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WHAT OUR SCHOOL EMBARKED ON THIS MONTH

The Delightful Excursion to Doncaster

Weeks of convincing, passed, however, the abrupt snow left us questioning our excitement. Notifications bombarding every household and continuous phone calls being made, a panic had finally been addressed., Confirmation of our journey was proclaimed.

Despite having a brain, frying biology, lesson, two hours prior to the journey, I still managed to pack and go shopping – talk about a record. The entire situation was stressful, but I miraculously made it on time. I rushed to the coach in hopes they weren't ready to set off. After handing my human-sized suitcase to the coach driver, I walked in with a large Home Bargains carrier bag. The entire college population, glared at me, aghast at my abrupt presents. I waddled down the coach's walkway, dragging my home bargains, and snacks, free and sat comfortably in relief. I catch my breath while I rummage for something to quench my thirst as a coach driver sets off to our destination.

Hawazen Elarbi Year 13

Zainab, Rashid, (year 12) accounts for her experience

"The experience was new. The long colt tried, opened my eyes and gave me a refreshed feeling. The views resort was beautiful, something we'd never seen before. Being on a long coach ride with loved ones felt amazing. I felt a next-level feeling of happiness. When we reached our destination, the cool breeze brushed across my hijab. The look of our accommodations really does as it was spacious and better than what we had imagined. Every day was an adventure, not knowing what we were going to do next. The feeling of Home, my roommates created the experience 10 times better. Activity after activity, laughter after laughter. This experience was one to remember."

Have a look at the images of our wonderful adventure!



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A Trip into a Painting

If you haven't heard the news, on Tuesday 14th March, we went on a fantastic trip to Manchester Art Gallery. We embarked on this journey by travelling on a tram, and upon arriving, we entered this beautiful gallery. As we came across the first exhibit, there was a display of clothes from the 1800s - The Dandy Style. The clothes were intricate and delicate. We were amazed.

Soon we were taken to an exhibit where there were tea sets that dated back centuries ago! We also had the opportunity to see artistic furniture, wall and floor tiles and a piece of calligraphy written in Kurdish. This was super interesting.

We then finished earlier than expected, so we had the opportunity to even attend the library opposite the gallery. This was an eye-opening trip and we felt privileged with the opportunity.

Fatima Naveed Year 8



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WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TOOK PART IN EARTH HOUR ON FRIDAY 25TH MARCH



Westwood Prep Nasheed Competition

The next Nasheed competition arose on Friday 17th March 2023. It consisted of contestants made up of different year groups from Key Stage 2. We were allowed to sing about anything. It was decided to revive it as Ramadhan approaches. The contestants can choose between a Solo Nasheed (1 Person) or a Duo Nasheed (2 People).

Allah reward all those who contributed in this fantastic competition. listed below are the names of our wonderful winners. Congratulations!

Key Stage 1

- 1 Ehsan Munir Uddin
- 2 Summaya Khan
- 3 Mariam Ali & Huzayfa Abdurrahman Aziz

Lower Key Stage 2

- 1 Zaynah Bint Saaqib
- 2 Fatimah Azam
- 3 Zeeshan Riaz, Muhammad Malik & Muhammad Abu Bakr Ali

Upper Key Stage 2

- 1 Ishaq Ibn Saaqib
- 2 Maryam Aziz & Humayrah Alkhalil
- 3 Muhammad Mikail Arshad

A prize awaits you all!

Reyhaan Alim Year 6

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Once nearing the end of the worksheet, Fatima and Pashtana and I collaborated to questions we found difficult. In doing so, we completed the worksheet fast and were able rest of the exhibition. We saw bombs, boats, letters, and uniforms people wore depending they worked as well as wax-looking figures dressed to show how a person looked during th fascinating. We had less time to visit the exhibition regarding the Titans, so we were tal Lunch. When Lunch time arrived, we were taken by Muallimah in front of the sea- which with pigeons and seagulls. Many girls after eating their own food, fed the rest of their food t fully packed with birds and was extremely chaotic. After eating and collecting the rubbish our way back to the coach.

This trip allowed us to understand and sympathise with the struggles one experience throughout the war. It also has made it easier to fathom what we have learnt and imple exams.

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Lubabah Khan Year 10

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Sensational Shakespeare Week

William Shakespeare was a renowned English poet, playwright, and actor. However, he was most famous for his plays. They were split into 3 categories; tragedy, comedy, and history.

