



Student Bulletin - 2nd November 2026 - Week B



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We now have available at the school office: poppies, badges, reflectors, wrist bands, snap bands and pencils in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Royal British Legion provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces Community – serving men and women, veterans and their families. Please donate generously. Thank you for your support



The Listeners - Walter de la Mare

'Is there anybody there?' said the Traveller,
Knocking on the moonlit door;
And his horse in the silence champed the grasses
Of the forest's ferny floor:
And a bird flew up out of the turret,
Above the Traveller's head:
And he smote upon the door again a second time;
'Is there anybody there?' he said.
But no one descended to the Traveller;
No head from the leaf-fringed sill
Leaned over and looked into his grey eyes,
Where he stood perplexed and still.
But only a host of phantom listeners
That dwelt in the lone house then
Stood listening in the quiet of the moonlight
To that voice from the world of men:
Stood thronging the faint moonbeams on the dark stair,
That goes down to the empty hall,
Harkening in an air stirred and shaken
By the lonely Traveller's call.
And he felt in his heart their strangeness,
Their stillness answering his cry,
While his horse moved, cropping the dark turf,
'Neath the starred and leafy sky;
For he suddenly smote on the door, even
Louder, and lifted his head:—
'Tell them I came, and no one answered,
That I kept my word,' he said.
Never the least stir made the listeners,
Though every word he spake
Fell echoing through the shadowiness of the still house
From the one man left awake:
Ay, they heard his foot upon the stirrup,
And the sound of iron on stone,
And how the silence surged softly backward,
When the plunging hoofs were gone.

Food Tech Practical Lessons

Please see below the cooking dates for next week. A reminder to all students that on practical lessons to bring in a named container, hair needs to be tied back and no acrylic nails.

Monday 2nd November:

- 7T - Swiss Roll Practical Assessment
- 7D - Swiss Roll Practical Assessment

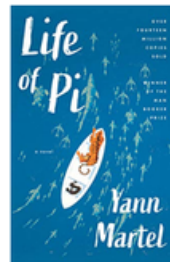
Tuesday 3rd November:

- 10A - Cheesy bean or Beef burger with homemade bun, mayo/sauce
- 8T - Sausage roll Practical Assessment
- 9D - Hamburger Practical Assessment

Please can we ask parents carers if there have been any changes in dietary requirements/ allergies that school is informed as we have had several students who have recently informed us of updates.

Book of the Week

Life of Pi by Yann Martel



Life of Pi is an award-winning fantasy adventure novel by Yann Martel. The protagonist, Piscine Molitor "Pi" Patel, a Tamil boy from Pondicherry, explores issues of spirituality and practicality from an early age. He survives 227 days after a shipwreck while stranded on a boat in the Pacific Ocean with a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker.

CHESS LADDER

registration is now complete. The list is up with the Operating manual so come along to the Library and plan your next move.



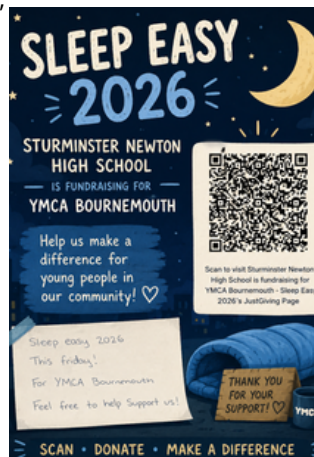
Speakers Needed for Remembrance Assembly

On 11th November we have our annual Remembrance Assembly in school.

If you would like to be a reader for the assembly, please come and speak to Miss Allen in B6/HOY Office.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME IN THE LIBRARY

The Not-So-Secret Book Club, where we meet, chat about books, maybe eat biscuits and generally have a lovely, literary time. Please eat your lunch first. Mrs Fitz



Mirthful
full of laughter, humour,
merriment.

Clubs Mondays

Rugby Club (Boys&Girls) 3pm-4pm
Pokemon Club in D2 1pm-1:30pm

Thursdays

Netball Club 3pm-4:30pm
Textiles Club (D2) 1pm-1:30pm

More below

News from MFL



Latin Club - it continues to grow and be a hugely popular club on a Wednesday after school from 3pm-4:15pm. The core focus is on the Latin language with also some understanding of the myths and stories, amazingly students are now at a point where they can understand the stories written in Latin.

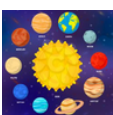
French Year 11 Revision - taking place on Monday 19th October from 3pm - 4:15pm. the focus continues to be on writing skills.

Parents a prewarning that I am hoping to have news about the French trip which will be running July 2027 very soon. I am offering a new destination with new challenges and experiences.

Gardening Club



Please meet Mr West by the garden at 3pm-4pm every **Monday**. There's lots of prep to do for next year's floral and vegetable displays, so all help is welcome! Bring your wellies!



Astronomy Club

Takes place the first Wednesday of the month from 3pm-4pm in S4. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Fennell, Senior Lab Technician