

**WILDERN
news**

SPRING 2020

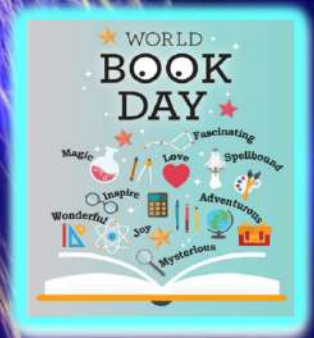


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SPRING IS HERE!...

CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY

**PLUS SPORT RELIEF, ART, P.E,
DANCE EVENTS, TRIPS...**



Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts

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IMPORTANT DATES

Dates for September 2020

1st September	CPD Day
2nd September	Year 7 in only
3rd September	All School in



Wash your hands



Use a tissue for coughs



Avoid touching your face

THE ADVICE IS TO:

1. Wash hands often - with soap and water or using alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available.
2. Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin.

Please continue to visit the [Government's webpage](#) for the most up to date information and check here for updates relating to Wildern.



Dear Everyone,

Whilst the news is all about Coronavirus, I am pleased to share with you our Spring Wildern newsletter which shows how much we have achieved during this shortened term. It is hard to think about 'normality' at the moment and yet seeing all of our students' achievements is such a great reminder of all the wonderful opportunities our students have within every week at school. I am extremely proud of everyone who has taken part in an extracurricular, out of classroom activity; from supporting our charity events, student leadership work and school competitions to name but a few. It takes a huge amount of commitment and dedication but looking at the faces in these pictures and talking to our students who enter, compete, lead these activities; they all say how worthwhile these experiences are.

Usually, my message is all about the Easter holidays, Year 11 and their exams and what will be happening in the summer term but this year it is very different...As I have been saying in my communication to you all, these are unprecedented times, no-one could have predicted where we are now... in lockdown, with restrictions in place in order that we minimise the spread of this invisible virus. What I would say though, as always in times like these, our compassion and humanity shines through; as I am writing this to you from home, an email has popped into my inbox from a care home thanking our students for sending them cards full of thoughtfulness and compassion. How absolutely wonderful! How absolutely Wildern students!

So in these extraordinary times, I want to thank you for your full support of us here at Wildern. It is not easy being at home with children and their home learning, lots of us are finding this! You are doing a fantastic job in supporting our students, your children, with this and they are doing a great job in getting work completed. However, just remember the importance of caring for each other, taking time to enjoy each other's company and having a good laugh.

So for now be brave, be strong, focus on family, health and wellness; it is so important.

Best wishes,

Mrs C Oakley
Headteacher



COMPUTER SCIENCE

SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020

The Young Computer Scientist Programme University College, London

A small group of Year 11 GCSE Computer Scientists attended University College London in January to participate in The Young Computer Scientist Programme.

The Young Computer Scientist Programme takes students aged 15-18 on an interactive journey through today's most pioneering technology.

The programme included an opportunity for students to design and code their own Artificial Intelligence product under the guidance of the creators of Samsung's Bixby app. Students were also trained by leading professionals on how to prevent a dangerous cybersecurity attack.

The students who attended, have achieved a distinct competitive advantage in the race for the best jobs in Computer Science and a 'gold star' experience to add to their UCAS applications.

The programme for the day included:

The World of a Computer Scientist

Cybersecurity: Preventing The Next Attack

Artificial Intelligence: Creating a New Paradigm

Design and Build an Artificial Intelligence Application

Career Coaching – How To Become A Top Computer Scientist



Q&A WITH TYLER, YEAR 11 GCSE COMPUTER SCIENCE

Q: What was the day about, and what did you learn from it?

A: Cybersecurity and how AI works, including the potential dangers of Artificial Intelligence. We also got an insight into what you need to get into a computer science workplace.

Q: So, what did you do while you were there?

A: We coded with JavaScript, using the Bixby AI studio, to make different programmes. One of the applications that we made allowed the user to talk to their device and it would respond with answers to questions about capital cities. For example, "what is the population of Stockholm?". From this, the application could respond with an answer and other related information.

Q: Is there anything new that you experienced on the program?

