



STUDENT COLLEGE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DATE 02.02.2024

Dates For Your Diary

See the back page for important forthcoming events



Did You Know?

There are a range of STEM activities that run in the school. We have Science Club every Monday and Robotics Club on Fridays in E1. The article on page 2 looks at the continued links that the school has with Warwick University and Mr van den Top explains how the university have been useful in providing their facilities at their School of Life Sciences.

Well done to Izzie, who has won a writing competition - including £250 worth of resources for the school. We have so many talented students at Lyng Hall and it is always pleasing to see that others outside of school see their quality and creativity. Huge congratulations Izzie.

The school reward's system continues to grow. You will have seen in previous newsletters how students can receive badge awards, college postcards and value badges—see page 6.

One of the new servery hatches is opening next week and will offer students who excel the opportunity for a 'no-queue' service. In addition, the year group with the most points will win the chance to go to early lunch first. Lots of reasons to show the right attitude to learning.

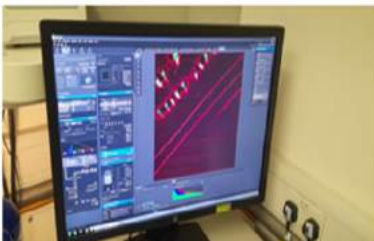
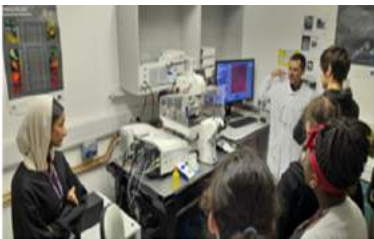
We had Year 9 parents' evening this week, with options advice available. It was lovely to see so many parents on the evening and be able to answer the many questions asked which will help the children make the best 'next step' choice.

We are Lyng Hall

STEM

A level Biology students need to learn about the uses and functions of scanning and transmission electron microscopes as well as about laser scanning microscopes (like the confocal microscope). Unfortunately, no school has the financial means to own these microscopes, which means this practical subject is usually only covered using theory.

However, after contacting the University of Warwick, we were able to visit their Imaging Suite, which will increase all year 12 and 13 pupils' knowledge on these microscopes and provide some practical experience. Moreover, we were offered the possibility of some work experience places.



Following the visit, year 13 students were invited to write a short proposal for a simple research project. Four pupils submitted a project and spent 2 days working alongside the university staff in the Imaging Suite which resulted in the generation of some excellent images and a real feel for science in higher education. It will also be a beneficial addition to their imminent UCAS forms.



The pupils learned a lot and really enjoyed the experience and pupils stated: "We enjoyed learning about and working on state of the art microscopes. It also gave us a real insight into university life and working in a lab. This experience has really motivated and inspired us to pursue an academic career in the future"

We would like to thank Ian Hands Portman for making the visit and work experience possible and supporting the pupils on the Confocal microscope, with the help of Dr Saskia Bakker on the EM microscope.

We Are Lyng Hall - Competition Success!

We were very pleased to hear of Izzie's success in a Key Stage 4 writing competition . We are hoping to share the piece in a future newsletter.

Below is the letter that the school received - congratulations!

*I am delighted to share some exciting news with you; **Izzie Bielakovski** has been selected as the winner in the Key Stage 4 Fiction category of the Bedrock Young Authors competition for their exceptional story, "Anchored Deep."*

We were blown away by the quality of all of the entries that we received, making Izzie's achievement all the more significant. It is a testament to their creativity and skill as a young writer.

As a reward for this outstanding accomplishment, a version of Izzie's story will be featured in the Bedrock Learning digital Library, available to all Bedrock users to read and learn from. Additionally, Izzie has earned a £250 book voucher **for their school** and a Bedrock goodie bag filled with exciting freebies as a personal reward.*

**Please note, as the content in our digital library is designed to include challenging language and stories that are suitable for all learners we may be required to edit Young Authors stories that are featured.*

The book voucher and goodie bag will be dispatched directly to Lyng Hall, for the attention of Miss Hagan.

Keep your eyes on our social media, where we will be officially announcing the winners to the public!

Thank you once again for nurturing the talents of young writers like Izzie. We look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in the literary world.



THE AWARD-WINNING LITERACY PLATFORM FOR SCHOOLS

**A love of learning
through language**

College – Dragon

Dragon College

We are still in 4th place in the championship, BUT we have time to change all of that.

Remember:

