



WEEKLY PARENT BULLETIN NO 25 – WEEK A

Week Commencing 18 th March 2024	
Monday 18 th March	
Tuesday 19 th March	9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Primary School PE Tournament (Pillowell, Bream, Yorkley, Parkend, Lydney C of E, Woolaston)
Wednesday 20 th March	9.00 – 3.00 p.m. Year 8 Bath University trip
Thursday 21 st March	Year 11 Reports to Parents 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Year 11 Mock Assembly 4.30 p.m. – 7.45 p.m. Year 11 Parents Evening
Friday 22 nd March	Non-Uniform Day in aid of the Year 11 Prom - £1.00 students can wear non uniform and will be entered into an Easter Egg raffle. 12.45 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Year 8 trip to Cotswold School as part of the MFL Curriculum (back in school by 5.30 p.m.) Term 4 ends at 3.15 p.m.

We wrote to you this week setting out important changes to our behaviour system – a copy of that letter can be found [here](#). We recognise that, because our school is growing quickly, we need to adapt to ensure that lessons in our school continue to be disruption free so that every child makes exceptional progress. Leaders have spoken with a range of students and staff and gathered views and the overwhelming feedback is that these changes will be positive and are coming at a good time. The changes we are proposing come into effect on Monday 8th April (1st day back after Easter) so please do engage with the proposals and speak to your child.

We are looking forward to seeing parents of Year 11 students on Thursday either to join us when your child opens their mock exam results (!) or at parents evening which begins straight afterwards. If you have not yet booked a slot (at either) you can do so using the links in [this letter](#).

Next Friday we will be having a non-school uniform day to raise money to put towards Year 11 Prom. All students in the school are able to wear non-school uniform and we ask they drop £1 into a bucket on the way into school.

There are lots of amazing achievements from our students in this week's bulletin – well done to all of our students who were recognised at our Music Awards evening last week, our newest wave of Bronze badge winners, and the INCREDIBLE Emily S in Year 9 who has completed Lexia (this means in excess of 100 hours of engagement, 30 hours this year and has been on the programme since Year 7) with her reading age jumping by an amazing 5.2 years! Well done to everyone.

Just a reminder that we are going into the final week of this term and we break up for the Easter break next Friday at 15:15.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th March to 5th April 2024

Easter Holiday

8th April 2024

Start of Term 5

ENJOYMENT

ACHIEVEMENT

COMMUNITY

Congratulations to the following weekly winners of our attendance raffle week ending 8th March 2024:

KS3 – Jack B – Year 7

KS4 – Gemma M – Year 11

MUSIC AWARDS

Mr Peacock presented some more music awards and certificates to our talented students in recognition of their outstanding musical achievements and dedication to the subject – well done!



Finley S



BRONZE AWARDS

Congratulations to our Year 7 students who were presented with their Bronze Award badges by Mr Glynn this week. There are four different badges for students to earn in school and they are Community, Kindness, Above & Beyond and Resilience & Excellence. Well done!



Toby H, Wilf W, Carolina DSD, Maxwell T, Sofia B, Caleb M, Travis H, Lexi B, Max H

LEXIA AWARDS

Massive congratulations to Emily in Year 9 who was presented with a certificate by Mr Brand this morning for her fantastic work completing the Lexia Programme. Lexia is a programme that is used to support students in developing their literacy skills. Students work on units in Word Study, Grammer, and Comprehension. Emily has shown determination and resilience. This dedication and hard work by Emily to complete Lexia will support her learning and progress across all her subjects. This is a really significant achievement; Emily we are very proud of you.