A: I had the chance to code in Java for the first time, which was a new experience. In school we code using Python for our GCSE so it was really useful to challenge myself with a new programming language.

For more information, or if you would like to attend a future Young Computer Scientist Programme event speak to Mr Nicol or go to:

<https://investin.org/products/the-young-computer-scientist-programme>

ONATTI PLAYS @ WILDERN SCHOOL

This term we had the pleasure of hosting 3 plays from The Onatti company who performed "Les Garçons", "Das Schlimmste Hotel" and "Primera Cita".

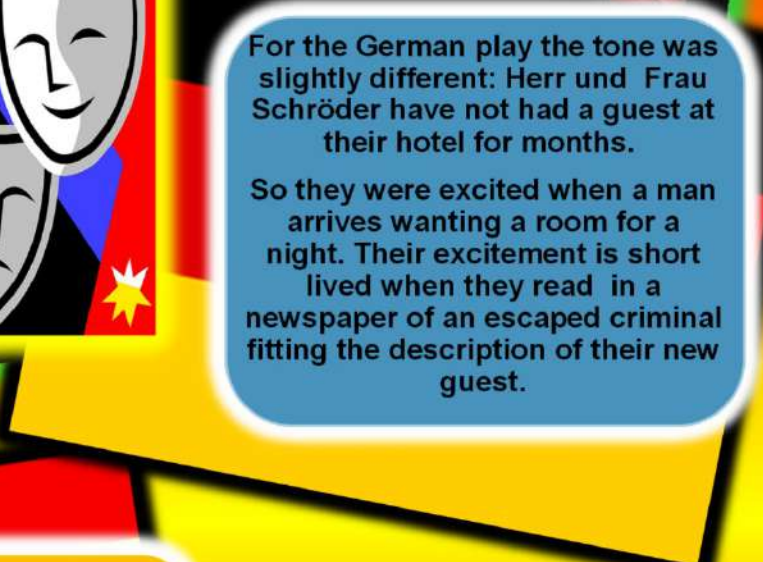
These extremely entertaining plays were a great opportunity for our students to see play in the language they study from native speakers. A lot of the language used was familiar to the students and the actors made it easier to follow with creative body language and gestures.

Each play had a different theme...




In the French play Monsieur and Madame Dulin are going to a fancy-dress party and Natalie is coming to babysit.

Natalie's quiet evening with baby Bruno is interrupted by her ex-boyfriend Tristan, who wants to get back together with her. Reluctantly, she lets him stay and help babysit...



For the German play the tone was slightly different: Herr und Frau Schröder have not had a guest at their hotel for months.

So they were excited when a man arrives wanting a room for a night. Their excitement is short lived when they read in a newspaper of an escaped criminal fitting the description of their new guest.



The Spanish play was all about romance - When to get ready! The students got an insight of two teenagers, Carlos and Maria, preparing for their first date. Then, of course, it was followed by their actual date!

All the plays were very well received, with participation and interaction. A great mix of entertainment and education!

Hello all! The LRC has been busy as usual this Spring Term. Our Blind Date with a Book event pairs students with books they may not usually choose, opening their minds to new genres.

Year 7 Reading Safari has many students completing Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, by reviewing books!

Shout out to our recent Librarian superstars **Will, Ewan, Noah and Lucy.**

We're open 3-5pm for all students, especially Year 11's with revision.

MRS SEARLE & MISS PHILLIPS

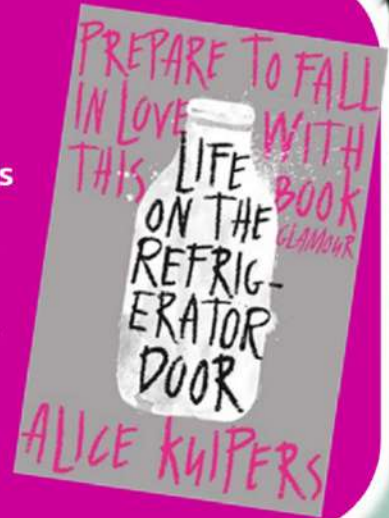
**DID YOU KNOW WE
HAVE STATIONERY ON
SALE?**

**BE PREPARED FOR
LESSONS AND
EXAMS!**

BOOK REVIEW

LUCINDA YEAR 8

The book was an emotional roller-coaster, but in the end it teaches us how to get over our troubles and see the good things we have in life. If we only look at the negatives you won't remember the positives. I really enjoyed the style as it was written as post-it notes between to people. 5 stars!



