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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope all is well and that you have had a good week.

World Book Day (WBD) - Thursday 7 March 2023

The school was a hive of activity for WBD last week. We had lots of book related activities taking place, including book quizzes in form time, sharing our favourite reads, book giveaways, and competitions. We also set the Library up with lots of books 'off the shelves' at lunchtime so students could browse some recommended reads.



Thanks to the canteen staff who made a 'Matilda' cake for the library.

WBD Competition winners!

Guess the character competition: We had many correct entries for this competition and we picked two names out of the hat - congratulations to Summer Stimpson and William Hunt who each won a free book. **Book title hunt competition:** the correct answer was 'The Hunger Games'. Many students guessed correctly so we again picked two names out of the hat- congratulations to Mollie Frod who won the complete set of *The Hunger Games* books and Joe Catton who received a £5 book token.

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Book Market- Friday 8 March 2024

On Friday we organised a book market at lunch time in the hall. We had local bookshops *Bookbugs & Dragon Tales* from Norwich and *Book & Crannies* from Beccles set up stalls, alongside our own ex-library book sale and book accessories sale including bookmarks, badges, stickers and bags which the students have made. We had a craft table where students could design their own bookmark and a stall with books for International Women's Day set up by our diversity group (DICE). We also had Loddon Library attend, who spoke to students about services they can provide including a study space after school, book clubs, access to computers, free e books and audio books. If anyone would like to sign up for free membership to the library please see Mrs Goodison-Gates.

We raised just over £100 for the school library which will be spent on new books. Thanks to all the Student Library Assistants who helped prepare, set up and run stalls on the day.

A big thank you to Mrs Goodison-Gates for leading on the events and writing this article.



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National Reading Champions Quiz- Friday 1st March

The NRCQ, generously supported by ALCS, provides a fantastic opportunity for students to enjoy a book quiz with their peers and compete with other schools in their region.

We took two teams to represent our school at the National Reading Champions Quiz heat at Dereham Northgate High School. The students had the chance to take part in a book quiz, meet students from other schools and buy books from a book stall from *Bookbugs & Dragon Tales*. There were 25 teams taking part and the points were very close ending in a tie break question to determine a winner. Well done to our Year 7 team placed 24th with 27 points and our Year 8 team placed 17th with 35 points.



Year 7 team

Emily Copetsake 7LNE
Eleanor Robinson 7LNE
Olivia Martins 7LNE
Tia Toleman 7LNE



Year 8 team

Amie Sergeant 8KHN
Amelia Travers 8KHN
Sienna Bartley 8PLE
Archie Walker 8JDE
Lewis Tatam 8PLE



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Subject Stars of the Week

Art

Matilda Hardman and Ash Aguillella (Year 10)

Both youngsters have worked extremely hard on their Natural Forms portfolios and have produced some exceptionally good drawings and prints. They should both be proud of their achievements.



Year 11 - Isaac Boothby - working hard and making great progress.

Year 9 - Nishikka Senthil Kumar - always engaged and working hard.

Boarding and Leaving Buses – Safety Message

If your child gets a bus to school, please can you talk to them to reinforce our message about safety when crossing the roads on the way to/from buses. We have had some reports of some youngsters crossing roads without due care and attention in Vale Road off the A146 in Thurton. This could obviously apply to other areas too.

Table Tennis Success – Finley Howes (Year 7)

Finley Howes had another amazing day of table tennis recently in Bury St Edmunds, playing in the National Cadet League for his Great Yarmouth/Wensum team. The team played against another local team (which his younger brother was in) - Colchester and Britannia. Finley won all his 9 games and his two teammates won 7 out of 9 which took them to winning their division! Well done Finley – a super achievement!



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Design Technology - Year 8: Clock Project With only a few weeks to completion!

In DT students have been making clocks and have had fun designing and combining different shapes to make bases. Different machines have been used to make the bases look better such as the sander machine and using drills. For the clock face, to add depth, I have used the laser cutter to cut out flowers and add them to the face. I really liked making my clock.



Feedback from the class and images of work produced feature below:

"Product Design makes me think outside the box."

"I've enjoyed developing and making my own designs."

"I have enjoyed designing and making the main clock and experimenting with different designs."

"I've enjoyed making my clock because can be as creative as I like."

"I have learnt about lamination."

"My next step is to add extra sections of timber to make the clock face more interesting."

"I think I need to add some supports to make the structure more stable."

"I might design some fish to add to the clock face – also I've learned how to use some machines."

"Next lesson I'm going to focus on the clock face and add numbers and use PVA to glue it"

"Today I found out that P400 abrasive paper makes the wood really soft"



Latest Netball Reports by Miss Vickers

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On Monday this week, Year 7 and 8 travelled to Wymondham to play in the finals of their league for this year. Year 8 had a strong game against Diss, winning 11-2 which put them through to the play off for 1st and 2nd in the league. They went on to face a very strong Wymondham College side who ultimately took 1st place. Congratulations Year 8 on your second-place finish across the league this year!

Year 7 had one competitive game against Dereham Neatherd to confirm their final position in the league. Well done to the team on a second-place finish this year! During the season, the team have also had the opportunity to play some friendly games against other schools and different year groups!



On Thursday, Year 8 competed in a friendly fixture against Langley. The team played a mixture of two Langley teams, with the final score being 14-12 to Hobart. Langley won the first half of the game and Hobart the second half.

