



WYKHAM WEEKLY—ISSUE 2:

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Editorial—Mr Bent

The second issue of the school newspaper is finally here! I'm sorry it took two weeks, but here it is!

This month is Black History Month, which means that I have delivered an assembly to all the colleges and talked about the importance of Black History Month. I spoke about how the History we teach at school used to be very white-centric, and how I am trying to adapt the curriculum at Wykham Park to make sure that we have a bit more diversity, making it more inclusive and interesting to all of our students.

This week's issue sees an article from Chloe talking about her adventures driving, and some news about school from Daisy and Michelle Lechowicz.

Don't forget—anyone is welcome to come to Newspaper Club—if you can't make the meetings at lunchtime (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday), you can join the Google Classroom (gmfa3pl) and post your article on the week's assignment.

Wykham Wonders of the Week:

Charlecote—Shinade Taylor for being so supportive of the cast of Buggy and being the best 'tree'- she will understand. (Mrs White)

Dyrham—Valentina for working so hard on her independent learning when we are in the classroom, even with distraction & having to understand translation. (Ms Turvey)

Newark—Louisa Tuzzio for her amazing help in the Wykham Gym in the sports hall for the 2 hours of open evening. (Miss Gilbert)

Futures—Harry Watts - for working incredibly hard. Always. Harry has such a positive attitude towards learning. (Miss Randall)

Year 11—Daniel Grudzien for his hard work in English no matter what. (Ms Duncan)

Events on Campus:

LIBRARY

Recently, the school library has reopened! At lunchtimes, students can feel free to sit in the library, to read books, study, or just shelter from the poor autumn British weather. In addition to this, the library is recruiting students to work as student librarians! If you would like to apply for this, or if you are interested, speak to Mrs Michell the librarian.



GUIDES

A new job is also now available for students to partake in. For the Open Evening on Thursday 6th October, students were asked to apply to give tours and guides and give out information about our academy to parents and curious year 6s. The parents were very complimentary about the student guides.

If you are interested in helping out in future, please contact your head of college.

STUDENT RUNNER

Year 8 and some Year 7 students have been asked to put their name forward as a student runner. They will then help Mrs Palmer and Mrs Tibbetts-Reeves in Student Services, passing out messages and checking whether students are where they should be. If you are interested, speak to your Mentor.

SPORTS COUNCIL

The sports council is a group of students who will meet with the P.E staff team once every half term to discuss plans to make P.E more enjoyable. There will be one representative per college per year group who will be voted for by students. They will also help the P.E department on events like sports day as well.

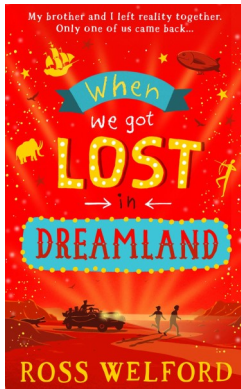
BOOK REVIEWS

Unrelated to school events, here is the book reviews section of this newspaper.

In this section, 2 different chapter books that I recommend can be found. This is for students who have a passion for reading, or who are just looking for good books to read to pass the time!

This weeks chosen recommended books are:

When We Got Lost in Dreamland - by Ross Welford



The Lost Magician - by Piers Torday



HUMANITIES TEACHER AWARD

As a popular request from this specific teacher, I have chosen to mention him here with the title of his dreams to be in the Wykham Weekly. And it is.. Mr Sullivan! That's right. As we entered the room to the club this afternoon, he very formally asked to be known as 'the most good looking teacher in the humanities corridor so well done Mr Sullivan for this!!!

YEAR 8 GOES DRIVING!

It's not everyday you get an invite to participate in the finals of a nationwide competition, but that's exactly what happened to one Year 8 Wykham Park student at the weekend.

Chloe Watts competed in the Young Driver UK finals for those aged 10 to 13. This year, over 110,000 young driver lessons have taken place across the country with the participants being scored on their lessons. The top 20 10 to 13's and Top 20 14 to 16 year old were invited to the finals which took place at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon.

Some contestants travelled from as far as Scotland and Ireland, making it a truly National Final. The event was hosted by TV Motoring expert Quentin Wilson who started the day with a briefing and also awarded the prizes to the competitors. The cars used for Young Driver lessons are Vauxhall Corsas and the instructors are all fully trained driver instructors.



The challenges include steering control, parking, reversing independent driving and junctions. Each challenge was scored and at the end of the event prizes awarded to the highest point scorers.

Although not winning the overall event Chloe did win a free 60 minute driving lesson, a book on learning to drive signed by Quentin Wilson and a medal.

If you would like to find out more about Young Driver lessons and where you can find local venues visit <https://www.youngdriver.eu/venuefinder>

It has been proven that those who learn to drive at an earlier age are 16% less likely to be involved in an accident once they have passed their test than those who have no additional lessons.