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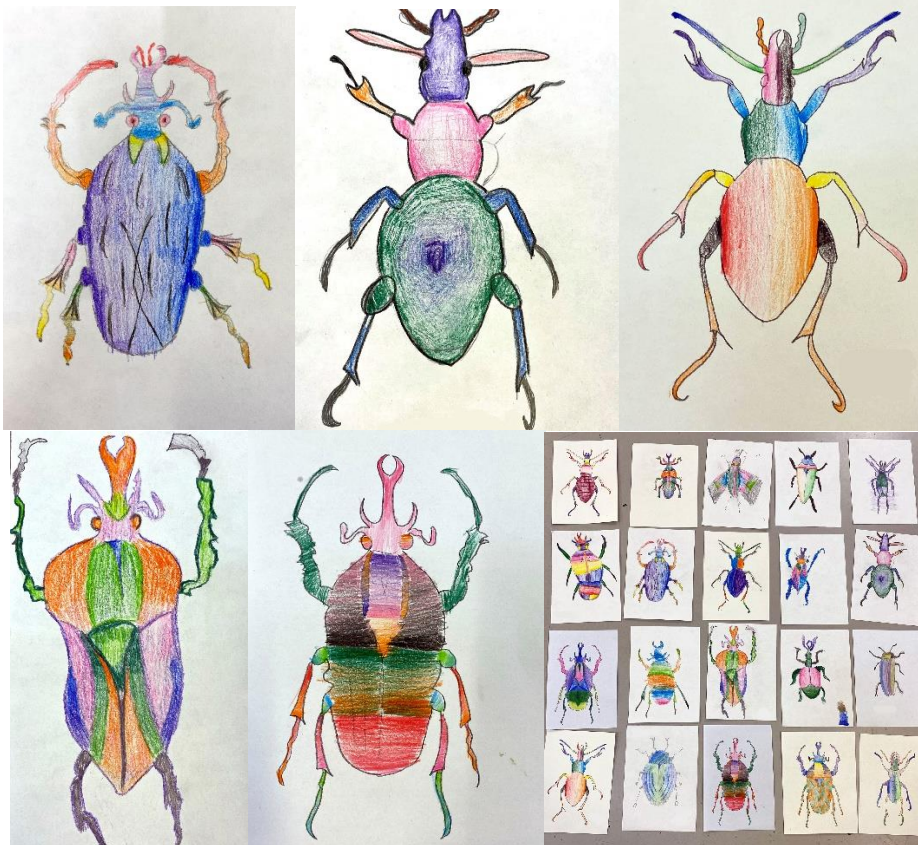
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PRIMARY TRANSITION – ART WORKSHOP

Pupils from St Briavels Primary School visited The Dean Academy this week for a special Art Workshop with Mrs Charles and they all did a fantastic job creating these colourful bugs! Great work.





YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

Year 11s are continuing with their morning revisions sessions. Students are working so very hard and we look forward to seeing this pay off in their results this summer.



WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

The English Department were really impressed with the World Book Day 2024 competition entries from students on 'Why Are Books Important?' Eliza in Year 7 wrote this fantastic speech and Ashley in Year 7 created this beautiful poster! Great Work.

Why Reading Is Important!

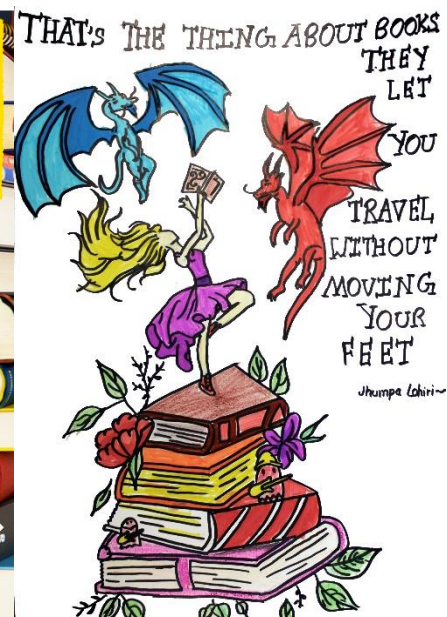
Some people say, "Why do I have to read, it's so boring?" It is those who ask that question who truly don't know how important reading really is. Reading is probably the most important thing you will ever learn. Reading is really important because without reading you might not be able to write. Reading helps improve your writing in English and stories. Reading helps improve your vocabulary. For example, you have the word fast - with reading you would be using even better words for it like rapid, brisk, nimble and sprightly. Now think of all your learning as if it is a tree. Well then reading would be the roots and trunks of your tree, and every time you learn something new your tree would grow and soon would be as big as it possibly can. But if you are someone who never reads, you're basically starting your tree with leaves, but then it would just fall. That is just one way you could think of how important reading is.

Another way of thinking about it is like the stepping stones of life. If you don't read, you're basically trying to miss a step. But that could result in falling.

Reading isn't all about the learning. Sometimes I would read at night to switch my brain off. Reading is sometimes like TV in your head. It doesn't really matter what you read. Whether it's fantasy, horror or humour. It doesn't even have to be that challenging like if you want an easy read. That's why reading really is important!

By Eliza (Year 7), World Book Day 2024

Eliza K



Ashley K



Another superb entry for the World Book Day Competition.

WHY WERE BOOKS CREATED?

Books were created to store history, tell stories and share information about the planet that we live on.

WHY DO PEOPLE LOVE BOOKS SO MUCH?

Books are a magical treasure that need to be respected.

Books can take their readers away from whatever situation, place or even planet that they are on or into worlds of Unicorns, Wizards, Dragons, Thieves and so on.

ARE ALL KINDS OF BOOKS RESPECTED?

Sadly, not all books are allowed in certain countries.

As of 2023, India has been recognised as the country that has banned the most books in the world.

