

Headteachers' Blog



Monday 13th March 2023 – Friday 17th March 2023

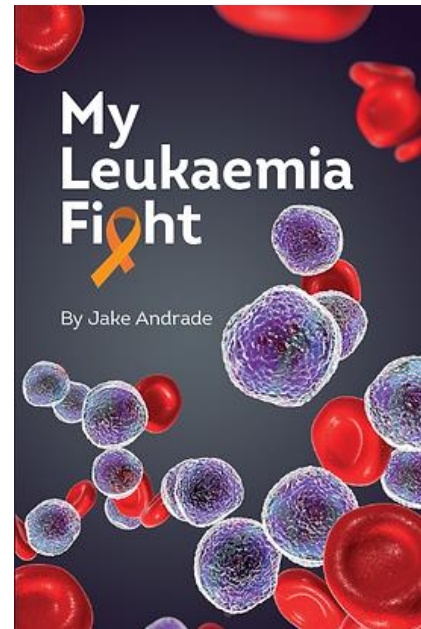
Parent Newsletter Bumper Easter Edition!

Last week's Newsletter focussed in on the impact Matilda had on those fortunate enough to see it and this week I am delighted to report that two year groups had amazing theatrical experiences that not only entertained, but educated them at the same time. First, Box Clever Theatre company performed Macbeth to Year 11. The feedback was exceptionally strong and so gave us confidence that two days later the same company's production of Romeo and Juliet would be well received by Year 8 students and we were proven correct. On both occasions the hall was pumping with laughter, music, sadness, tragedy and poetry. All of this was done to help add depth to students' writing about Shakespeare by helping add characterisation to the words on the page.



More writing workshops, this time led by the University of Suffolk were delivered across the school and then a former student, Jake Andrade, came into school to talk to students about the book he has written – 'My Leukaemia Fight'. Jake has battled against leukaemia since he was thirteen, but despite spending significant periods of time in hospital he still completed the full set of GCSE's and went on to secure A Levels, in the penultimate cohort to study here at Stowmarket. Jake was speaking to us about the process of writing a book, but the biggest message for me was his resilience. Despite the continual fight against cancer, Jake has achieved GCSE's, A Levels and now a degree. He has written an extraordinary book and he continues to raise funds and awareness for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

His book is available at [Jake Andrade \(jake-andrade.myshopify.com\)](https://jake-andrade.myshopify.com).



Stowmarket's Going International!

This Easter we see three great opportunities for students - a sports trip to Malaga, a residential experience in France and a series of revision support sessions for Year 11 students. I am very grateful to the staff involved with each of these activities, for being prepared to continue to give students ever more opportunities, even when the opportunity comes to have a break, after a long and stressful half term.

Goodbye

This Easter we say goodbye and best wishes to Miss McGee, who has taken a position closer to home in Ipswich to better support her young family. Miss McGee's wonderful upbeat personality has blessed our classrooms and corridors for 7 years now – and I wish her all the very best in the next stage of her career.

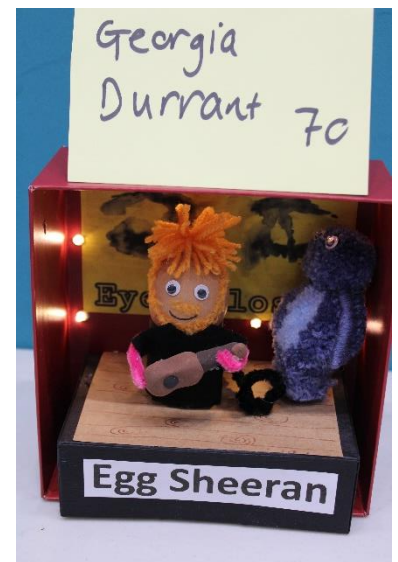
More Friday superstars – chosen by staff to have a rooftop tour in recognition of their consistent efforts and achievements. Well done to them all.

Bobby Scopes, Dylan Clark, Malick Sonco, Ruby Abbott, Tama Lejtenyi, Poppy Harold, Sam Maxfield, Isaac Braybrooke, Millie France, Erin, Riley Houghton Lay, Coraline Thomas, Charlie Rose Bloomfield, Senna Bloomfield, Layla White, Laura Karkoska, Alex Rodger, Caitlin Buxton



Easter Celebrations

This week we have seen SEND Easter bouquets, and egg decorating competition (winner Georgia Durrant 70), an Easter egg hunt as well as an Easter cake sale.



Easter Egg Hunt!



On your marks.....

GO!!!



We found some!

Easter Revision

A full programme of Easter Revision sessions are being held for Year 11 students – the details here:

YEAR 11 EASTER SUCCESS SESSIONS 2023								
	SLT - AMC	SLT – RHA	SLT – CBR	SLT - KRO		SLT – DLA	SLT – SSM	SLT - KFA
Morning	Monday 3 rd April	Tuesday 4 th April	Wednesday 5 th April	Thursday 6 th April	School Closed	Tuesday 11 th April	Wednesday 12 th April	Thursday 13 th April
9am - 12pm	Drama G.07 NRE	Maths (Grades 7-9) 1.08 SBR	English 2.10 SBA	Res Mats - Catch Up G.06 JHA		History 12 + 16 Mark Questions 2.01 DRE	History Knowledge Boosters LRC SSM	Science Foundation (Bio, Chem, Phys) 2.04 RYF
9am - 12pm	Art 1.19 GPA	Maths (Grades 4-5 Foundation) 1.12 LAN	English 2.13 AFI	Textiles G.02 TAD		English Achieving a 4 on the Lang Paper 2.14 JAR		
9am - 12pm	Geography Paper 1 WTM 2.18 SPE	Maths (Grades 5-7) 1.10 SFI	English 2.15 DLE					
Afternoon					School Closed			
12.30pm - 3.30pm	Art 1.19 GPA	Geography Paper 2 WTM 2.18 SPE	Geography Paper 3 WTM 2.17 JTH	Res Mats - Catch Up G.06 JHA		Maths WTM (Grades 4-6 Higher) 1.14 EJE		Science Higher (Bio, Chem, Phys) 2.04 RYF
12.30pm - 3.30pm		iMedia 2.20 AVW	iMedia 2.20 AVW					

More Easter Activities – Stowmarket Library

On Tuesday 11, Thursday 13 and Friday 14 April at Stowmarket Library, we have Joel Millerchip and Lily Hammond, two incredible artists coming in to hold a free holiday activity days for 11-16 year olds!

The days runs from 10-3, include lunch and snacks and are open and free to all students 11-16. Join Joel for a zine and animation workshop, or join Lily for mural making and a day full of art inspiration. You can find out more about the project by visiting [Suffolk Libraries](#).

Thank you for all of your support this term, I really appreciate it. I wish you all a lovely Easter break and for those for those who do not celebrate Easter – have a lovely break!

Mr Lee-Allan

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