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*by Miss Davey*

Peer Power are Year 6's support learners. They have worked very hard over 10 weeks with 3 sixth formers to learn the skills it takes to be a peer supporter.

Next term they will be dotted around school to listen to, support and help primary learners to solve their problems. You can spot them by their rainbow lanyards.

### WELLBEING DROP IN

*by Mr Cowdell*

Please be aware that Mrs Knight will be holding wellbeing drop in sessions during the Easter half term.

If you feel like you would benefit from one of these sessions please come in to see Mrs Knight on Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April, 10am-11am each day.

# A LEVEL DRAMA

by Mrs Blain

The A Level Drama learners have been working incredibly hard since October creating their Devising performance and coursework. The learners began the process using a stimulus play text, *Trafford Tanzi* by Claire Luckham, exploring the text practically. After a lengthy workshop period where learners explored different Drama practitioners and methodologies including Frantic Assembly, Splendid Theatre, Punchdrunk, Bertolt Brecht and Stanislavski. Creatively inspired by the role of women in society and throughout time the learners developed their original performance inline with their intentions for their piece. Using the methodologies of Frantic Assembly the performers utilised a range of movement, music and narrative to create an enthralling piece of original theatre.

The learners performed their original piece in front of an audience of parents and relatives. The piece was exceptionally well received by the audience who were able to draw out the themes of the piece and commented on how well the learners had done. Well done A Level learners! Keep up the hard work and we look forward to sharing more drama performance work in the future with you.



# CRICKET TAKEOVER

by Mrs Clarke

Our year 1, 2 and 3 learners took part in a Cricket Takeover Day today ran by Northamptonshire County Cricket Club as part of the National “Chance to Shine” cricket programme. The day started with an assembly that talked about the spirit of cricket and the values of the game, focusing on fair play, teamwork and respect.

Each class then took part in a cricket session where they developed their catching, throwing, batting and bowling skills. It was a great opportunity to introduce the learners to cricket which many of the classes are moving onto shortly within PE lessons.

Each learner also went away with a free wristband and a flyer about how they can access cricket outside of school. If parents/carers would like to find out more about cricket opportunities outside of school, please follow the link below to All Stars Cricket (ages 5-8) or Dynamos Cricket (ages 8-11): <https://nccc.co.uk/junior/>





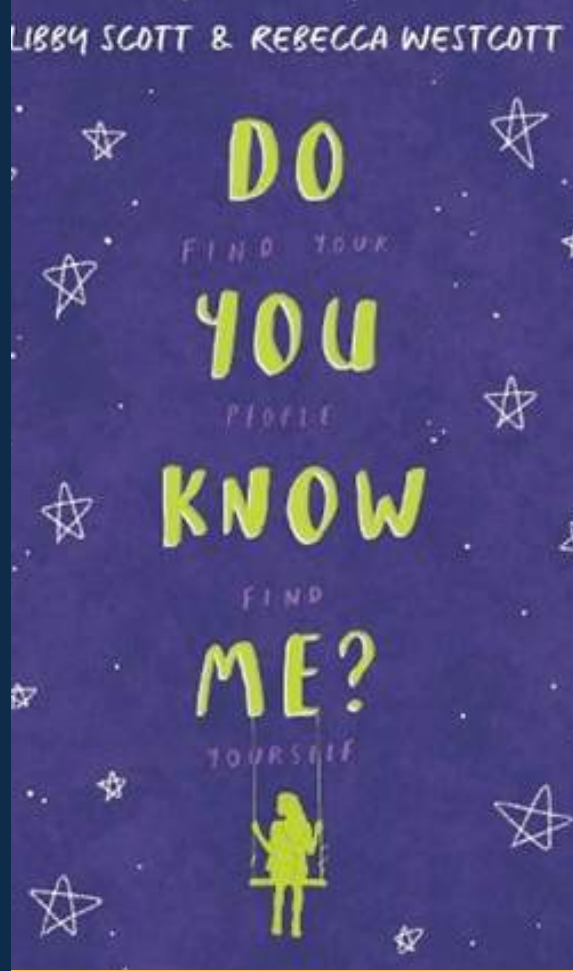
# BOOK OF THE MONTH

by Mrs Jones & Mrs Collard

## Do you know me?

Following the wonderfully insightful Can You See Me?, Rebecca Westcott and Libby Scott return with another novel starring the brilliant, autistic and true-to-her-own-self heroine Tally. Do You Know Me? explores some of the most crucial issues in a young person's life – loyalty, acceptance and the intricacies of social interaction – in a moving, illuminating story of friendship and courage.

Tally is autistic and proud. She used to feel like she had to hide her autism, but now Tally is determined to make sure people see who she really is. But now Tally has a new worry - her school trip. And that means new places, new people and new challenges. She quickly falls in with the popular girls and is grateful that they don't make a big deal about her autism, but it's not long before Tally realises that, while the girls are popular, they aren't very kind. With a jolt Tally understands that she's not the only one who's been made to feel like she has to hide her true self. But will she find the strength to stand up for herself and the people she knows are being treated unfairly, or will she stay quiet? And will Tally ever find her people?



# WOOTTON PARK READING HEROES

by Mrs Mylett

Wootton Park Reading Heroes have been busy reading and reviewing books over the past few months. We have been very fortunate in receiving 2 free books from the publishers - The Marvellors by Dhonielle Clayton and Odelia and the Varmint by Jenny Moore. Both are very good adventure books and can now be found in the library!

