

Chinese New Year

This week 9D have been learning about what happens in China when it is the New Year. Ms Wakeling invited Charlotte Holtam, our Chair of Governors, to tell us about China; she has visited China 6



times. She told us that it is a very important festival that lasts for 2 weeks. Everywhere is busy as people try to get home back to their families in different parts of China. Homes are cleaned and decorated, graves of dead family are visited and children are given money in lucky red envelopes. The final day of New Year is on Sunday when Chinese people fill their homes with lanterns and write their wishes for the future on sky lanterns, which they send into the sky. 9D said that it was good fun and they enjoyed eating with chop sticks, which in Chinese means 'quick eat'.



Housepoints

Last week: Yellow—25 Blue—32

This week Rosie (Y) and Louis D (Y) have been awarded certificates.

The scores now are: Yellow - 27 Blue - 32



Don't forget—next week

Next Thursday afternoon and next Friday all day the school is closed for staff training. Pupils will leave school at 2pm on Thursday. School will reopen after the half term on Monday 20th February.

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Weather: It's freezing cold—about -1°C...will it snow?



Reading University

On Wednesday this week a group of students from the University of Reading visited HLSC to do Drama workshops with our pupils. There were three workshop topics on the theme of "Citizenship".



One group with Year 9 pupils, worked on the topic "Image and Fair Labour", another group from Year 10 concentrated on "Social Networking" and Year 11 pupils worked on the topic "Immigration and Asylum".

All of the HLSC pupils enjoyed the workshops and learned a lot from working with the Reading students. The pupils were also pleased that the hearing students in the drama workshop could all sign really well.



FE College

Some students in FE have been learning about Health and Safety rules, signs and words with Juliet Frankel and Hilary Dumbrill. They went on a tour of the HLSC kitchen with Jo our Catering Manager. There were lots of signs to spot and many rules to find out about. Thanks Jo!



Derby Football

Not long now until the 5 aside national football competition next Tuesday. Good luck to all those who are playing.



PE performers of the week

The outstanding PE performances of the week this week are Ali for his brave and skilful defence work in the football lesson on Tuesday and Louie for his very good swimming last Friday showing good stroke style and excellent racing dives off the blocks. Very well done to you both! Ms Mundy



Japanese food



Year 9 made Japanese Sushi in food Technology this week. They had to roll up rice, vegetables and smoked salmon in seaweed using bamboo mats!



Year 11 Art

On Monday Year 11 did a 5 hour mock GCSE exam. They worked really well and in assembly on Tuesday showed us their fantastic work.



Football Shock Results

In the FA cup Brighton beat Newcastle and Crawley beat Hull. Paighton and Mr Dunlin were disappointed but Mr Sheppard and Philip F were over the moon. Next Crawley v Stoke and Liverpool v Brighton.



Maths work of the week

Well done to Rosie for her work on tens and units and Rian for his work on solving equations. Ms Barnett



Plumpton College



On Tuesday evening Amy, Kelly, Zara, Rian, Jake, Ronnie and Oliver visited Plumpton College again. This week we visited the farm and saw the different farm animals, Chickens, sheep, Donkeys, Limas, pigs, owls, and goats. We collected eggs and were able to hold the chickens. Everyone had a great time. Next week we will be doing equine (horses) or horticulture.



Red for Heart Day, February 24th.

We are helping the British Heart Foundation. Next week pupils will bring home a BHF sack. If you have any unwanted gifts, books, toys, etc please can you send them to school in the sack after half term. Everyone can also wear something red on the Friday 24th Feb to take part and help raise some money. Thank you to Kai, and Oliver Busby who have helped with artwork for the displays. Naomi

