

School Update

Dear parents/carers,

It has been great to get back into school this week after the break and we thank all parents for the support with the school closure before half term.

Coming back to school we are still adopting the same guidance on covid for pupils as before half term so if your child has symptoms, please keep them off school and book a PCR test.

There are further trips coming up this half term with Year 8 going off to Cotton Dell next week and then Year 6 to Quarry Bank Mill the week after. These are sure to be brilliant days out.

Hopefully you will have seen that you can now check your child's attendance figures on the Class Charts app. More so than ever it is important that your child is in school, as every day does matter especially with the disruption to learning over the past couple of years.

The PE clubs will start again this week so please remind your child to bring the right kit for their activity if they are staying. On the links across the page there is also the updated extra-curricular timetable for you and your child to go through. Clubs are a great way to expand the enjoyment of the school day so would be great if they wish to attend one of them.

A HUGE well done to all staff and students who helped to celebrate World Book Day through some utterly fantastic costumes. It was super to see so many amazing costumes and wealth of book characters on display across all year groups. You can enjoy some staff photos on our Facebook page and please also remember that our 'shelfies' will be posted shortly.

The book swap was also a massive success so again thank you to all who got involved. Recommending a book to a peer is the best way our students can find books and authors they are truly interested in.

Students also enjoyed the Masker Reader in class time throughout the week, with some of the readers being incredibly challenging to guess! And across the entire day, students read a range of exciting short texts and explored some alternative authors they may not have heard of before.

All students have been provided with their World Book Day tokens and these can be used at participating retailers to claim their free World Book Day book; alternatively, they can be used to claim a £1 discount off of a non-World Book Day book.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books>

World Book Day reminds us just how steeped in literature our local, national and global community really is and without books and the reading skills to navigate these stories, life becomes rather mundane.

Mrs Frost continues to be out of school and Mr Evans will remain as Acting Headteacher for this half term.

Have a great weekend

Mr Grocutt

Deputy Headteacher

Check out these links

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Pupil Success-[Click here](#)

Accelerated Reader and MyOn-[Click Here](#)

Art Competition -[Click Here](#)

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Year 8 Cotton Dell Trip -[Click Here](#)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

We are a Trick Box School!

TRICK BOX[®]

WHAT IS TRICK BOX?

We all need a few tricks up our sleeves.

It's not always easy being a young person working out who you are and how to navigate challenges and changes in the world.

Building Happy Life Habits

Trick Box is a simple, evidenced based, whole school, whole journey, emotional management and personal development programme. It supports children, young people and their families from pre-school to sixth form. Each programme, which is available across the Academy Trust, (Early Years to KS5) builds on the others but also stands alone.

We are utilising this programme in school to support the mental health and wellbeing of your children. In TRICK BOX time, children will be taught a series of 'tricks' to help them deal with everyday situations.

In KS2, these tricks are printed on cards and used throughout the school. If you would like box of TRICK BOX cards to use with your child at home, then please order these via ParentPay. They are very reasonably priced at £3.

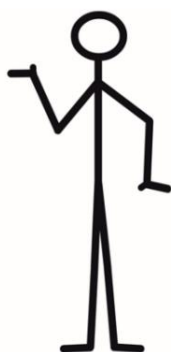


to purchase a ParentPay.

In KS3, children will be provided with a journal to be filled with the tricks. An overview of the half-termly habits and tricks will be provided that they can reflect on when further support is needed for their well-being.

Years 5 and 6- The 4 C's

The Trick Box programme develops personal skills in 4 key areas



Trick Box programmes from Reception to year 6 develop personal skills in 4 key areas through positive habit formation.

Children develop self-coaching skills and use tricks from their Trick Box to help them manage everyday life.

Teachers use the tricks in class and parents are able to practise these with their children at home (cards are available to order).

introduced and practised regularly everyone is confident about using Trick Box offers the personal skills need to not only manage ourselves but to take up positive opportunities and thrive!