SERIOUS ABOUT SERIES



Literally the best place in school!

Shannon Year 7

"Well it's helpful to come here and do your homework and find things out that you don't know how to do".

Anna Year 11

"It's quite chill, so we can do a lot of work in it, and everyone can fit. I do homework here, I get distracted at home!"



WORLD BOOK DAY 2020

Thursday 5th March was a cause of celebration by students and staff alike as we marked 'World Book Day' With Staff dressed as their favourite book characters, the morning kicked off in tutor time with students were invited to participate in a Literature treasure hunt across the school. This lead our students on a trail across the school, finally arriving at the LRC and was successfully completed by over 30 students!

RUFUS LOVES READING!

READING WITH RUFUS

EVERY WEDNESDAY in the LRC
8am - 8:25am
3pm - 3:30pm

COME ALONG TO THE LRC FOR A PAW-SOME TIME

In the D@rt, we had a group of year 9 students who met with some elderly members of the community to discuss what they enjoyed reading over tea and biscuits. The students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and the morning was enjoyed by all who attended. Not only did we have visitors in, but some of our year 7 students ventured out to Hedge End Library to discover books beyond our own bustling LRC. A true day of celebration!



P.E Department

WILDERN WINS ANNUAL UNIFORM SERVICES COMPETITION @ ITCHEN COLLEGE



THE TEAM

Maria Lanza, Georgia Grogan, Esme Atkinson, Keira Ward, Polly Crompton, Ellie Mannion, Isla Hermiston and Becky Bagust.

Last December an all girls team of 8 year 10 students took part in the Annual Uniformed Services Competition at Itchen College.

The competition, against 9 other schools, involved a series of physical and mental challenges. The challenges involved events such as an assault course, a tyres challenge, a bridge building challenge and a stretcher carrying event, as well as having to use clues to break a secret code.

The girls, who were the only all girls team, took on each challenge with determination and enthusiasm and emerged as winners.

Well done girls, a fantastic day and a well deserved victory!

Thanks also to the men and women of the Uniformed Services who make the day so challenging and rewarding.



Maria Lanza also did brilliantly to win the individual Bleep Test Challenge.

Well done to all, for some impressive individual and team performances.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

The U14 basketball team have had a successful season eventually finishing 2nd in the Southampton and District League.



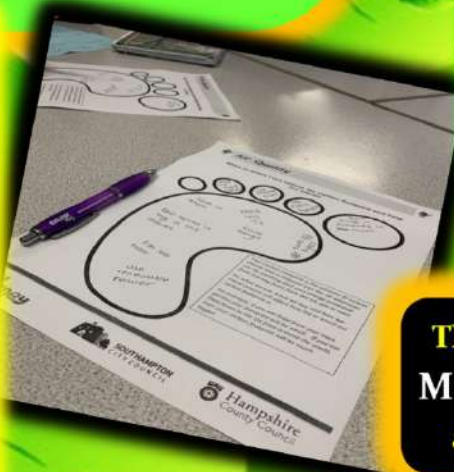
Our KS3 girls' football team had a game today against Oasis Sholing. They played fantastically and won 10-0!

ECO FOCUS GROUP

The Eco-Group have sprung into action this term.

They have had visits from Giles Gooding the sustainability officer at Eastleigh to learn about what can and can't be recycled at Wildern. The students are going to use this information to design tutor slides for World Earth Day.

On the 12th March we were lucky to have Angie and Jean from Hampshire County Council to help our Eco-Group think about their carbon footprint. The students came up with ways that Wildern could reduce their carbon emissions, see images. It was a lovely discussion about ways we can all help to tackle climate change in our community, students even got a free pen from the session!



