



A selection of Year 9 Artwork displayed during this week's Pride Showcase Day

NEWSletter

7th February | 2025

Headteacher's Message

It has been another busy week in school as we move towards the last week of term. Our Year 8/9 basketball team bounced back in style, delivering a dominant victory over Finham Park with an impressive display of teamwork and determination. Meanwhile, our Year 10 Classics students had an enriching visit to the British Museum, deepening their understanding of Greek and Roman history in preparation for their GCSEs. Thanks to all of our Year 9 students and parents who attended Options Evening on Monday. It was a busy evening with lots of

excellent conversations about future aspirations. Year 11 students who started their Year 11 trial exams with confidence and determination, keep up the good work and remember it's only 10 school weeks to go until the real exams begin!

I would also like to extend my thanks to all parents who attended our PRIDE Showcase Day—it was a privilege to witness our students' confidence and growth as they reflected on their experiences this academic year. It was wonderful to welcome so many of our community partners from health and wellbeing, cost of living support, positive activities for young people and so much more. The Pathways Family Hub have

been supporting us as a key partner, developing a satellite family hub on site on a Wednesday afternoon, for which we are very grateful for all that they do. Check out coventryfamilises.co.uk to see all that they can offer.

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Voluntary Action
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Positive Youth Foundation
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Mental Health in Schools Team
St Francis Employability

Mrs E Martin

Barr's Hill Bounce Back in Style with Dominant Win over Finham Park

After suffering their first loss of the season in their previous game, the Barr's Hill Year 8/9 boys' basketball team responded in the perfect way, delivering a commanding 32-10 victory over Finham Park. From the opening tip, the boys were locked in, refusing to give their opponents an easy opportunity and setting the tone with intense defensive pressure and clinical finishing at the hoop.

Every player stepped up and played superbly, showing resilience and determination to put their last result behind them. The team executed brilliantly on both ends of the court, going on huge scoring runs while maintaining respect for their opponents throughout the game. Their discipline and teamwork ensured Finham Park never found a way back into the contest.

A special mention must go to **Olivier**, who produced his best performance in a Barr's Hill jersey so far. He was absolutely relentless, consistently winning the ball back and finishing with confidence to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Meanwhile, **Luca** finally used his height to full effect, dominating the paint on both offense and defense, making life incredibly difficult for Finham Park inside the key.

It was a complete team performance and the perfect response to their previous setback. With this level of focus and intensity, the Barr's Hill boys will be looking to carry this momentum into their next fixture and continue their strong season.



Year 10 Classics Class Explores Ancient Civilisations at the British Museum

On Tuesday 4 February, our Y10 Classics class visited the British Museum in London. This visit supported their studies of Greek and Roman history and culture for their GCSE exams. They were able to have a guided tour of the Parthenon, looking at the metopes, pediments and friezes that were brought to the British Museum from Greece. They were then able to walk around the Museum and see different artefacts relating to different civilisations such as Greece, Rome, Japan and Assyria.

The students and staff really enjoyed the day and found it a really valuable experience – even if they were a little tired at the end!



Ready, set go! It's time to exercise your imagination, with a chance of having your work exhibited at the Royal Academy of Arts. Aged 4 - 18? Enter your work into the Young Artists' Summer Show by 5th March 2025. It's free to enter, so get involved 🎨

If you are interested please speak with Mrs Stafford for more information.

World Book Day - 1 Month to go!



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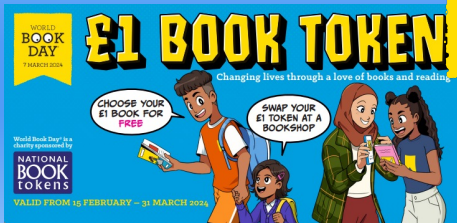
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Other events happening:

- Name the dragon competition
- Hooked On Books Quiz
- Book shop trips
- WBD Bingo Challenge

£1 Book Tokens to be given to all students in KS3

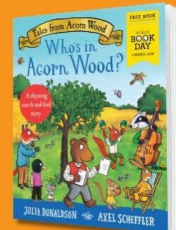
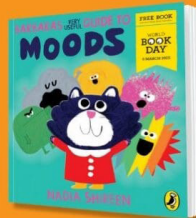
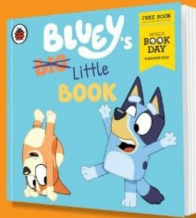
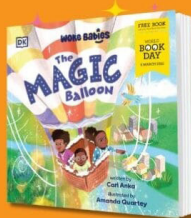


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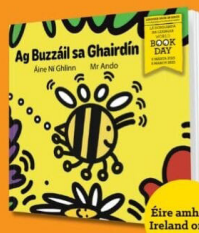
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- Workshops with Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.



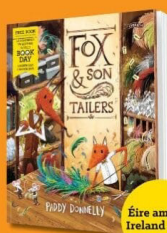
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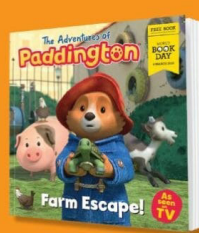
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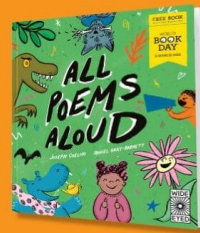
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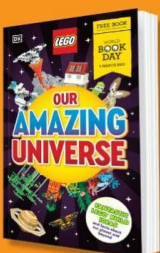
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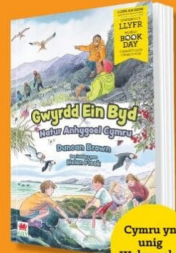
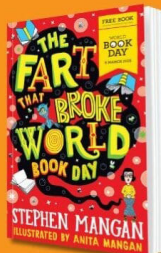
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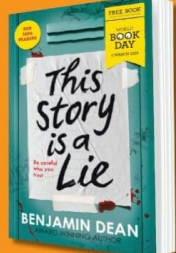
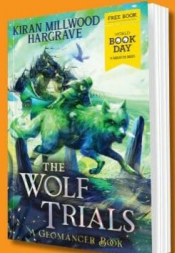
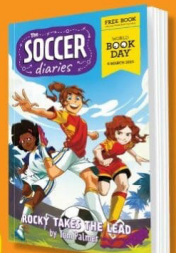
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Library Ambassador Book Review

This week's review has been written by Nael A from 70

Book: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

Nael says: This book is about Percy trying to find Zeus's lost lightning bolt. It is a must read! 5 stars because it has lots of twists that will make you want to read more!

Rating: 5/5

Book of the Week

Calling the Whale by Jasbinder Bilan

Description: After rowing out to an island near their seaside home, Tulsu and Satchen discover a whale that has been trapped in a fishing net. Determined to try to free the poor creature, they repeatedly dive into the freezing sea to cut the netting, but eventually, exhausted and with a storm rolling in, they have to admit defeat. As they head home to seek help, their boat capsizes in the storm and they're left clinging to it, dangerously adrift. Just as they think all is lost, help arrives from an unexpected source...

