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Staff Panto - Our Ella!

On the last day of term our students had a real treat in store! Some of our wonderful staff dressed up in costume and performed in a staff panto - oh yes they did! Staff performed an original piece written by Miss Rudge (Head of Performing Arts). The piece is Entitled 'Our Ella' and follows the story of Cinderella with a Tameside twist! Our very own Mrs Craven took the leading role plating Ella with Mr Mooney as her Prince Charming.

Students loved the performance and there was lots of giggles and laughter. Each student received two Christmas gifts as they left the performance which included a selection box from the Academy and a gift from the Manchester United Foundation who work closely with our Academy.

Thank you so much for all the staff who worked so hard on this performance and to the students who watched and joined in with the performance!



Remembrance 2022



As part of Remembrance Day the Academy was involved in the annual two minutes silence. In addition to this all Key Stage 3 students produced some poppy remembrance wreaths and staff wrote an act of remembrance for lost soldiers that were displayed around the Academy.

A group of students, along with Mr Nash and Mr Singleton participated on the Sunday parade through Staybridge Town Centre.



Students were impeccable and the messages written on the wreaths underline that Copley Academy students will never forget the act of sacrifice.

Warm Welcome - Hot Meals for the Community

Copley Academy students supported the “Warm Welcome” initiative that is being held at St Paul’s Church on Huddersfield Road.

The project is to provide food to the local community and will operate throughout the winter months between November and March. Students have worked hard in Food Technology lessons to produce the soup that is served by the volunteers. Massive well done to Mrs Orr-McCook, students and everyone involved.

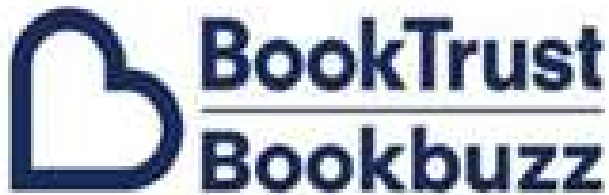


BookTrust BookBuzz



Copley Academy takes part in the BookTrust Bookbuzz programme for Year 7 and Year 8. Bookbuzz allows Copley Academy to buy our students a book from a selection of 17 wonderful titles. Prior to selecting, students watched an author video about the books in Registration and a PowerPoint presentation giving a little more information about each book.

Copies of the 17 books were displayed in the LRC from September - October for any pupils who wanted to see an actual copy before deciding. Students indicated their choices on a bookmark, and these were collected, collated, and ordered by Mrs Holding. The books finally arrived in early November and have been delivered to forms and handed out to all Year 7 and 8 students.



Tameside Libraries Poetry Competition

This year Tameside Libraries have released a Children’s Poetry Competition with a focus on a ‘unique gift’. Children in Mr Baron’s Loud and Proud group have submitted some lovely entries to the competition focusing on the gifts that come with understanding and accepting oneself.

A Rainbow in my Heart – Elizabeth Kerr

There’s a rainbow in my heart,
A song inside my head,
While great winds blow and oceans wave,
To live in this world, people like me must
be brave.

A me who is brave,
A me who is strong,
A me who is not told that who she is, is
so wrong.

I have some sugar in my words,
Some glitter in the air,
As the bright Sun shines and clear rain
falls,
Over on the other side, another me calls.

For Christmas I want a me who is me,
A girl who is bi,
A girl who is free.

GCSE Drama Performances



Our GCSE Drama pupils have worked so hard this term on devised theatre pieces. Work produced in response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine has been inspiring and thought provoking. Pupils have worked together to create a wonderful piece of Drama and Miss Rudge couldn't be prouder. Well done year 11!

Year 10 Oxford University Trip



Students in Year 10 visited Corpus Christi and Christ Church Colleges at Oxford University in November along with Mrs Ross and Mrs Whitelegg. The visit enabled students to experience university life at one of the world's most sought after and prestigious universities.

