, Liam, Joel, Kayden, Kenzie, Jonny

Winners of the WMSSSA Basketball tournament hosted by Queenscroft School, Lichfield

Hednesford Valley	12	Vs	4	Two Rivers	Win
Hednesford Valley	10	Vs	6	Queenscroft	Win
Hednesford Valley	4	Vs	16	Southall	Loss

Final

Hednesford Valley 4 Vs 4 Southall

Hednesford Valley win with a Golden Basket in overtime.

Also, a big congratulations to Hednesford Valley High School U16 Basketball Team who were the winners of the WMSSSA Basketball tournament hosted by Queenscroft School, Lichfield!

For children aged 5-16 with a range of learning disabilities

YOUR PLACE TO PLAY

Chasetown Youth FC offer a **safe space** for children with a range of **learning disabilities** to enjoy football, with indoor facilities offering a **non-competitive** environment to enjoy the fun of football and **being part of a team!**

Training sessions are always structured to maximise the **learning experience** and above all, making sure everyone plays with a **big smile on their face.**

Every Thursday 6pm - 7pm at Chase Terrace Academy
FREE Taster Sessions Available!

For more information please call Jane Dyson on 07934 771858 or email chasetownyouthfc@gmail.com

SUMMER DINNER

MENU

The school dinner menu will remain the same for the Summer Term, starting with Week 2 from Monday 8th April.

ATTENDANCE

REMINDER: Please ensure that a message is left on the school absence line on every day of absence for your child.

We will not accept emails or calls to Reception to report your child's absence.

If you require a call-back regarding an absence related issue, please advise of this when leaving your message.

School Absence Line - 01543 423714 (option 1)

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

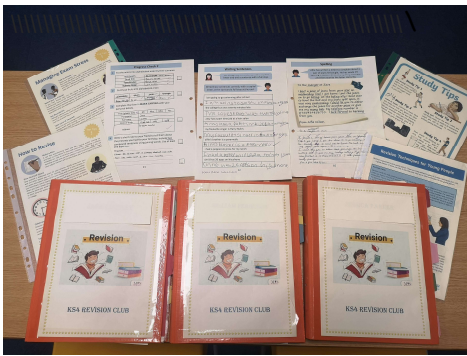
We run several after-school clubs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

LEGO CLUB

The students in LEGO Club were challenged to create their own vehicles. The students designed and built them without any instructions, they just used their imagination! They also drew their own LEGO characters following a video for instructions. We are super impressed with how they did!

REVISION CLUB

Mrs Rogers would like to say a big well done to her 3 year 11 students; William Fergusson (11CWa), Jack Langley (11CWa) and Jessica Parker (11APa), who have attended revision club every week from September 2023.



Group Poem: Animal Shape Poem

9.2.24

Dangerous, devilish demon
Roars with flames of hellfire
Araging roar as the dragon
Grows and flies
Over the bell-towers of heaven
Now, no-one is safe from its destructive path



ENGLISH & READING

RSt's English group wrote a fantastic group acrostic poem titled 'Animal Shape Poem'.

SPANISH ENRICHMENT DAY

On Friday 22nd March, our school hosted a Spanish Enrichment Day. The day was packed full of activities centred around a Spanish theme. As part of the day, students were invited to wear red and yellow, to celebrate the culture and language of Spain alongside raising money for Comic Relief.



LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

As part of Living in the Community work, we were lucky to have a visit from Cannock Fire Service.

Sam, Wes, Mark and Lee visited school in their fire truck and supported students in hosing staff cars and firing the water over the fence.

Students then enjoyed a Q&A with the fire officers about their roles in the Community.



LIFESKILLS HORSERIDING

Year 7KTu have completed their Lifeskills Horseriding sessions and have been awarded RDA Horse-care Level 1 and 2 and Riding Level 1. Thank you to everyone at Gartmore Riding School - we have all learned new skills and developed our confidence!



NSPCC

**Listen up
speak up**

**Free training to help
keep children safe**

It's up to all of us to keep children safe. That's why we're encouraging every adult in the UK to take our 10-minute digital training.

Our **Listen up, Speak up** training will show some signs a child might be at risk, and what you can do to help.

Sign up to our 10-minute digital training:
nspcc.org.uk/speakup



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SCHOOLS IN HARMONY

Hednesford Valley High have received a Lions Club trophy, in recognition of our support for Schools in Harmony.

Students from HVH 6th Form joined together with other local school children to perform at the annual Cannock Lions Club Theatre spectacular.

This a great achievement, and a big thank you goes to everyone involved.



