

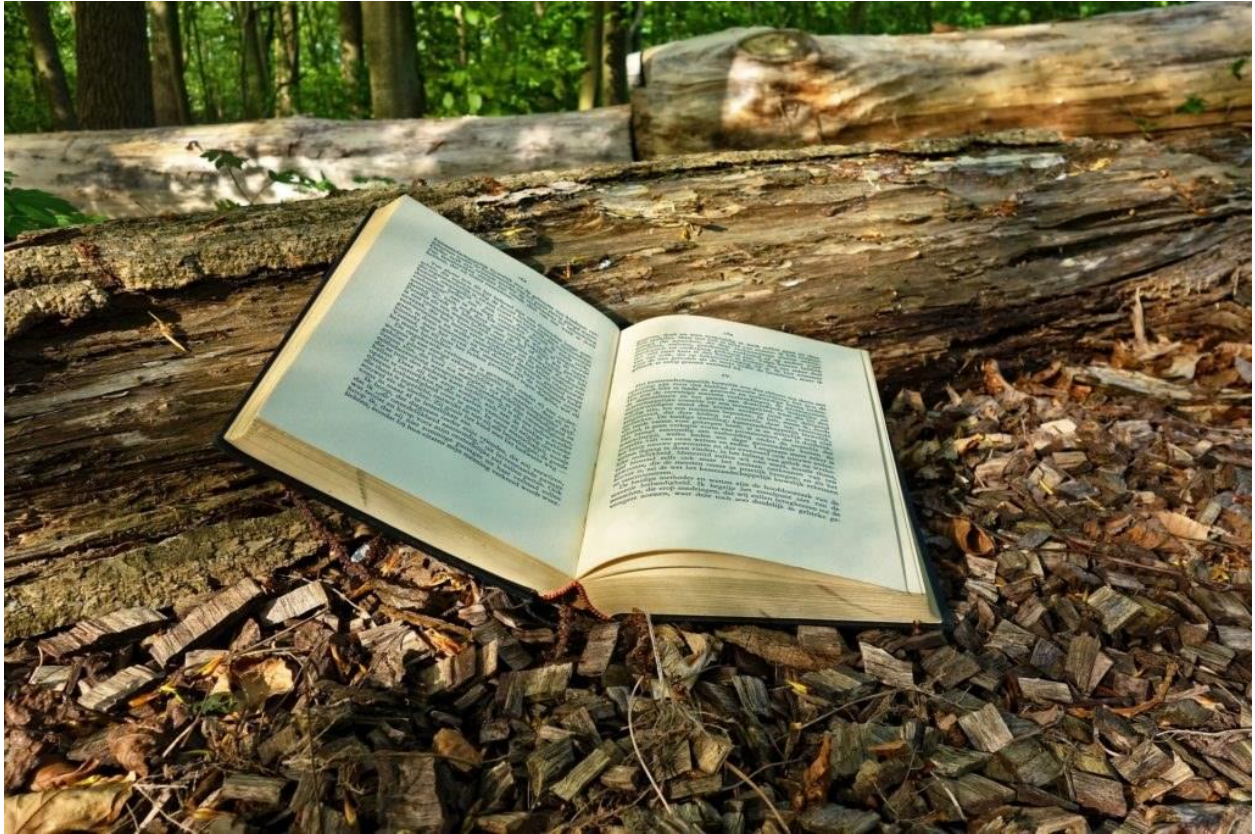


Weekly Bulletin 28th March 2025

This week's thought of the week has centred around our refocus on Respect alongside 'Ramadan' culminating with the festival 'Eid ul-Fitr' (the Festival of the Breaking of the Fast) on Sunday. Further information on the thought of the week can be accessed [here](#)

We are keen to further improve the standard of school uniform worn by our students. Please can I take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support. So many of you have supported the move and we thank you for your feedback. If you have been contacted regarding a uniform infringement, please act on this over the weekend to avoid any unnecessary interruption to your child's learning whilst the matter is resolved. Can I please remind you of the behaviour policy that outlines the school stance on uniform. It is available [here](#). This policy also applies to jewellery. Excessive jewellery will be removed from students and stored securely in reception until the end of the day.

