

MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

World Book Day which took place yesterday, was another fantastic success this year, with both students and staff getting involved. It was amazing to see so many students, particularly our Year 7s, getting dressed up in their best book character costumes for this international day of celebrating everything to do with literature and reading. Doubly exciting was the mission given by our students in our Years 7 and 8 English Nurture Groups who challenged staff to produce the best department costumes. The students worked hard on editing pictures and videos in order to encourage staff to get creative, as well as assigning each department an author and their books to choose their character costumes from. The students now have the big (and difficult) task of awarding staff prizes next week. The race is already on for next year!

Mrs Pearson, Associate Headteacher

Vacancies

A number of vacancies have arisen to work for various Schools within the trust:

- Director of Mathematics - Sir John Talbot's School.
- Teacher of History - The Marches School.
- Leader of Art and Photography - The Marches School.
- Director of English and Drama – The Grove School.
- Class Teacher KS1- Tilstock C of E Primary School.

Please visit: <http://marchesschool.co.uk/information/job-vacancies/> for further details regarding the positions.

Success at Music Festival

Congratulations to all those that took part in the annual Music Festival held in Oswestry. This year over 20 students participated from the Marches, from year groups 7 to 13 and it proved to be a resounding success. Drums, clarinet, flute, violin, cello and piano were performed. There were also singing and musical theatre performances. The Chairman of the competition was extremely impressed with the standard of the students who performed varying pieces. These included J.S. Bach, Fingí, Wilson, Dvorak, Hurwitz and many others.

First prize went to Florence Harvey who won the overall Youth Music Competition against very stiff opposition and was also presented with the John Cassin Memorial Trophy for her string solo. Charlotte Garton achieved first prize and was presented with the Gill Bowler Trophy for her String Solo and teamed up with Jenny Cyffin-Jones who together won the Stans Superstore Trophy for Instrumental Duet. Brass Solo first prize and trophy was presented to Alex Young. With the Drum Solo being awarded to Fergus Young who took first prize and trophy.



Fantastic results were also achieved by Danny Gittens who achieved second prize in the Brass Solo competition and Fergus Young, who attained second prize in the Under 12s Percussion Solo. Third place and the Des Western Trophy went to Louis Faux, with Polly Barkely achieving third place in the 15's and under solo.

Year 7 student, Elsa Von der Horst was commended for her piano playing in The Way Ahead Junior category and Year 11 student, Will Bachelor was commended for his 'beautiful lyrical' piano playing. Many of the students also played in the Porthywaen Band, which won all of the following categories: Chamber Music, Full Band, Under 12s Brass Ensemble, Under 12s Percussion Ensemble and Under 15s Percussion Ensemble.

Spanish Exchange Trip

During half-term, 17 students from the Marches took part in the Spanish Exchange Trip. The students had a fantastic time, spending the week staying with Spanish families, where they learnt about the vibrant culture and continued to develop their language skills.

Throughout the week, the students experienced lessons in a Spanish school, spent time exploring the medieval castles in the nearby towns of Javier, Olite and Leyre. They also took part in a treasure hunt around the town of Vitoria, strolled along the beach in San Sebastian and walked the route of the famous San Fermin Bull Run ending up in the bull ring.



The students learnt a great deal from the week and made many good friends. There were tears on departure with students having to say goodbye to their new Spanish friends, with members of the group stating they had experienced the best time they had ever had and did not want to go home!

If you would like to take part in an exchange, visit Spain and improve on your Spanish skills, please see Miss Pearce about next year's exchange.

World Book Day

On Thursday, as a school we celebrated World Book Day. It is a fantastic opportunity to bring some of our best-loved and favourite characters to life whilst encouraging reading. Staff were given the 'mission' by our English Nurture Groups to come dressed in 'disguise' as a character from the books of famous authors to 'spy' on the authors themselves. Students were also encouraged to dress up, with a multitude of fantastic and creative outfits on display!



A group of students were also delighted to be invited to the Houses of Parliament to celebrate World Book Day. The Marches hosted the event and took some of our local primary school pupils to experience this special event in London. The day started with a range of activities celebrating the love of books, then a tour of the Houses of Parliament. The pupils had a fantastic day and we look forward to welcoming them to the Marches School soon.



Bonington – 1431

Mallory – 1533

Whittaker – 1354

Hargreaves – 1432

Stephens - 1414

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