24 Tricks



Self-Coaching Model

= Happy Habits

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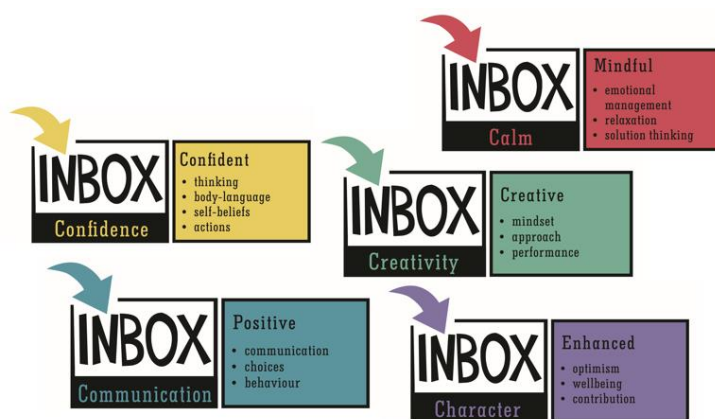
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This programme is already in place in some of our first schools and will be in all our trust schools imminently.

Years 7 and 8- Inbox

The Inbox programme for KS3-5 (Middle years 7-8) is all about developing personal habits and skills in 5 key areas (building on the skills already practised with Trick Box).



Less is more

Developing personal habits doesn't have to be hard work. Inbox tricks in the 5 key areas are introduced weekly, building on the skills learnt previously with Trick Box.

The habit-based tricks develop progressive skills and subskills in line with age-related experiences and development.

This programme will then continue if they transition to Wolgarston High School or The Rural Enterprise

Academy.

Independence is key

The Inbox programme encourages young people to build individual strengths.

Using a self-coaching model alongside the habit-based tricks helps to manage challenges in the here and now and create motivating for the future.

Everyone is unique and we all need to find our own paths

Some young people may prefer to keep which tricks they're practising to themselves. Some may wish to share with parents/carers and gain further support. The family can choose to work on some tricks together. Others prefer to talk to peers or get a little extra help from staff.

We are very pleased to be introducing this programme and hope that we see the benefits soon. Please do not forget to order your Trick Box cards for KS2 children, via ParentPay.



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I can find the answer if I ask, "how?"

KS2 TRICK BOX example:

This

strategy focuses on developing solutions.

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Accelerated Reader and MyOn

Most words read this week are:

- 1.) Isabelle B 6TG- 237,078
- 2.) Cillian D 5JB- 191, 620
- 3.) Laura T 7MW- 134, 012
- 4.) Arabella S-D 8SH- 112, 941
- 5.) Amelie W 6AG- 111, 902

Most quizzes taken in each year group this week:

5SE -27 quizzes taken

6TG- 16 quizzes taken

7MW- 16 quizzes taken

8AC- 10 quizzes taken

Well done to everyone who has taken quizzes and read books this week. Who will be on the leader board next?

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For those of you who use social media please remember that we post regular updates/pictures and info about what's happening in school on our Facebook and Twitter pages. If you haven't already done so, then please take a look.



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Y8 Geography Fieldtrip to Cotton Dell 2022

December 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have arranged for the children in **Year 8** to visit Cotton Dell as part of their studies in Geography. The team at Cotton Dell will provide students with the opportunity to complete a one-day rivers fieldwork investigation.

8AC and 8RCT will visit on Tuesday 8th March 2022

8JW and 8SH will visit on Wednesday 9th March 2022

We are requesting a donation of **£20 for each child**, which includes all transport costs and the costs of the day. Please pay by **Parent Pay by Friday 18th February 2022** or as soon as possible. As always, please also note that if we do not have enough donations to cover the cost of the trip, the visit will not be able to go ahead and we will incur charges from the bus company and visit provider for cancellation.

The students will leave for the Cotton Dell at 9.00 am prompt and return by the end of the normal school day. The students will need to **bring a packed lunch** for the day (which should not include fizzy drinks or glass bottles).

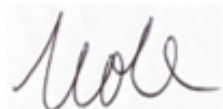
Students will **not** be expected to wear full school uniform but they should wear comfortable clothing such as tracksuit bottoms/ joggers. Students will also need to bring suitable outdoor clothing for the time of year, including a waterproof jacket, as a significant part of the day will be spent outside, a pair of wellington boots and a change of shoes (trainers or walking boots). I would also suggest children bring a plastic bag containing a spare pair of shoes to change out of any muddy footwear.