The book that has been mostly banned throughout the world is 1984 by George Orwell.

By Sakina Year 10

Sakina D

SPANISH

¡Tres, dos, uno y vamos! Some of our Year 9 Spanish Superstars have been getting very competitive to win lots of Excellence and Resilience points this week as they raced to complete challenging GCSE translations and writing tasks! Wow! ¡Fantástico!



Alfie B



Grace WP, Freddie D, Regan M



Kieran M

ART

Here are some lovely, layered patterns completed by Y8 students. They have been learning to create their own African style patterns - using African animal patterns and African block print patterns as their inspiration.



Lily-M J



Ava S



Layla W



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Abi P



Daisy B



Ava W



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Emily H



Ellie P



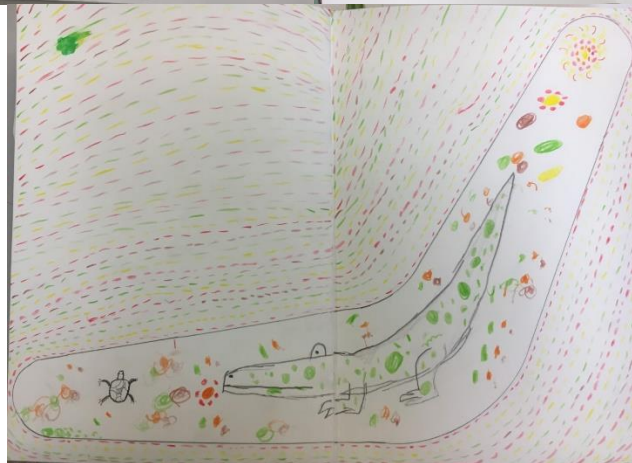
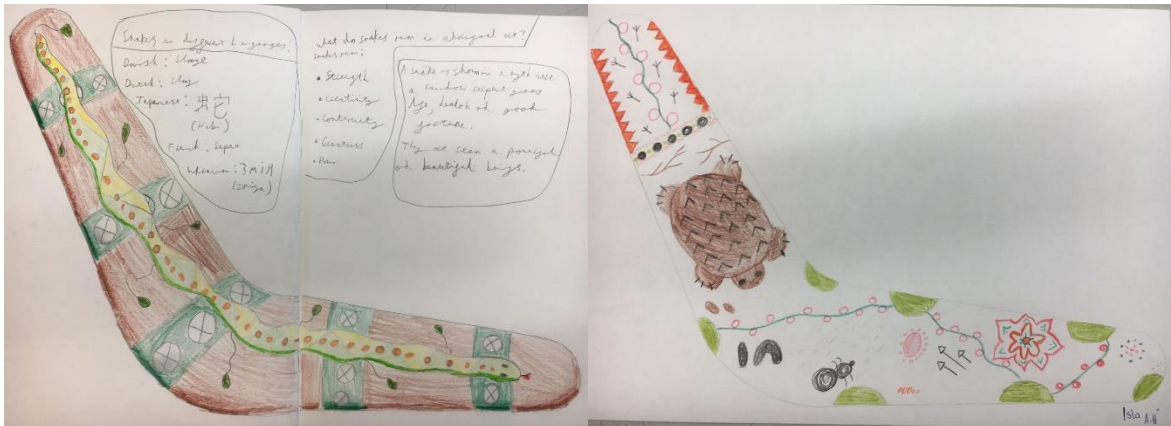
Stan H



Kacie S



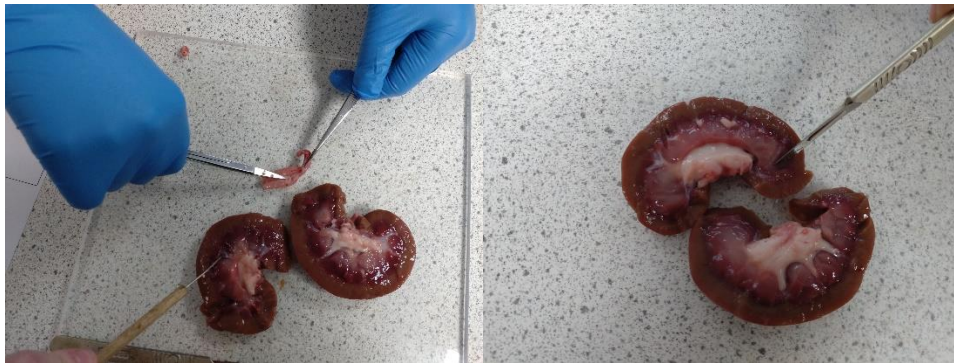
Year 7s in Art are looking at Aboriginal Art and are beginning to design brilliant boomerangs with animals from Australia and Aboriginal symbols.