If you are a keen reader and would like to help review books for the group please sign up for the afterschool club - we meet every Tuesday in the library until 4pm or speak to Mrs Mylett or Mrs Doherty.





## STUDENT ASPIRATION SQUAD

*by Mrs Clarke*

A group of our year 5/6 learners have been selected to take part in the “Student Aspiration Squad” project that is being run by Northamptonshire Sport this year. The project aims to build confidence and aspirations through the power of sport.

These lucky learners are taking part in a sports activity every half term with learners from other primary schools across Northampton. In October, they attended their first session where they met the other children and took part in teambuilding games.

## BLUE PETER MUSIC BADGE

Well done to Keir (Y6) who has been successful in securing a Blue Peter Music Badge (designed by Ed Sheeran!). He applied after attending the Young Voices concert.

If your child also attended the young voices concert use this [link](#) to apply for their very own Blue Peter Badge!



## Y8 POETRY

*by Miss King*

Below is a poem from Jeremy Y8 who wrote this poem on the Y8 drop down day focused on raising awareness and funds for visual impairment which he also translated it into braille.

'Some cannot see,  
Some cannot hear,  
but still anything can be done  
and still with plenty of fun.  
From canoeing to climbing,  
to surfing to diving.  
Your sight doesn't judge you.  
Open your eyes.'



# SCIENCE BAKE OFF

by Miss Bastin

Below are some of the wonderful cakes made by our Y7 learners for their science class.



# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

by Mrs Wade

Kai has been an active member of the Northamptonshire Scouts Association for over 4 years, taking part in many activities with his Scout group. In early 2022, Kai went for a selection day at Overstone with 80 other young people, completing a range of challenging team building tasks, such as putting up a tent whilst wearing a blindfold and creating a protective case for an egg to survive a drop from a great height! Kai is one of just 36 scouts to have been selected from the day to represent Northamptonshire at the World Scout Jamboree later this year in South Korea.

This fantastic opportunity will allow Kai to explore the culture of South Korea, visiting many places such as Seoul and the West Coast. We wish Kai the very best of luck with his adventure and we look forward to hearing all about it in September. Well done Kai on this fabulous achievement!





# Y11 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

by Mr Jones

As part of their GCSE course, Year 11 geographers attended the annual Geography fieldtrip, this time to Margam Park in Wales to complete their human and physical investigations, which are examined on in their final GCSE paper. On Monday with an early morning start, we set off headed straight to South Wales, where we were met by our tutors from the Field Studies Council.

After a brief introduction to the centre, the pupils were straight out to visit different sites of the River Nant Cwm Philip to look at how its characteristics changed along its course. The learners were clad head to toe in waterproofs and wellies and nervously entered the river to carry out their data collection. By the end of the day they were comfortable in the water, moving through the streams with some wading heroically through muddy bogs in their pursuit of accurate data. In an evening session we went through the key features of a drainage basin, identified river features on an OS map, thought about what geographical questions we could ask about the river, and what factors affected its flow.

On the second day we investigated coastal management. We couldn't have wished for better weather and the landscape looked like an advert from the Welsh tourist board, with plenty of blue skies and sunshine. We investigated areas of coastal engineering and evaluated their effectiveness and impact on the surrounding environment. After the data collection there was even the option for learners to try the local ice cream and fish and chips or just to make the most of the fine weather and spend some time on the beach. In the evening session, we looked at how we could present our data and tested the hypotheses we had created in the morning session.

The final day meant urban fieldwork and a trip to the regenerated Cardiff Bay. When we arrived at Mermaid's Quay, the group completed a land use mapping activity and land use audit to see how public space was used and to also look at the environmental impact of the regeneration, collecting our data digitally through the use of GIS. After a busy, fun and educational few days our year 11 learner, Stephanie summed up the trip saying 'It was really fun and helpful for our exams. I now feel confident to answer the fieldwork questions and it was also my first time going to a beach or seeing the sea, which was an amazing experience'





# REMEMBRANCE AT WOOTTON PARK SCHOOL

*by Mr Williams & Dr Rautenburg*

Wootton Park School places significant emphasis on remembrance and British Values. All of our learners contributed to various remembrance events this year. Some of our primary learners lay wreaths and crosses at East Hunsbury Library as part of a community display, which was put together by the Library, East Hunsbury Parish Council and members of the local community. The learners were selected from years 4, 5 and 6 to represent Wootton Park at the Remembrance event.

During the w/c 7th November, every learner created a poppy to contribute to an overall remembrance display in our dining hall. Most poppies were red, but some poppies were purple to commemorate the animals, which were sadly lost in battle. We worked as a whole school family to remember the sacrifice of soldiers around the world and tutors reminded their forms of the importance of remembrance.

Finally, we held our two-minute silence on the 11th November at 11am. Our entire school community, from EYFS to Year 13, came together in the playground to honour the soldiers, civilians and animals who gave their lives. Our head girl, Krystelle, read the Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph, before and after the Last Post was sounded.

Mr Williams stated "The Remembrance Day installation was inspired by the 'weeping window' 2014 display at the Tower of London... Our piece was created with over 1250 handmade poppies made by every learner. The result created a visual location to mark remembrance and personal reflection as a whole school community. "Kai in year 10 stated " I thought the remembrance day display was a great way to get all people from all year groups involved. Each learner made a poppy which was part of the display in the hall, I thought it looked very good and is a great way to celebrate this important day."

