

BEYOND THE GREEN LINE

Spring is officially here!

We're now on issue six of the Beyond the Green Line Newsletter! We hope you're enjoying the new format and reading about the fantastic lessons and activities taking place in and out of school.

We're also well into the second half of the Winter term and we're delighted to see signs of Spring popping up all over our beautiful school grounds. The days are getting longer and we're looking forward to the brighter weather making an appearance.

As always, we love to have your feedback so we can continually improve, so if there's anything you'd like to see in our newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact us by email office@honley.tlt.school.



Best wishes

Liz Lord

Year 8 Marine Biology Research Project

Through their Science lesson, a group of thirty of our Year 8 students took part in a Marine Biology Research Project on coral reefs and the effect of global warming.

As part of the project, students had the amazing opportunity to take part in a live Q&A with Marine Biologist Matt Doherty from the Cayman Islands. Matt talked about his interesting career and answered questions regarding marine species and the importance of coral and how we can protect it for future generations.

Students produced some beautiful research boards and learnt lots of new information to add to their Science knowledge.

Thank you to Matt Doherty and Mr Restall for organising - we can't wait for more opportunities like this.

External presenters can help inspire and enrich our students learning and expand their horizons. If you have a career you'd be happy to talk about with our students, we'd love to hear from you! Get in touch by emailing office@honley.tlt.school.



YEAR 7 BIKEABILITY

Congratulations to a group of our Year 7 students who recently braved the rain and completed their Bikeability Level 3 training.

The brilliant Bikeability Instructors, taught our students about road safety and awareness; including the importance of understanding how to travel on main roads and how to manoeuvre safely around bends and roundabouts.

Despite the wet weather, students put their learning into practice and cycled around Honley, Berry Brow and Meltham.

All students represented the school impeccably and this was noted by the Bikeability instructors who said "Honley High School was one of the most pleasant groups we've worked with in a long time."

A huge well done to our students and thank you to the Bikeability Instructors and to Mr Thewlis, Pennine Sports Partnership, for providing this opportunity to equip our students with the skills and confidence to be safe on the roads.



Comic Relief - Friday 15 March 2024

Our student charity group have been busy organising a 'Silly Sports Day' to raise important funds for Comic Relief. 'Silly Sports Day' will take place at 12.20pm in the Sports Hall on Friday 15 March 2024.

Students are invited to take part in teams (max of 6) for an entry fee of £2. They will then take part in a number of silly events which could be anything from an egg and spoon race, sack race to a three legged race. There will also be a staff 'tug-of-war'!

All students are encouraged to get involved and take part or cheer on their favourite team - entry for spectators will be 50p on the day.

Friday 15 March will also be a **non-uniform day** to help raise additional funds for Comic Relief. Suggested £1 donation to be collected on the Green Line on the day.

If you'd like to run a stall on Silly Sports Day, or have any questions, please see Miss Nash in A1 or the Science Office.

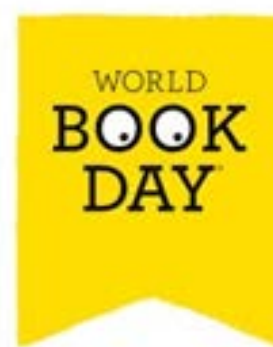
#GoTeamHonley!



LIBRARY NEWS

World Book Day - Friday 8 March

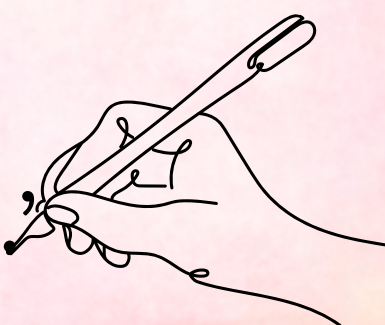
Mrs Ackroyd and our English Department have planned lots of exciting activities and competitions for World Book Day which we are holding on Friday 8 March.



Please check out our last newsletter or visit our [website](#) to find out some of the book-tastic activities students can get involved in!

Creative Writing Competition

Write a story which ends:
'...and that was how it all began'



Word limit: 400 words

Entries to: Miss Harvatt, C6

Deadline: Friday 22 March 2024

1st Prize = £20 voucher

2nd Prize = £10 voucher

3rd Prize = £5 voucher

WINNERS

GET CAUGHT READING

We are delighted to announce our Winter Term 1 Get Caught Reading Winners!