CLIMATE CRISIS

On Friday 14th February I went on a climate strike in Southampton. An array of people came to declare their love for the planet on what was Valentines Day to address the urgency of the climate crisis. I am a member of the UK Student Climate Network and we protested alongside members of Extinction Rebellion, Southampton Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth Southampton.

The strike helped to empower the general public and gave passers by a reality check on the climate. Strikes usually take place every month or every 3 months and help to give us hope for the future.

Lola Toms, Year 10

The students continue to impress Mrs Dixon with their enthusiasm and commitment to the group.



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THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD



Our students had a great time and even managed to enjoy some sunshine on the New Forest walk... working towards achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze level award.



Cara Patient



Chloe Wong



Well done to all of the year 10 Art and Photography students who undertook their first exam recently, a 5 hour exam. Students have been creating preparatory work since September, from the starting point of the formal elements of Art and Photography; such as colour, line texture and tone etc. Then deciding a genre, students developed their own ideas for a final outcome inspired by the artists or photographers that they have studied and the techniques they developed.

Some examples of final outcomes can be seen here, the final piece and preparatory work is part of student's coursework, they have since moved on to their Sustained Independent Project that again will see the final realisation during their year 11 10 hour practice exam. **Mrs Lynch & the Art Team**

Keira Ward



Victoria Osbourn



YEAR 8 EXPERIMENT IN ARTISTIC STYLES!



Year 8 students have been experiencing a number of GCSE style taster lessons this past half term to aid with the difficult decisions of pathway selection for year 9 and beyond. As part of these lessons students studied the work of contemporary British artist Michael Craig -Martin, and created their own artwork responding to his style - as you can see they thoroughly enjoyed drawing everyday objects with electrical tape around the art department!

ROTARY CLUB YOUNG PERSONS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Over the last term students had the opportunity to enter the Rotary Club Young Persons Photography Competition. Students were asked to submit 3 photographs, under the theme 'Through Your Eyes'. There was a fantastic amount of entries, mainly from year 9! The entries were judged by the Hedge End Rotarians, whom were most impressed by the quality of the entries and found it really hard to decide on a winner. The overall is **Luke Snelgar** and the runner up is **Jessica McMannus**. Luke's entries will now be submitted to the district heats, wishing you the best of luck Luke!

Luke Snelgar 9D2



Jessica McMannus 9P2



The Friends of the South Downs invite you to enter its 2019/20 photographic competition celebrating the beauty of the South Downs National Park - its landscape, wildlife, buildings and other man-made structures contributing to the cultural heritage of the area. The Park stretches from Eastbourne to Winchester, covering the chalk downs of Sussex and East Hampshire and the sandstone country of the Western Weald. The boundaries of the National Park can be found on our website: www.friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk/photo-competition



RULES

1. Images must be taken within the Park or as the Park is viewed from outside its boundaries, and taken within the past two years.
2. Digital images should be submitted in JPEG format at a size of approximately 8" x 10" or 20cm x 25cm at 300dpi with a maximum file size of 5Mb. Digital images may be edited to remove spots or scratches or to enhance their quality. Manipulation to remove anything from the scene or to add anything is not permitted, the image must remain true to the subject, as viewed at the time.
3. Entry to the competition is free, it is not open to professional photographers.
4. Entrants can submit up to 3 photographs.
5. All photographs must be captioned with the entrant's name, class (Adult/Junior), and the location and date taken. Junior entrants must declare that they are aged under 18 and have consent of their parent or guardian.
6. Entrants must have taken the photograph and hold its copyright. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that any images they submit have been taken with the permission of the subject and do not infringe the copyright of any third party or any laws. It must not have been a winner in another competition or been previously published.
7. Copyright of the image remains with the photographer but entry to the competition is deemed to give the Friends of the South Downs the right to use it for publicity purposes in support of our mission and to publish it, whether or not it is awarded a prize. All images will be retained by the Society for non-commercial use, for example newsletters, displays, webpages.

