



WORLD BOOK DAY IS COMING!

World Book Day will soon be upon us and we will be holding their annual non-uniform day celebrations on Friday 2nd March. This is always an enjoyable day seeing pupils (and staff) dress up as their favourite character from a book or any other genre. Please show your support by bringing £1 and getting your special costume sorted over the half term break. There are lots of prizes to be won, so make sure you get designing quickly! Many thanks to Miss Walmsley and the English Department for organising this day for us.

'OLIVER!'

Our long awaited production of 'Oliver' is almost upon us. We welcome pupils from some of our primary schools to watch the last two dress rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday before we go 'live' on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. If you haven't bought your ticket yet, make sure you do so as soon as possible, Adults £4, Child/Concessions £3. Performances on the three nights commence at 7pm. We look forward to a great show.

GOVERNOR INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOL LIFE – A NOTE FROM MR PITCHER, CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

In the recent parental questionnaire the following comment was made: **"More involvement of the Governing Body in school life - they are too remote from the pupils.** From my own involvement with the school over a number of years I can assure you that the governing body does play an active part in school life in addition to carrying out its statutory duties. All governors are linked to departments and are encouraged to visit school to meet staff and pupils, this enables governors to see the pupils at work and discuss current issues with staff. Governors also volunteer for events such as Enterprise Day, mock interview evenings and on occasions have accompanied staff and pupils on school visits. I have a particular interest in Technology and the Arts and have hosted visits of pupils at my place of work and attended art exhibitions, gallery visits etc. Governors also attend School Council Meetings so that they can listen to the views of the pupils first hand and attend events such as the school production, Lostock's Got Talent, Christmas Concert and the Sports Award Evening. Lostock Hall is very lucky to have a governing body that gives so freely of their time as I know from experience that this is not the case in all schools.

HALF TERM

Please note that school closes at 3pm on Friday 10 February and reopens for pupils on **Tuesday 21 February** at 8.40am. Monday 20 February is an INSET Day for staff.

MATHS SUPPORT

Maths help, support, revision and catch up sessions are available from the Maths Department every day after school in the study rooms (timetable posters are in every Maths classroom) and at lunch times on Thursdays with Mrs Noone in M5.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*Congratulations to **Molly Longson** 7T and **Emily Topping** 7S, for organising a 'Hook a Duck' event at the St Paul's Church Christmas Fete. The Students raised £15:00, which they have kindly donated to their Year 7 charity – Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you girls for your kindness and generosity, it is much appreciated. Also to **Olivia Duckworth** Year 8 for producing a creative piece of homework titled 'My Personal Seder Plate' for RE. Miss Jones says it covers almost a whole display board! Miss Bleasdale wishes to nominate our 'Technologists of the Month' for January - **Thomas Wadsworth** –Yr 7 for Food Technology, **Callum Foster** Yr 8 for Textiles, **Sophie Simpson** Yr 8 for Resistant Materials and **Jade Coupe** Yr 9 for Product Design. Well done! In addition to the note last week about **Adam Carrie** doing a 32 mile charity bike ride and walk up Snowdon the following day, we also wish **James Crossley** who is taking part. Finally to the following girls who found £10 in the street on the way to school and handed it in for charity if it isn't claimed:- **Lauryn Wilkinson** **Izzy Solari**, **Megan Tracey**, **Emma Foweather** and **Zoe Myerscough**.*

Well done to you all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Mon 6	Dress Rehearsals for 'Oliver' Governors' Personnel Meeting Governors' Curriculum Meeting
Tues 7	Dress Rehearsals for 'Oliver' Governors' Finance Meeting
Wed 8	'Oliver' performance – evening
Thurs 9	'Oliver' performance – evening
Fri 10	'Oliver' performance – evening Close for Half Term
Mon 20	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tues 21	School reopens for pupils
Wed 22	Runshaw College interviews
Thurs 23	Year 8 RE visit Leyland Band concert 7pm
Fri 24	Runshaw Apprentice Assessment Leyland Band Concert 7pm
Tues 28	KS4 Careers Fair
Wed 29	Year 8 Parents' Evening