Liberty Jamboree HAF and Easter Holiday Programme

Contact Maggi - maggi@liberty-staffordshire.co.uk
to book a space



	Morning Session 10-12 midday		12-1pm	Afternoon Session 1-3pm	
Monday 25 TH March	MAMA UK  Martial Arts and Yoga	Inclusive Easter Arts Project and Morning Shake up Drinks. Music Youth club Fun 	Lunch 	Afternoon Inclusive  Cricket Camp with Steve Lighfoot	Easter Baking And Easter Fun activities 
Tuesday 26 th March	All day Inclusive Football Camp 	Easter Arts Competitions Music  Youth club Fun	Lunch 	All day Inclusive Football Camp 	Easter Arts Group games and activities
Wednesday 27 th March	Easter Wreath Making Easter Egg Painting Wednesday Music Mix up Djing with Liam	Easter Olympics Nerf Wars	Lunch 	Afternoon Inclusive  Cricket Camp with Steve Lighfoot	Youth club fun Team Games Music fun with Liam
Thursday 28 th March	All day Inclusive Football Camp 	Easter Arts and Baking 	Lunch 	All day Inclusive Football Camp 	Easter Egg Making Team Games Music with Liam
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday Easter Fun Easter egg hunt Easter Bingo 	LET THE EASTER PARTY BEGIN 	Lunch 	Afternoon Inclusive  Cricket Camp with Steve Lighfoot	Singing and DJ set with Liam 

Liberty HAF and Easter Holiday Programme Taking place at Eastern House Eastern Avenue, Lichfield WS136RH



YOUTH SERVICE EASTER PROGRAM

11-16
YRS

8-11
YRS

26th -
28th
March

2nd -
4th
April

.Red Lion Carvery . Rugby.
Bike riding . Art project .
Football. Darts . Pool .
Multi sports .
. Arts N Crafts .
. Food Skills . Gardening .
Outdoor Crafts .
Geocaching . Media Skills .
Air Shooting. Animal Visit .
Drama Workshop AND
much much more....



BREAKFAST,
LUNCH & DINNER



15 ACTIVITIES



PARTY

REGISTER
NOW!

FREE

Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*



Children and Families
1 Staffordshire Place,
Tipping Street,
Stafford,
ST16 2DH

Tel: 0300 111 8000

Date: 29 February 2024

Dear parent/carer,

Holiday activities and food for your child – Booking opens 11th March, 4pm

HAF code: CC-016

We're delighted to confirm that your child is eligible for up to **4 places** on our Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. This includes a healthy meal with every place booked. Your child's place is funded by the Department of Education.

When does it start?

The Staffordshire HAF Programme will be run by different holiday clubs in your local area starting from **Monday 25 March until Friday 5 April 2024**. You can mix and match activities using different holiday clubs, or book with just one club.

What's on offer?

There are lots of different clubs to choose from in your area. Click the link to watch some of the clubs in action: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKtLb0_7gRw

New access to timetable of clubs and activities

To make booking easier, there will be a 'Book Now' button on our webpage when registration opens. This will now take you to Staffordshire Connects where you can [search by postcode](#) for clubs and activities close to where you live. The clubs and activities in your area will appear and you simply book using the details shown. You will need to quote your **HAF code** above.

Please note, the HAF code on this letter should be shown to the holiday club, to prove your child is eligible for a free place.

Non – Attendance

Please make sure your child turns up for the places booked. Food is ordered before the activities start based on number of children that have booked. To save any food waste, cancellations and sickness should be reported to the holiday club as soon as possible. The club can then offer places and food to children on their waiting list. Failure to notify the club could result in your other booked sessions being offered to another child.

Booking will open from 4pm on Monday 11th March. Places fill up fast, please book as soon as possible at: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities or scan the QR code below.

If you need help booking, you can contact your local Family Hub or library. Details of their opening hours can be found at Staffordshire.gov.uk.

Please only book for the sessions your child is committed to attend. We hope that your child enjoys the activities on offer and has lots of fun.

Yours faithfully,

Staffordshire County Council



INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I sit down to share with you the highlights of the past term at our school. Firstly, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all parents and carers for their ongoing support during the recent class and school closures. The decision to close was not taken lightly, but the health and safety of our students and staff are always our top priority.

Despite the challenges, this term has been filled with exciting events and activities for our students, as detailed in our newsletter. Personally, I thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the students in Spanish today!

Looking ahead to the summer term, I am delighted to share that we have contractors scheduled to begin the redevelopment of our new sensory rooms over the Easter holidays. This addition to our school promises to benefit all of our students and enhance their learning experience.

We are also actively preparing for the implementation of our revised curriculum, set to commence in September 2024.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the staff at our school. This term presented challenges with staff illness, yet the team's unwavering dedication and collaboration ensured that our students continued to receive a positive education and experience.

As we approach the break, I wish you all a happy, safe, and restful holiday period. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Stokes



Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please note that some dates may change)

April 2024

- ☑ 8th - Students return to school after Easter break
- ☑ 16th - Staff twilight training - *No after-school clubs*

June 2024

- ☑ 3rd - Students return to school after May Half Term Holiday
- ☑ 4th - Staff twilight training - *No after-school clubs*
- ☑ 20th - Leavers Party
- ☑ 21st - Last Day for Leavers
- ☑ 27th & 28th - Year 6 Transition Days

May 2024

- ☑ 2nd & 3rd - D of E Bronze Award Year 10
- ☑ 6th - Bank Holiday (May Day) - SCHOOL CLOSED
- ☑ 21st - 23rd - D of E Gold Practice Expedition
- ☑ 24th - INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- ☑ 27th - 31st - May Half Term Holiday

July 2024

- ☑ 3rd - Careers Fayre
- ☑ 3rd - New Parents/Carers Evening
- ☑ 5th - Coffee Morning for Year 6 Parents/Carers
- ☑ 17th - End of Year Disco
- ☑ 18th - Reward Day
- ☑ 19th - Last Day of School & End of Year Sports Day
- ☑ 22nd - INSET Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

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