Reading for Pleasure



This week I would love to recommend 'Skellig' by David Almond. This beautiful and haunting novel; that launched David Almond as one of the best children's writers of today is currently discounted on Amazon, and well worth a read. When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature – part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . . Skellig won the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award and is now a major Sky1 feature film, starring Tim Roth and John Simm. David Almond is also winner of the 2010 Hans Christian Andersen award.

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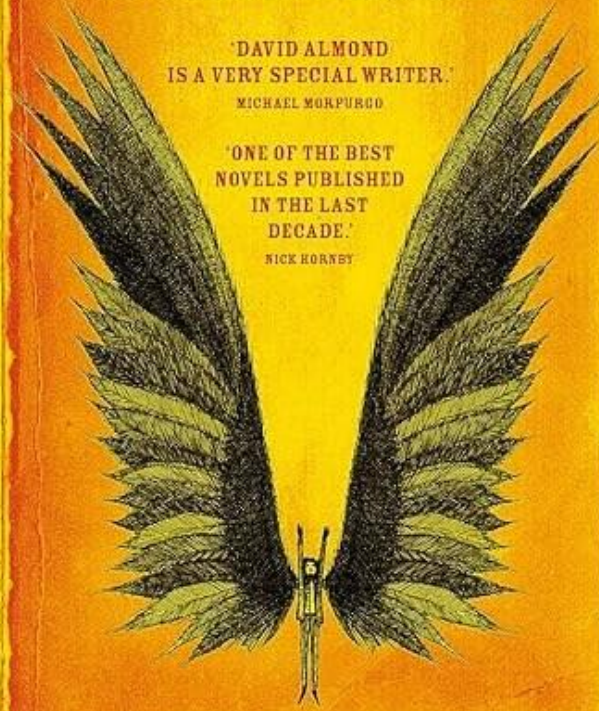
David Almond

'DAVID ALMOND
IS A VERY SPECIAL WRITER.'

MICHAEL MORPURGO

'ONE OF THE BEST
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IN THE LAST
DECADE.'

NICK HORNBY



Positive points



Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the most positive points this week. It is amazing to see that these students have amassed so many positive points in such a short time and with no negatives. Well done!

Finley Leek (7X)

Ruby Ray (9Y)]

Isla Cheadle (7Y)

Evie White (7X)

Lewis Falconer (10X)

Attendance



We very much appreciate parental support in ensuring the children's high attendance at school. As we all know, days off school add up to lost learning.

So far this year our whole school attendance is 90.1 %, this is below our school target of 95% but hopefully this will improve soon. Every day counts! Mrs Bragoli and all the tutors were pleased to see students showing resilience and coming in to school even when they are not feeling great. Well done to everyone that has helped to maintain our attendance.

We believe that attendance needs to be at the top of everyone's list of priorities.

Standards



Ready for Learning?

The following students classwork has been recognised for its quality and presentation.

Hattie Horsfall (7X)

Dylan Baynes (7X)

Isla Sweetman (7X)

Macie Bruckshaw (7X)

Evie Ballance (7X)

Amber Ward (9X)

Olivia Winwood (11X)

Well done to all of those who have received a nomination. You will all be entered into the prize draw at the end of term.

#loveyourbooks ❤️

Please continue to encourage your child to come to school fully equipped.

The required stationary includes:

Reading book

Ruler

Glue

Rubber

Sharpener

Scientific Calculator

Pencils x2

Pens x2

Green pen

Teaching and Learning



Please find [attached](#) a letter regarding supply teachers currently in school and the measures in place to reduce the impact on our students learning when members of teaching staff are absent due to ill health.

Educake



Well done to the students in year 11 who top the chart for the highest number of correctly answered questions on educake this week. Students in year 11 have answered 73% of questions correctly set this week. The majority of questions answered were in maths and science. Amazingly they are ahead of the national percentage for children of the same age who use the platform in other schools.