1st half POM (voted for by the opposition) - Katie Stevens

2nd half POM (voted for by the opposition) - Millie Ravenhill

Miss Vickers' POM - Millie Hyett

Miss Upson's POM - Amelia Oldman

Thursday was also a day when our Year 11 netball team were in action. They travelled to Wymondham College for their last ever away fixture. The team were playing for their final placing in the South Norfolk League.

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The first game of the afternoon was against Wymondham College - a strong team of county and super league franchise netballers! The game was highly contested and competitive, with the score alternating between both teams through the course of the match. In the end, Wymondham came out as the winners, but the Hobart team should be very proud of the determination and strength they showed during the game, which finished with a score of 13-15 to Wymondham. POM - Tia Hill.

The second game of the afternoon was against Wayland. Hobart worked hard in this fixture to progress the ball to goal, and some fantastically timed interceptions saw Hobart win with a final score 23-5. These results meant Hobart finished 2nd in their league this year! Well done Year 11!

POM - Daisy Fennell (Year 10 playing with older students!)

Miss Vickers' POM - Phoebe Lake - for great strength and interceptions on court and keeping her cool against some strong competition.

Miss Upson's POM - Pippa Dunn - for super shooting and a great defensive effort.

Players POM - Phoebe Lake.

Most improved player - Tilly Bell - for fantastic footwork.



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Key Stage 1 Dance Festival Hosted by Hobart High School

Over two Wednesday afternoons (this week and before half term) our Year 9 Sports Leaders have been involved in running a KS1 dance festival for the local primary schools. Our sports leaders helped to run dance sessions for over 300 students! They took roles in encouraging the younger students to learn the dances, and then later in the session, taught smaller groups their own dances that were together within the main dances for a final performance. Our leaders did a fantastic job of helping and teaching the students - we are very impressed with their conduct and attitude over the two sessions. Thank you to Vicky Codling for running the sessions.

Easter Holidays for our Sports Performance Pathways

Over the Easter break, Easton College are providing sports sessions that cover football, golf, rugby glow football (girls) and individual performers. This is a way for students interested in combining sports progression with academic study. Please find details of the programmes in the separate attachments that accompany this newsletter.

Cube of Truth for International Women's Day

Friday 8 March was International Women's Day. The Hobart Activist Group organised a 'Cube of Truth' in the quad at lunchtime. Staff and students joined together to hold statements of solidarity and statistics to provoke discussion. There were some powerful conversations about why male staff and students also had joined in with the event and regarding the inequalities that can still exist in our society for women. There was a great buzz in the quad and we hope that the event engaged students.



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School Allotment is Taking Shape!

This week, students from Years 9, 10 and 11 continued their work to develop our new school allotment. The students completed their building of the greenhouse and used pallets to make some seating and footstools. They have also started to dig the space to create a wildflower area to attract pollinators to the plot. Planting crops into the ground took place, including garlic, rhubarb, potatoes, and broad beans. Lastly, they have planted a variety of seeds such as courgette, beans, peas, sweet corn, peppers and chillies to germinate inside.

The students have worked well as a team, and we are so proud of the progress they have made to this previous unused part of the school site. Special thanks to Harriet and Poppy from the Papillon Project for their continued support.



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Year 8 Boys Football Team 2023/24 Season

League game 5 vs Bungay High School (Away) Wednesday 15 March 2024

This looks like being the final league game for the Year 8 team as Long Stratton are unlikely to be able to play in the final game. This made the Bungay game even more important, as victory would see Hobart reach the league finals day.

Bungay appeared to be strong, with their captain having trials with the England girls' team. It was also another local derby. Bungay started well and had clear intentions to move the ball forward quickly and try to release their forward. Hobart defended extremely well in the early stages, and this provided the platform to move forward and start to control the game.

Hobart had several chances in the first 10 minutes, with good work down the right from Freddie Sherriff and then from Finley Hastings-Payne who created opportunities for Billy Stopforth, but he could only direct his shot towards their keeper. Henry Daniels had several efforts cutting in from the left. As the pressure built, a cross from Finley was cleared to Zach Walker who hit a high looping shot from distance over their keeper. Hobart relaxed into their football and Jackson Green combined with Finley who won a corner, his delivery was excellently headed in at the back post by Henry. For the next 10 minutes Hobart created more chances and should have been further ahead, however Bungay got a corner, which was not defended and this ended up giving them a route back into the game. They then had further chances that were saved by Riley Aldrich, and another that hit the crossbar. Hobart closed the first half leading 2-1.

The second half was much better. Hobart gave Bungay very little time on the ball and looked powerful and decisive going forwards. Ali Yurukov constantly broke up play and stopped them gaining control in midfield. Hobart quickly scored a third goal, when Henry created an opportunity for Billy to strike the ball high and into the roof of the net. A fourth goal came when George Holmes broke with a powerful run, and played the ball through to Finley, who shot across goal. The keeper could only push the ball out to Billy for his second goal. He then completed his hat trick with an excellent turn and shot across the keeper into the top right corner of the goal. Further chances came for Alex Bolderston, but again Hobart were strong defensively with Jackson, Chubb and George Betney all performing well.

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Another strong performance!

Final Score: Hobart 5 Bungay 1

Player of the match:

Billy Stopforth, for 3 well taken goals all showcasing his finishing ability.

A special thanks goes to Alex Bolderston who filled in late to ensure we had a full squad.

Report by Mr Ball



Best wishes and have a great weekend.

Ross Li-Rocchi
Head of School