SCIENCE

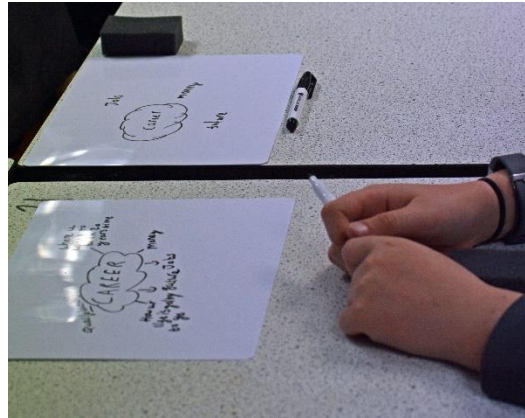
Year 10s were learning about homeostasis and water control dissecting a kidney in Mr Webb's Science class this week.



ASPIRATIONS

Representatives from GROWS UK came and spoke to our Year 8s this week to discuss careers and aspirations. They are starting to look at different career options and future education pathways.





WRITER OF THE WEEK

THE DEAN ACADEMY WRITER OF THE WEEK

Bang

He was ready to die, his hands ready to fire. In his own head everything rushing back to him as the hand was shaking terrified to shoot.

Eyes tearing up as friends entered his mind the loneliness of it leaving him empty. A friend screaming as a tank swallows them whole, as he watched like a ghost. The bitterness choking water streaming down the sullen boy as he watched eating him whole as many men run past pushing against the dirt.

Mud stuck to him like a fly, removing himself, cries for help overlap each other he ran, ran, ran to the enemies wishing to be shot.

Hunched over into a shed his own gun in his own hand shooting once in the eye still remained alive as another shot hit him smashing him to the ground, BANG. He was dead like a fly squashed on the ground.

By Lily in Year 10



MFL AMBASSADORS

We are so proud to introduce our latest wonderful MFL Ambassador, Ellie in Year 8! Ellie has been phenomenal in sharing her love of language and culture with others through amazing presentations and creative pieces! We are so proud of you! Here you can see Finley and Ellie starting to plan some more exciting MFL projects! Magnificent work!



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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

In Photography Club last week, students took photographs around the school site with a Kodak No 3 camera which is over 100 years old, using 120 film. This week, they are very much looking forward to developing the film to see how the images came out - we're keeping our fingers crossed!



Olivia C, Sophie H & Lydia JB



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ZOOLOGY CLUB

Meet Terry the turtle, our new addition to Zoology Club. Students have been learning all about him and helping to look after him. We hope that he is feeling settled and enjoying his new home! Our fantastic Zoology Club members are as busy as ever helping Miss Musto to look after all of the amazing animals in Science!



Terry the Turtle



Arwen H & Beatrice L



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Abi Grace P

Ava & Amber S



STEP UP TASTER DAY AT GLOSCOL, CINDERFORD

Three of our Year 11 student were fortunate to have an exciting opportunity to attend a Step Up Taster Day at GosCol Cinderford. They got to meet their tutor, experience some lessons, meet other students and participate in some team building activities, as well as sample the delights of the college campus food!

This is the review of their day.

Mrs McCoy- Assistant SENCo

On the 13th March I went with two friends, Josh and Corey, to Gos college in Cinderford to see George Risby who was a tutor.

We looked around the college and we had a game which we had to build a tower out of paper and Sellotape. We also met some new people at the college. It was fun, insane and amazing.

We learnt a lot and we learnt what to do at the College. We found out information about the College, the facilities were nice and there were lots of toilets in the building.

We went to school then from school we took the minibus from school to college. Then when we got there, we saw George and he took us to a classroom where we waited for everyone else to arrive. At lunch we went to the canteen and had good food and there were lots of choices. We sat together.

When I go to college, I would like to do a course for First Step Employment.

Overall it was a fantastic day with lots of fun and I would love to go there again.

From Seb, Josh and Corey Year 11 students



KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS PRODUCTION

Thank you to Oliver, Liam and Brandon from Narrative Alchemy who visited our Year 7s this week to deliver a hard-hitting interactive play dealing with the difficult issue of knife crime called 'Breaking the Chain' which aims to not only raise awareness but to also kick-start conversations and build resilience.

The increasing problem of knife crime is rarely out of the news. Dangers can come from any area of life including the internet and social media platforms but also through friendship groups and people known to the young people themselves.



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The best protection we can give to young people is knowledge of the dangers so that they are aware and can protect themselves, as well as letting them know where they can go for help and support if they are worried.

The production was funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Gloucestershire Constabulary and supported by Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership, Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning and all Partner Agencies in the county.





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