Students attended taster sessions and had the opportunity to meet with Oxford students. They were given a guided tour of the university, which was founded under the reign of Henry VIII. Students walked the corridors and entered the Great Hall, which has become famous for its scenes as the hall in Hogwarts in Harry Potter.

The day was a success and all students left feeling inspired knowing that Oxford University is an institute that they can aspire to attend if they choose to.

National Anti-Bullying Week



During this term it was National Anti-Bullying Week, and students have been engaging in a range of activities to promote an inclusive, tolerant and supportive environment. With a theme of reaching out, Mr O'Brien delivered an assembly to all students, there were tasks delivered through the Great Lives PSHE Curriculum, displays around school and students could wear odd socks to celebrate diversity. Thanks to Mrs Ross who put together the week's events.

Sports Achievements



Massive well done to our kickboxing sensation Maddie, in Year 9. Maddie competed at the world championships in October and secured herself three world titles and a silver.

Maddie's trophy cabinet must be enormous by now! Maddie has also been nominated for Tameside's Young Sports Achiever of the Year.

A big shout out also needs to go to Imogen, who was part of the Under-13 East Cheshire Harriers Team that finished third in the North West Road Relays at Edge Hill University.



Further congratulations to Henry in Year 10. Through the Academy's links to the MU Foundation. Henry applied to be a ball assistant at Old Trafford for the season and was successful after being interviewed by Mr Heatley.

Eagle-eye Mr Heatley spotted Henry doing a great job at United's home game against Newcastle this weekend.



Finally, both Isabelle and Jacob who competed in the British Olympic Weightlifting championships and won their respective categories. Both Isabelle and Jacob are twice English and British champions - winning both competitions last year and the English earlier this year.

They are on the pathway for squad selection for British weightlifting and have big hopes for someday representing Great Britain in the future.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



During September, Copley Academy hosted a staff bake off in aid of Macmillan Coffee Morning. Organised by Miss Tidbury, staff are not only challenged to make and eat cake all in the name of charity but also are pitted against each other to win the coveted titles of best show stopper and best bake.

This year's accolades went to Miss Fitton (best show stopper) and Miss Knight (best bake). Over £200 was raised by staff. So massive thank you to everyone who baked, faked and ate!

Open Evening

In October, we had our incredibly successful Open Evening event where the Academy had a record number of families attending. Thank you to all our staff and students who did Copley proud by showcasing our Academy.

Mrs Craven, Mr Coe and Miss Tidbury all visited some of our feeder primary schools one last time to meet with Year 6 students. The visits demonstrate the importance that the Academy attaches to transition and the support that staff want to provide to Year 6 students, their families and their teachers as they make the journey into secondary education.

Application numbers for 2023 are looking very strong! Thanks to all the staff who put on such a broad and brilliant range of curriculum activities that showcased the best of the Academy's teaching and learning.



Reading Plus



Following a successful trial last year, the Reading Plus programme has been implemented for all classes across KS3 at Copley Academy. Students now receive 1 hour a week during English lessons to access the Reading Plus site where they complete reading tasks which focus on comprehension, inference, comparison, vocabulary and literacy skills.

The programme has seen enthusiastic take up by students, with some already having completed over 50 individual reading sessions, being exposed to over 60,000 words. Students are also receiving awards for their progress. The top attaining students each week are submitted for praise in assembly and certificates to take home are handed out.

The English Department are keen for all students to access this resource to its fullest, and Reading Plus is available for all students to use at home by signing in with their individual login details. Alternatively, students can complete their weekly allocation of reading and vocabulary tasks after school in the LRC.

Read For Good Readathon

The English department is organising another Read For Good Readathon charity event this year, following the success of last year's. This fundraiser gives pupils the opportunity to use the Bookbuzz titles they have received to take part and raise money to purchase much needed reading books for children in hospitals.