Students should be aware that we are visiting a place open to the public and they will need to be attentive and at all times respectful. Cooperation and good behaviour is paramount, not only for the reputation of the school, but also for the health and safety of the students. **Prior and during the visit all students are expected to follow the school rules at all times and any failure to do so will result in them forfeiting their place on the trip.**

A medical form will follow closer to the visit once payments have been received. However, advance warning is needed of any participants with special medical or other needs to ensure all health and safety considerations have been made.

The **deadline** for paying £20 via ParentPay is **Friday 18th February 2022**. Thank you in advance for all donations that make it possible for this visit to run.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Cole

Assistant Headteacher

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DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN COMPETITION 2022



Design a brand new National Book Tokens gift card - something that would really jump out at booklovers from the till point of their favourite bookshop. A panel of judges will select a winner and runner-up in each of three age categories: up to 8 years, 9-12 years and 13-16 years.



Designs must be handed into the school office by: Monday March 21st 2022! Making sure you complete the design on the template and fill out the information on the back.

The winning entrants, their schools and their teachers can bag **HUNDREDS** of pounds worth of National Book Tokens - just imagine all those beautiful new books for your school's bookshelves... plus, **ONE OVERALL WINNER** will be able to give a **£10/€10 National Book Token** to every child in their class, featuring their winning design!

TIPS FOR CREATING YOUR DESIGN

- Imagine your design is in a bookshop with lots of others - what will make it stand out?
- How can you make your design *really booky*?
- How many different ways can you interpret the words 'books', 'reading' or 'story'?
- What sort of design would you like if you received a National Book Token to choose new books with?
- Remember not to confuse it with your £1/€1.50 World Book Day book token!
On your bookmarks, get set, draw!

All entries should be produced on A4 paper using the [TEMPLATE](#). Please ensure you provide the child's name and age, and your contact details, on the second page of the form.

FIRST PRIZE in each age range wins:

- £250/€280 National Book Tokens for the school
- £100/€110 National Book Tokens for the child
- £100/€110 National Book Tokens for the teacher*

SECOND PRIZE in each age range wins:

- £150/€170 National Book Tokens for the school
- £50 /€60 National Book Tokens for the child
- £50 /€60 National Book Tokens for the teacher*

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Extra-curricular clubs at PMS - Spring 2 (28th Feb-8th Apr 2022)

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
Drama Club (AGu) All years Y6 Quad	All Years Choir (RCT) - Music Music Room	English homework club (AP) All years ICT Suite	Art Club (CW) All years ART Room	TT Rockstars (TG) Y5 ICT Suite	KS3 Interational Film club KS3 (LW/AT) 1 film per half term Rm 74	TT Rockstars (RK) Y6 ICT Suite	Code Club (LM) Y8 ICT suite	Book Club Y7/Y8 Rm 52 (SE)	
All years Newspaper Club - (LK) Library	Y7/Y8 Netball - PE dept. (SH)	Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1	KS3 Science club (MW, AC) Science dept. starting 08/03/22	Student leadership training - (SS) Room 84/Playground	3D craft club Y5 & Y6 - Room 61 (MM)	German language club Y7/Y8 Room 82 (AT/SS)	Cooking club - KS3 (SM)- Soft DT room - starting 10/03/22	Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1	
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All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite		KS2 Word Wizards club - (JB) - ICT suite	All years Running/X-C club - (SS) - Field 3:20pm-4:00pm	All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite	Speakers club - PMS Speaks up! (CA/DGM) - Rm 51	All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite	Y5/Y6 Football - PE dept. (AG/ZP)	Choco Loto - Y6 & Y8 / Y7 & Y5 alternate weeks (LW) Rm 74	
Y8 Netball - (SH) - Playground			Y5/Y6 Dance club - (KB) - Hall - fee applicable		Y5/Y6 Tag rugby - (ZP) - Field	Y6 Netball - (SH) - Playground		Y7 Netball - (SH) - Playground	