William's Wonderful Plays

Shakespeare's plays are studied everywhere. However, they are most studied in Shakespeare week which is from the 20th - the 26th of March. Shakespeare was born on the 4th day of this week, the 23rd, 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon. Some of his terrific tragedies [not that the tragedies were terrific, the plays were] include Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, The Tragedy of Antony and Cleopatra, Macbeth, Julius Caesar, and Othello. Comedies include The Comedy of Errors, As you like it, Love Labour's Lost, and Twelfth Night. And his hideous histories were Richard II, Richard III, King John, Henrys IV, V, VI, and VIII, and Edwards II and III. Shakespeare's most popular category is tragedies. A tragedy happens in his own life when he died on the 23rd of April 1616.

Fun Facts

- William Shakespeare's most famous play is Hamlet.
- He disappeared from Stratford in 1587 and reappeared in 1592, in London.
- He wrote around 37 plays and 150 poems.
- Very little is known about his life until 1582 when he married Anne Hathaway.
- Elizabeth I, the final Tudor had been queen for 5 years when William Shakespeare was born in 1564 and she saw a few of his plays in the court

And that is Shakespeare's life in just a few words!

Yousaf Mushahid Year 5

Shakespeare Week is a national, annual celebration, from 20 -26 March 2023 giving school-aged children the opportunity for enriching and enjoyable early experiences of Shakespeare, now Westwood High also had that Shakespeare week, and here's what we did.

Firstly, we have the year 8s that performed a stunning performance on The Tempest Act 1, Scene 1. This scene is situated on a stormy night when the characters were in a bid to save the king. Hats off to their stunning performance and charming costumes.

Secondly, we have the year 9s who put up a flawless quiz on Shakespeare trivia. They thoroughly engaged the school on their fantastic quiz.

Finally, year 10s performed an intriguing take on charades that completed our Shakespeare assembly.

Eimaan Bibib Year 8



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NICOLA BULLEY FOUND DEAD AFTER BEING MISSING FOR OVER THREE WEEKS

Nicola Bulley's body was found after being missing for over three weeks. The last known movements of missing mum Nicola Bulley before she disappeared have been confirmed by police. New satellite images have traced the steps of her dog on the River Wyre in St. Michaels, Lancashire.

Officers have released the image which shows the mom-of-two's steps through a woodland area. Nicola, 45, had dropped her daughters off at school before setting off on a walk with her brown spaniel, named Willow on January 27th. She arrived at a gate or bench at around 8:46 am, which is marked on the satellite image. Nicola is thought to have walked along a path past a lower and upper field and a hedgerow before being last spotted at around 9:10 am.

Police have also now released an image of a potential witness that they believe was in the area at the same time the mother vanished. The potential witness is seen wearing a red and white coat with a fur hood, light-coloured trousers, and a light bobble hat whilst they were also walking their dog. Around 40 minutes after Nicola's last sighting, a locally raised the alarm when they recognised her "worried" dog, Willow wandering around alone without her harness. The mum's mobile phone was also found abandoned nearby and police confirmed her last call had been on Microsoft Teams through her work, but her camera had been off, and she was also muted. Willow,

The "witness" was spotted again at about 8:48 am on Allotment Lane, near where Nicola was last spotted. She was also sighted near the gate at the end of the street. Over the last couple of days, specialist police drivers returned to the spot where Nicola was last to conduct a more thorough search of the area.

A team of frogmen had been trawling beneath the surface of the River Wyre, while other officers searched the banks along with a fire service boat team who brought search dogs to scour the water. After a continuous search by the police and locals, sadly the body of Nicola Bulley was found on February 19th. Family and friends are deeply affected by this terrible tragedy.

Amira Khan year 9

His Majesty's Love for Gardening Shines Through

The initial stamps to be sold for the first time with the King's silhouette have set people rambling on about the monarch's hobby of gardening.

King Charles's uncrowned profile conveys him in silver, facing to the right at the top left-hand corner on an assembly of ten of the nation's special flowers. Unlike Queen Elizabeth II, the King is not shown in a laurel wreath.

David Gold, Royal Mail's director of external affairs and policy, said "Britain is a nation of gardeners, and a love of flowers runs deep in our collective consciousness. His Majesty is known to be a passionate gardener and we are delighted that the first special stamps to feature his silhouette should be a celebration of some of the most popular flowers in British gardens."

And one of the stamps also depicts a sunflower- the national flower of Ukraine. This suggests the solidarity and allegiance with the war-torn country.

Amira Khan Year 9



Reuse, Reduce, Recycle for Global Recycling Day!

On the 18th of March 2023, Global Recycling Day will take place, the theme will be 'Creative Innovation'. It is a recycling innovation to see our trash in a new light!

Global Recycling Day is for everyone, where ever you are around the globe. In fact, Germany is known for its effective recycling - the best in the world. So, why don't you join in to lessen our society's negative impact on the environment?

Recycling is very important, the more we recycle, the less garbage wind up in our landfills. Additionally, by reusing: paper; aluminium; glass; plastic and other materials, we can save production costs; and even our money for things like groceries and basic necessities.