ADULT CLASS - 1st PRIZE - £150!
2nd PRIZE: £100, 3rd PRIZE: £50

JUNIOR CLASS - 1st PRIZE - £100!
2nd PRIZE: £50, 3rd PRIZE: £25



Friends of the
SOUTH DOWNS
SOUTH DOWNS SOCIETY

On **Friday 13th March** the **Mind, Body and Soul focus Group** organised a number of fundraising activities and events for Sports Relief. We held a non-school uniform day, a Bake Sale, Netball Shootout and a Crossbar Challenge. Through these activities we managed to raise almost **€1750** which is an incredible amount and we would like to thank all staff and students involved in the day.

Here is a little bit more about what we got up to...

BAKE SALE

The bake sale was a success! We were overwhelmed by the amount of people who bought bakes to help our cause. So many people were involved whether it was bringing in something to sell, or helping out. We raised a massive sum of money and hope everyone enjoyed themselves in the process.



We also hosted a netball shootout House Competition for teachers and students to take part in and work together to score as many goals as possible to win points for their House. It was a great event that saw students from all year groups work together to win! It was a brilliant turnout that allowed many points to be earned for each house. Well done to Driscoll who were our winning team!

**SPORT
RELIEF**

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE



SCORE A GOAL!



NETBALL SHOOT OUT



DANCE LIVE! 2020



After months of hard work, dedication and long after school rehearsals, 92 students had the opportunity to perform as a part of Dance Live! on the 13th February 2020. Throughout the day, students were able to watch other schools perform, partake in technical rehearsals, and perform to an audience of 2,500 people.

Within the performance, dancers explored how the citizens of Strassberg, France danced uncontrollably and unwillingly for days on end; resulting in hundreds of people 'dancing to their deaths', through exhaustion, heart attacks and strokes. They were followed through a journey where witchcraft leaves working land poisoned, contaminating the citizens into an uncontrollable 'possessed' state of dance.

Furthermore, a handful of students also took part as a member of the stage crew, designing the lighting, set and creating props for the piece. These all looked fabulous on the stage and helped the audience to follow the dancers journey.

A massive thank you and well done to all those involved.



dance



MAC CHICHESTER DANCE DAY



On Friday 7th February, Junior Bare Roots Dance Company were invited to take part in a Dance workshop led by PGCE Dance students from Chichester University. The dancers did an amazing job, tackling some tricky choreography and impressive contact work. Here is what the students said.

"We enjoyed the dance workshop. It was energetic and upbeat and we got to work with new people and experiment with new choreography. We liked the contemporary style and this really challenged us. The most enjoyable part of the workshop was the partner work because we were able to have a go at some lifts and learn about contact work in more depth. We enjoyed learning the different phrases of dance and creating a separate phrase in a similar style to add it to our piece of dance".

The Dance students were very supportive and willing to help and correct every little detail if we needed it. They were happy to watch if you wanted feedback on your technique or performance. It was a great opportunity and we'd love to do it again.



Year 7 and 8 STEM Club had a fantastic time at Legoland.

Learning about Kinetic energy and having great fun on the rides.





TEXTILES CLUB

On Wednesdays after school, students from the Textiles Club have been turning pillowcases into dresses. Young African girls are in desperate need of clothing. The project they have been involved in is run by a charity based in Winchester. They will be sending the dresses to Gambia.

There is also a competition within Hampshire schools, and the winner will receive a price.

Well done girls and good luck!!!

Miss Blackwell



360 DEGREE SAFE ACCREDITATION

Wildern has worked hard over the last three years to continue to develop the importance of online safety and we are pleased to announce that we have regained the national 360 Degree E-safety accreditation by South West Grid for Learning. We have continued to provide ongoing up to date training for all students, Governors, volunteers and parents. We have used the latest technologies to ensure that our school network is safe. We have also used social media and our school website to spread awareness of online safety.

This hard work was recognised by lead assessor, Ron Richards. In his accreditation assessment feedback, he said "There is strong leadership with a real commitment across the school to raise the standards and profile of online safety"



Well done to all of our staff who helped to achieve this award and to our e-safety student focus group for their continued hard work.

For more information on this award visit <https://360safe.org.uk/>

Please visit our school website and Instagram account for up to date e-safety advice.