Congratulations to:

Harry Burton 7g
Evie Wells 7i
Ruby Eastwood 8d
Nathan Bradbury 9f
Sophie Brown 9h

Prizes are available to collect from Mrs Ackroyd, Librarian



FOR THE OF READING

We ask our teachers and support staff what they love about reading. This week, Mr Walden, Teacher of History is in the spotlight!

What was your favourite childhood book?

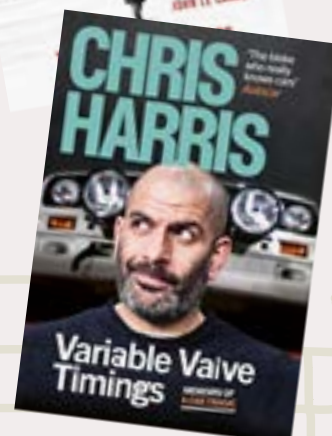
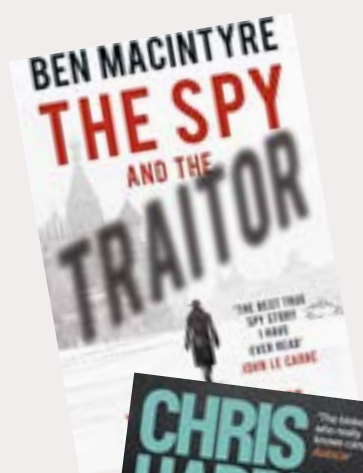
The 'The Fib and Other Stories' by George Layton - I still have my childhood copy! I liked it because the stories were funny and about everyday things so it was very relatable. It was also the book our Primary Deputy Head used to read in assembly and the way he read it captured my imagination.

What have you read recently that you enjoyed?

I'm currently reading *Variable Valve Timings* by Chris Harris - a book about his life and his obsession with cars. It's interesting to reminisce as he grew up at a similar time to me. Another book I loved recently was *The Spy and the Traitor* by Ben Macintyre - this is about a Cold War spy who is working for British Intelligence. It's a gripping book about a real-life spy and the problems he encounters. I love to learn about the Cold War and this book just grabbed my attention.

Why do you choose to read?

I read biographies, autobiographies and History books to learn about people and their experiences. If I don't have time to read, I use audiobooks so I can listen to them as I do other things.



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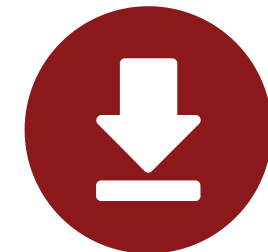


Top tips for supporting children who are experiencing bullying

Sometimes bullying can be hard to identify and difficult to put a stop to.

Download this week's National Online Safety Guide to learn ten top tips to support young people who are being bullied.

Download the guide here



Anti-bullying

We take bullying very seriously at Honley High School. If you are a student and you feel you are being bullied or you are worried about a friend, please speak to a member of staff in school - we are here to help.

If you are a parent or carer and you have concerns for your child, please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance, as they will know your child the best.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Further information about key dates will be sent nearer the time of the event.

	<u>Year 11 Mock Exams</u>	Monday 4 - Thursday 14 March 2024
	Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block B	Monday 4 March 2024
	Year 10 Geography Trip to Liverpool	Monday 4 March 2024
	Year 10 History Trip	Monday 4 March 2024
	Year 9 Options Taster Day	Wednesday 6 March 2024
	Year 9 Immunisations	Thursday 7 March 2024
	Year 9 Progress Evening	Thursday 7 March 2024
	Year 10 Drop Down Day – Block D	Friday 8 March 2024

PLEASE NOTE: DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Action for Happiness

Learning to live mindfully helps us get more out of life and cope better in difficult times.

Join us and Action for Happiness for Mindful March and find ways to approach each day with awareness and compassion.

Find out more



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mindful March 2024	1. Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2. Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world	3. Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive	4. Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words	5. Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	6. If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	7. Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day
	8. Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food	9. Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	10. Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face	11. Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	12. Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	13. Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today	14. Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do
	15. Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly	16. Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	17. Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant	18. Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels	19. Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	20. Focus on what makes you and others happy today	21. Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else
	22. Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult	23. Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them	24. Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25. Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26. Choose to spend less time looking at screens today	27. Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are	28. Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible
	29. Choose a different route today and see what you notice	30. Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling	31. Discover the joy in the simple things of life				