Please preserve our precious primary sources and secure the future of our planet. It also helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions by recycling, and energy consumption (toxic gases).

So, we should use, reuse, redo and recycle every day!

Eimaan Bibi Year 8

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Doing Right with Robots

What is Robot Day?

Robot Day is a celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths (STEAM) for people of all ages. Our events showcase the value of robotics to society and raise public engagement with robotics, automation, and artificial intelligence (AI) issues.

Robot Days are free events aimed at people of all ages and backgrounds. Visitors to a typical event have the chance to build their own robot, get hands-on with coding, hear from inspirational experts about how robots improve people's lives, and experience virtual reality. There are also artistic performances and exhibits that explore the theme through creative works such as craft and dance workshops and a range of static and moving exhibits.

What Does Robot Day Promote?

- Showcase the value of robotics to society, working with local and international partners to increase public participation
- Raise public awareness of and engagement with issues relating to robotics, automation, and AI
- Focus on the interplay between the arts and science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEAM)
- Educate young people and those who are influential in their lives about STEAM careers
- Promote diversity and inclusion in STEAM and address the skills shortage in the sector
- Attract robotics, automation & artificial intelligence (AI) expertise from the UK and the world

Reyhaan Alim Year 6



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World Sleep Day

World Sleep Day, which was held on Friday, March 17th, is a global awareness event targeting those who have important issues related to sleep, medicine, education, social aspects, and driving. Liborio Parrino and Antonio Culebras were the first owners of the world sleep day organization which was invented in 2008 after they both were concerned about the lack of sleep people were getting due to the number of reasons listed above. The goal of World Sleep Day was to bring together sleep healthcare providers to discuss and distribute sleep information around the world. More than 88 countries around the world have participated in World Sleep Day and it has drawn the attention of the media and celebrities around the globe. Did you know the hashtag #WorldSleepDay has been a trending topic on Twitter for the past three years running? In order to achieve a good night's rest, one needs to LIMIT SCREEN TIME. The average human spends 7 hours a day on their screen. So, make sure you sacrifice 2 hours of no screen time before going to bed- it will make a big difference. The main thing you should take away from this article is that sleep is essential for health. Now last of all, celebrate World Sleep Day by doing the one thing everyone loves at the end of each day; sleep! Take the day off and sleep as long as your heart desires.

Don't forget to read your Dua! Take the name of Allah before you snooze off!

Madiha Zazai Year 8

National Barbie Day

On March 9, the 64-year-old doll was born to show girls that they can be anything. It was made after a mother observed her daughter, playing with paper dolls more than 60 years ago! So, an American icon was born who changed how children play, Barbie made her debut at the American International toy fair in New York City, so this date was known as Barbie's birthday. How cool! Barbie was named after Ruth Handler's daughter (Ruth, being the woman, who founded Barbie). Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts and Ken was named after Handler's son, Kenneth. Some can argue that Barbie symbolises the objectification women undergo. Barbie's a perfect example of societal expectations placed on and taught to women. These include being thin, wearing a lot of makeup and bright floral dresses. The bright colour of pink is Barbie's signature colour, which has been chosen to specifically attract young girls to the brand. Also, the Barbie logo is in a font style that looks like a child's handwriting. The logo conveys a sense of fun, whimsy and childhood.

Khadija Razi Year 9

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World Women's Day

International women's day (IWD) is a global holiday celebrated annually on March 8 as a focal point in the women's rights movement. IWD is a global day, celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The origins of women's suffrage have evolved into a day of celebration and advancement of women's rights. The first official IWD was in 1975 when it was recognised by the United Nations. But its origins began earlier, in 1908 when a woman's rights march in New York City. This day had 15,000 people advocating for better pay and voting rights. World Women's Day is also a day to remember and celebrate the women who changed our world. To name a few: Jane Austen, a literary figure who had more influence on British culture than she would ever have known during her relatively short life. Florence Nightingale, whose name is most recognised in the field of nursing. Another notable name, is Mary Curie, the first woman to receive a Nobel prize, as well as, Rosa Parks, an activist who stood up for black people's rights; along with many other women who have had a huge impact on the world. The most prominent and praise-worthy woman in the history of Islam is Lady Khadijah, Prophet Muhammad's wife. Lady Khadijah played a vital role in the spread of Islam. She is one of those women whose influence and exceptional characteristics still resonate today.

Multiple women have changed our world in numerous ways, but one of the sole reasons World Women's Day exists is because of the unjust treatment women have received throughout the past few decades.

Not a single country in the world has achieved gender equality, and around 12 million girls under 18 are still married each year, illegally. Just one in three managers or supervisors is a woman. It could take another 286 years to remove discriminatory laws for women and girls. For years, we have been presented with the most biased behaviour ever seen, and yet it is not seen as a problem by a few people.