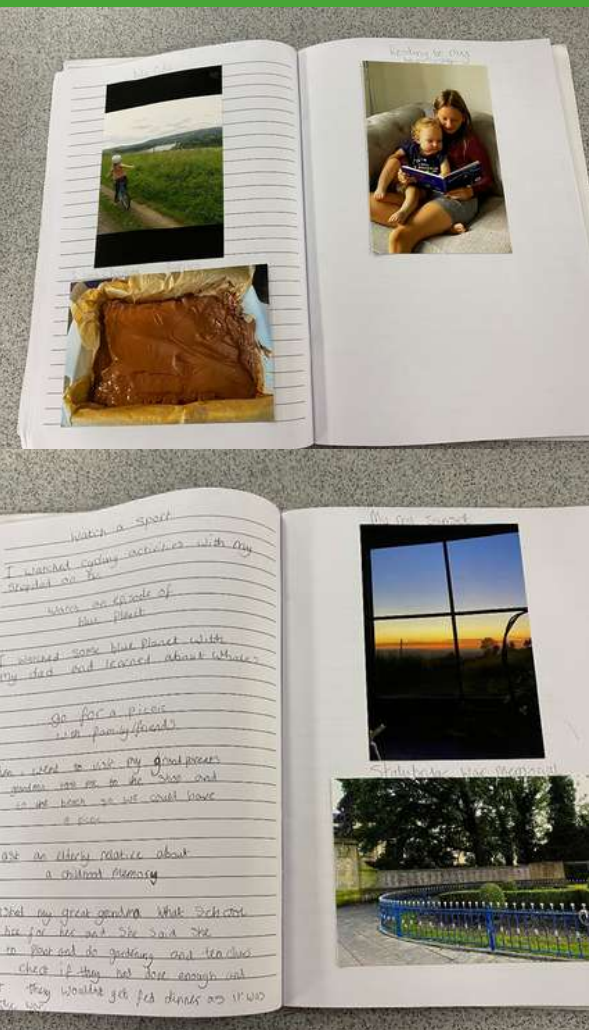
Readathon sponsored read has been running in schools across the UK since 1984. It is a simple idea. Pupils are motivated to read what they love, and at the same time raise money to help seriously ill children. They also earn free book vouchers for their school at the same time. Last year we were able to add lots of free books to our library stock and qualified for some half price titles.

Readathon always creates a buzz about reading and is a great way to encourage a love of reading and make a difference to others, especially around Christmas time. We are looking forward to raising even more this year with the help of our wonderful students and their sponsors.

Thank you to all the students who were able to raise money as part of the Readathon.



Year 7 Transition



Year 7 arrived for their first day on Friday 2nd September immaculately dressed and full of positivity. A Year 7 only day allowed the new students to learn their way around the building, become familiar with key staff and ensure that they became well versed with our GREAT Values without the older year groups.

Not surprisingly Year 7 built on the brilliant start that they made in their July transition days; they have already demonstrated what a polite, hard-working and kind group of individuals that they are. No more so than in their transition summer challenge tasks.

Taking away the work that they completed on the transition days, Year 7 were provided with a range of summer challenges designed to enrich their six week holiday experiences, as well as give them a positive start to life as a Copley Academy students. Students were not only rewarded with GREAT Points, but the best efforts were also rewarded with "Breakfast with the Boss". The students also rounded off a successful first day with their tie presentation from Mrs Craven and Mr Heatley.

Eco School Award

Copley Academy is delighted to announce that at the end of the last academic year the Academy submitted a proposal to achieve its Eco-School Award based on environmental-friendly changes made since September 2022, and over the summer Miss Tidbury received an email confirming that the Academy had been successful.

Miss Tidbury's Make A Difference Club alongside the Manchester United Foundation Social Action Group formed an Eco-Committee that led the changes in the Academy. Working alongside staff, the club members have changes in energy-usage, the reduction of plastics in the Dining Room, coupled with curriculum teaching, assemblies, the GREAT Lives Curriculum and the partnership Action for Conservation all were crucial in the Academy achieving this prestigious award.

