



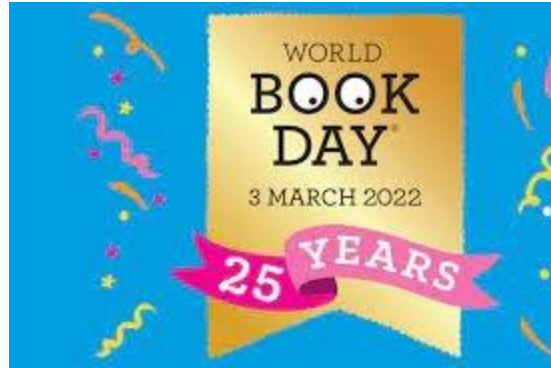
Weekly Mailing 4th March 2022

I am delighted that this week we have been able to resume school sporting fixtures. I had the pleasure of watching our year 7 and 8 mixed football teams playing their first fixture against Cambourne after school on Wednesday. Two match reports written by our students can be found later on in the weekly mailing. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm of the players, despite the inclement weather.

Whole year group assemblies also took place this week where I revisited the school core values and discussed what made us proud to be part of Basingbourn Village College. It was a pleasure to see the school community back in the same room, albeit a year group at a time.

We also held a virtual Year 11 parents' evening this week which was a positive experience for both parents, students and staff, and thank you to all who attended. We will be sharing a follow-up questionnaire with year 11 parents next week.

On Thursday of this week, we celebrated World Book Day, with students taking part in a hunt for the golden ticket and scrolls which had been hidden around the school. Congratulations go to Alfie who was the lucky finder of the golden ticket and has chosen The Foundation box set of books by Isaac Asimov as his prize. Congratulations also to Leo, Austen, Sam, Alex, Alice, Matthew, Harry, and Harry who have all chosen a book to take home with them. There is still one scroll left to find, so please do encourage your child to try to find this. Year 7 and 8 students were also given a £1 book token which they can use to contribute towards the purchase of a book of their choice.



Year 10 Science

In science this week, some of our Year 10 students have been dissecting pig's eyes to better understand how the eye works. Currently studying homeostasis within their science lesson, students took to this task with great enthusiasm and were amazed to see how the eye's lens was able to magnify the words of their worksheet even once it had been removed from the eyeball.

Students investigated how the eye focusses light on the back of the retina through the pupil, and how the nerve fibers leave the retina and form the optic nerve.





Year 8 Puppet project

For homework recently, year 8s were tasked with producing a puppet. We had some excellent and inspiring examples made from a range of materials. Well done year 8s! You put a lot of effort into this piece of homework for drama - we loved all the puppets, and here are a few of the designs below.







Year 8 - Sugar Skulls

Also in year 8, students have been looking at cultures around the world. In textiles they are looking at El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

8 Girton Technology are getting close to finishing their sugar skulls, using different stitches and other techniques they learnt this half term. The tricky task of threading a needle was something they all needed practice doing!

The students have really enjoyed the process from research and design to finally bringing their designs to life using skills learnt along the way. Some of the students said they really enjoyed learning and practicing the stitches. Others had fun learning and putting into practice skills they hadn't learnt before. Some students found it helped them to focus and others found it really relaxing.



Football fixture Year 8 -vs- Cambourne



Match report by Tyla (year 8):

On Wednesday afterschool, we had a football fixture against Cambourne. This was the first fixture that Year 8 have had. We had more players than Cambourne so we had to take turns playing against them. Our team had a mix of boys and girls. After a run of play in the second half, the ball was passed to Sam who scored the only goal of the fixture. The final score was 1-0 to Bassingbourn.

To be part of the team selected, we had to attend the extra-curricular club which runs on Tuesday afterschool and train together as a team, which really helped. I was excited about being selected because it would be a good opportunity to get into football and I got to develop my team work and resilience. During the game, I played in a range of positions, including centre back, centre midfield and right wing. The weather was rainy which meant that it was muddy and the ball was sliding around.

I was really proud of my team. The best thing was the winning feeling and I want that feeling to continue in our next game.

I would like to say thank you to Mr Budd and Mr Beck for organising the fixture, Cambourne for coming to play, and Aaron for refereeing.

Year 7 Match report by Ted (captain Bassingbourn yellow)

The match on Wednesday was amazing.

It was great to see players enjoying themselves while playing football against Cambourne Village College. They were a good side, but I know all the Bassingbourn players pushed through and tried their best. Bassingbourn were divided up into three separate teams to take on the opposition. Each team played against Cambourne and each other in a round robin tournament. All games were played with good sportsmanship, with a mixture of results.

Bassingbourn yellow 2 – 1 Cambourne

Bassingbourn red 3 – 1 Cambourne

Bassingbourn blue 1 – 2 Cambourne

Overall, a very successful 1st fixture for the Year 7 team.

[Communications sent home this week](#)

Head of Year 7 - Parents' Evening (Monday 7th March)

School Band - musicians wanted! (See Mr Cowlan)

PE Lessons Year 7, 8, 9 Obstacle Training

Year 11 Summer Exam timetable

Free taster guitar lessons for students in years 7-9

Year 8 Options Evening (Wednesday 23rd March)