- be in lesson
- be on time
- work hard and complete your work



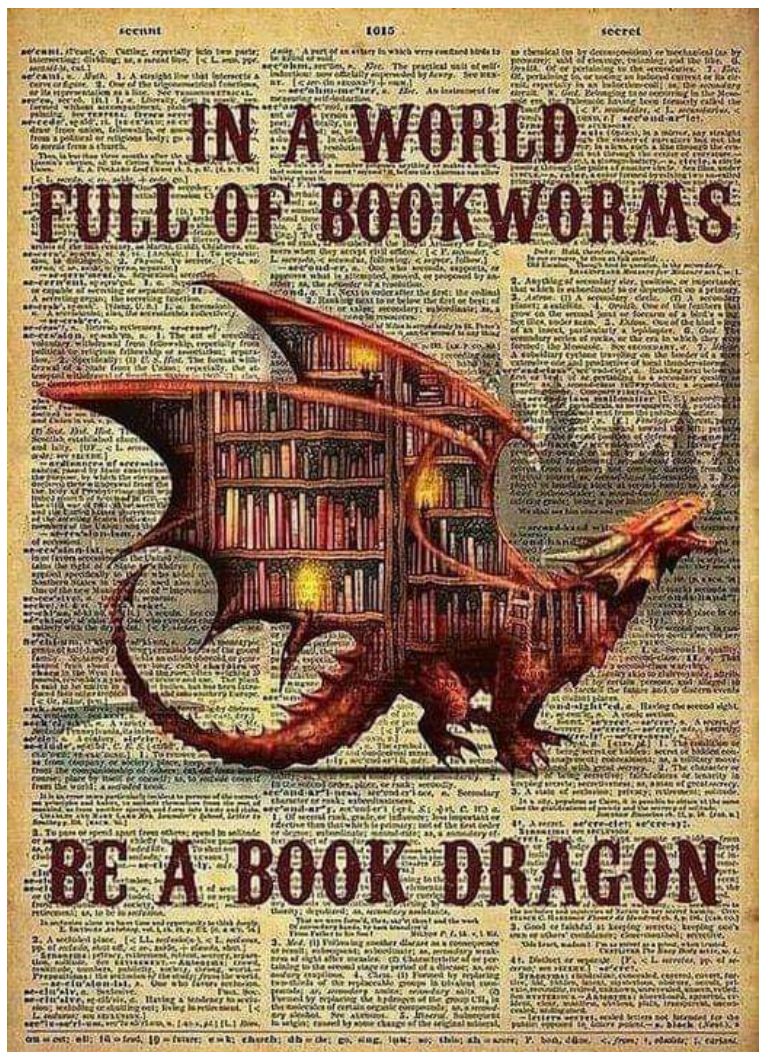
That's all that is needed to gain those points.

This image was sent to me by Ms McPhillimey in English. I couldn't not include this in the newsletter this week for two reasons.

1. It is a beautiful piece of artwork, very fitting for school in general.
2. It has a strong message attached. Reading makes you stronger, it helps you grow, it improves your understanding of yourself and the world. Reading is a way to escape, to explore, to create. It isn't a chore, it's an opportunity.

We should all aim to be a book dragon

Mrs Coletta



College – Dragon

Dragon College



If it's nice it's a better place to be

It's free to show respect so why not?!

It's important so others enjoy it more and it's a happy place for everybody

So everything works and nothing breaks

'Respect the school environment'

Dragon thoughts for this week

To keep it nice and clean for others

To ensure stuff is there for everyone and there isn't the money to replace everything all the time

A tidy environment is a tidy mind

To show our respect and appreciation for the school

Respect

- 1 YOURSELF**
 - I DO MY BEST
 - I MOVE SAFELY
 - I STAY IN MY BUBBLE
- 2 OTHERS**
 - I LISTEN
 - I SPEAK KINDLY
 - I PROBLEM SOLVE
- 3 ENVIRONMENT**
 - I PUT THINGS AWAY
 - I TREAT THINGS WITH CARE
 - I USE AN INSIDE VOICE



College – Update

Last week a huge number of Value dot badges were awarded in our college assemblies. It was great to see that so many pupils have been working hard to earn themselves one of our college badges, getting closer to achieving the ultimate, purple badge! There were also a number of pupils whom joined the 1000 points club and took away a bronze badge. Receiving this so early on in the year means that a silver badge could easily be gained before the summer - lets aim big!

What Badges Can I Earn? Achievement Point Badges



Bronze:
1000 points



Silver:
1500 points



Gold:
2000 points

Value Badges



Green:
4 empathy
postcard
nominations



Red:
4 determination
postcard
nominations



Blue:
4 responsibility
postcard
nominations



Yellow:
4 resilience
postcard
nominations



Purple:
achieve all four
of the coloured
dot badges

A reminder to all that postcard nominations will be worth double-points next week - 200 points each! This could make a huge difference to the college league positions. Could we have a new college in first place after half-term?



LYNG HALL SCHOOL

SEND Coffee Meeting

Wednesday 21st February
1.00pm
Lyng Hall School Conference Centre

A chance to ask questions from the SEND team and meet other parents at the school who have children with SEND.

**Cakes and
Drinks
Provided**

**Clare and Emma
from the EP
service will also
be available to
offer support
and advice.**



Did You Know? Support:

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive certain benefits such as income support. Queries can be directed to Coventry City Council. Tel: 024768337733 or Email: freeschoolmeals@coventry.gov.uk Applications can be made through: www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforfreeschoolmeals

SCHOOL

To purchase food in the school dining room, money must be paid onto ParentPay as we are a cashless school. Login through: <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>

If you experience any problems with this, please contact your child's pastoral year coordinator.

LYNG HALL SCHOOL

TRAVEL

If you live more than 2 miles from the school, your child may be eligible for a free bus pass. For information on how a student would qualify for a pass please visit:

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolbuspasses>.

Applications: www.coventry.gov.uk/applyforatravelpass

Queries: Tel: 02476975445 or Email:

If your child out-grows their blazer but it is still in very good condition, they may be able to swap their blazer for a bigger size, if our stock allows.

UNIFORM

We accept uniform donations. Please drop any items that you no longer need or require in to school reception.

If you are struggling with the cost of items of the uniform, we will do our best to try and help you. Contact your child's pastoral year coordinator in the first instance

We Are Lyng Hall

Lyng Hall Uniform Donations

We have been informed by our pupils that they sometimes out-grow their uniform during the year and therefore buy new items. We would like to take the opportunity to ask that any uniform that you may be replacing, or not using, is kindly donated to the school.

The uniform does not have to be in brand new condition but be relatively good quality (not ripped or stained) and can include PE kit, winter coats, shoes etc.

Pupils and/or parents can hand the uniform donations into the school reception at any point in time throughout the year. We greatly appreciate all donations that have been made previously and any that we receive in the future.

Thank you,

Miss Gaggini

School Calendar

Monday 05 February 2024 - Warwick University English workshop

Tuesday 06 February 2024 - A level Art trip

Wednesday 07 February 2024 - Finham Park MAT Mandarin Intensive Learning Day

Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February 2024 is Half Term