World Women's Day is to celebrate the achievements women have made throughout history and to stand up for women's rights. How do you celebrate world women's day?

Rumaisa Khan Year 9



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HADITH OF THE MONTH: Ramadhan

'The word "Ramadhan" is derived from the Arabic word Ramidha or Ar-ramad which means scorching heat. It is also derived from Ar-ramdha which means sun-baked sand. Ramadhan was named such because it burns the sins of the Believers. Just like the blazing sun evaporates water from the surface of the ground, Ramadhan burns away one's sins.

'An Imam named Ibn al Jawzi said: "The 12 months are like the 12 sons of Yaqub (a.s). Just as Yusuf (a.s) was the most beloved son to Yaqub (a.s), Ramadhan is the most beloved month to Allah. Just as Allah forgave the 11 brothers through the dua of 1 (Yusuf), He forgives 11 months with the dua of 1 (Ramadhan).'

This shows us the importance of making Dua in Ramadhan. It is such a special and sacred month that by making a sincere Dua for all your sins to get forgiven (that you've committed in the past 11 months), through Allah's mercy you can be forgiven. We should not let this month slip through our fingers and we should try our best to be active as possible in engaging in worship and Dua.

Why should we fast?

There is a greater purpose of fasting and that is to gain Taqwa (God-consciousness). Taqwa means to fear Allah from committing sin. With everything you do, you ask yourself, what makes Allah happy?

Try and consider the following points during this Holy month:

- Fasting helps us to become more mindful of Allah.
- Fasting can bring one closer to Allah.
- Fasting creates sympathy for the poor, which will allow us to feel more generous in giving to them.
- Rewards for good deeds performed during Ramadhan are multiplied 70x.
- Fasting teaches self-discipline. In life discipline is a vital quality to attain. It allows you to achieve multiple things in life.
- A person should keep busy in good deeds while fasting. The following are some areas to focus on developing:
 - We need to remember this is the month of the Quran. The Quran was revealed to our beloved Prophet (s.a.w) this month so we need to try and read as much as we can.
 - Allah accepts the Dua of a fasting person. The best time to make dua is just before Iftar.
 - The hunger and thirst experienced in Ramadhan should definitely remind us of the poor and we should be more giving towards them, so give Sadaqa (charity).
 - Try and read more Nafl Salahs (optional worship) during this month.

We need to try and treat each Ramadhan like it's our last. We do not know when our time will be up. There would've been some people who were here with us last Ramadhan who are no longer with us. We need to make the most of it and take advantage of it. Sometimes it can get challenging especially with school but we need to always remember the harder something is the more we struggle and strive. Thus, our reward with Allah becomes greater. Your effort and struggles do not go unnoticed by Allah, so keep on striving and make this Ramadhan your best one yet!

Lastly, let's learn the scientific benefits of fasting:

- It promotes blood sugar control.
- Enhances heart health.
- Boosts brain function.
- May help disease prevention.
- Speeds up metabolism.
- Helps reduce weight.

This month's Hadith should help you all in preparing for this Holy month. JazakAllahu Khairan for spending the time to read our March issue newsletter. We look forward to showing you our next month's issue filled with fantastic events from school & news around the globe.



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SADAQAH JARIYAH 2023

Salaam

Ramadan is a time for renewal.

It is a time for refocusing the mind and body to the true purpose of our being in this world. Fasting during the day and praying during the night nourishes the soul.

This sustained devotion and worship realigns our lives to the afterlife.

It recharges our Imān.

It reinvigorates our sense of purpose.

The Beloved Messenger of Allah ﷺ would increase His acts of worship during Ramadan. His charitable acts would also increase many-fold.

I'm sure you will also increase your giving of charity this month.

Please do remember our school.

We are raising funds to purchase our school buildings.

Please join us!

You can donate here using this link:

<https://campaigns.givebrite.com/sadaqah-jaariyah-2023>

Or you can donate on behalf of a loved one by setting up a Sadaqah Jariyah page in their honour.

Click here to create an SJ page:

https://bit.ly/SJ_2023

We will be posting more information about our campaign in the coming days.

Please look out for them and do pass them on to your family and friends.

Wassalaam

Kamal Uddin Khan
Westwood High Family

Ramadan Kareem

Sadaqah Jariyah 2023



We are raising funds this Ramadan to purchase our school buildings. Join us!



REGISTER

Create a Sadaqah Jariyah page in honour of a loved one.



RAISE £50

Reach out to family and friends seeking donations in memory of your loved one.



REMINISCE

Leave a positive tribute or dua about your loved one and urge others to do the same.

SIGN UP NOW

https://bit.ly/SJ_2023

Email: fundraising@westwoodhigh.org