As parents, please remember that you can monitor homework tasks set on the classcharts app. To find the homework tab, scroll across the menu bar (blue). It is a great opportunity to remind your child of the tasks that they need to complete and the deadlines.

If your child has issues logging into educake.com please ask them to speak to their tutor who can reset their password; alternatively please email [enquiries TREA](mailto:enquiries@TREA) . Similarly if you have any issues accessing class charts please get in touch.

The top ten individual performing students this week can be seen below. It is great to see some new names and students from a range of year groups.

1 Jenson Travers

2 Tom Gilliver

3 Olivia Winwood

4 Felicity Thornes

5 Dylan Ponder

6 Ryan Smith-Mills

7 Aiden Murray

8 Emily Whyman

9 Kalen Brittain

10 Havana Rae Warner

Well done Jenson! Great to see a new name heading the list.

Times Tables Rockstars



Why Times Tables Are So Important

Times tables are a fundamental part of mathematics that serve as building blocks for more complex calculations. Mastering times tables helps students develop quick mental arithmetic skills, which are essential for everyday tasks like budgeting, shopping, and problem-solving. Additionally, a strong grasp of times tables boosts confidence in maths, making it easier to tackle advanced topics such as algebra, geometry, and calculus.

How TT Rockstars Can Help

TT Rockstars is an engaging and interactive platform designed to make learning times tables fun and effective. It offers a variety of games and challenges that motivate students to practice regularly. The platform adapts to each student's learning pace, providing personalized feedback and rewards to keep them motivated. By turning times tables practice into a rockstar experience, TT Rockstars helps students build speed and accuracy, making them more proficient in math.

Students are expected to complete 30 minutes of practice per week on TT Rockstars, ensuring consistent progress and mastery of times tables.

Well done to our top 5 TTRockstars players this week.

PiXL Maths App



Well done to our top 5 Pixl maths app users who completed level up

Name

The PiXL Maths App is a valuable tool designed to help students enhance their mathematical skills in an engaging and personalised manner. It offers a wide range of online questions, video tutorials, and PowerPoint presentations that cover over 200 different skills. The app uses diagnostic assessments to identify students' strengths and areas for improvement, providing targeted support to help them progress. Teachers can monitor students' progress and tailor their teaching accordingly. By encouraging regular use of the app, parents can support their children in consolidating their knowledge and preparing effectively for exams. The app is accessible on various devices, making it convenient for students to use anytime, anywhere.

Enrichment



This week, students have continued to show fantastic commitment and enthusiasm across all enrichment activities. Whether pushing themselves in sports, exploring creativity in Art and Film Club, or experimenting in Science, it's been brilliant to see everyone making the most of these opportunities. A special mention goes to the Drama group, whose time with MOMO Academy of Drama has now ended. The staff from MOMO have done a fantastic job, and we want to extend a huge thank you to them for their incredible support and expertise.

The students involved have been outstanding, making fantastic progress throughout the sessions. MOMO staff were full of praise, highlighting exceptional talent, confidence growth, and a real passion for performance. Comments included: *"Has a fabulous singing voice and lots of drama potential—had learned the acting piece from memory!"* and *"Really progressed in all areas—went from not wanting to perform to asking to go first!"* It's been a wonderful experience, and we hope students continue developing their skills. Anyone interested in joining MOMO Academy can find more information here: [MOMO Academy](#). Well done to everyone involved!

Other news

From 1st April the compliance regarding food waste will change which will mean the food waste cannot be mixed with general waste. There will be a separate food waste bin in the canteen for students to use, but if your child brings their own food in, can you encourage them to bring any waste home with them please?

If you child buys food in the canteen they must have money on their Parentpay account to pay for it. There is no facility for us to allow children to have meals that have not been paid for in advance. Please tell them that any waste food they have must go in the food waste bin provided.

Thank you

Key Dates

4th April Progress reports sent home for whole school.

9th April Y9 trip to West Midlands Safari Park.

11th April End of term.

28th April First day of summer term.