



HAWKLEY HALL HIGH SCHOOL

HAWKEYE

Easter 2024

Happy Easter!



Year 9 Easter Egg Collection



Year 9 have been collecting Easter Eggs and Easter goods this term for Alder Hey and the Brick. We have managed to collect over 400 eggs and items for the two charities. These were delivered over the weekend before Easter to ensure that all the children and families can enjoy them over the holiday weekend.

The year group have really tried to get into the Easter holiday spirit and alongside collecting items, the forms have also been competing by decorating form doors with Easter themes.

The forms that collected the most items and the form that had the best door will be rewarded with chocolate on the last day of term.

Mrs Waites

Easter Egg Rewards



As part of our rewards system over 500 students have received an Easter egg and a letter of commendation for their continued commitment to the Hawkley Way. Over the course of the year we have already rewarded students with breakfast vouchers, achievement badges, reward trips and certificates. All students now have the chance to earn further rewards in the summer term. Last years final reward was an inflatables day and we are hoping to do something similar again.

Mr Smith

Charity Bingo Evening!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and attended the first Hawkley Hall High School Charity Bingo evening! It was a huge success raising over £2,000 to support the Y11 Prom and to support chosen charities!

Many thanks to our bingo caller, Mr Fiddler and Mr Klinck, who did an outstanding job!

Mrs Knowles



Charity Bingo Evening!



Charity Bingo Evening!



WAFC Premier League Inspires Challenge

In February we held our own Enterprise challenge with the winning group being chosen to represent the school at the Wigan Athletic Community Trust Premier League Inspires event competing against other local schools. Six groups from year 8 and 9 took part in the event with this year's focus being on how to promote people's mental health on matchdays at Wigan Athletic.

The 6 groups all presented to two members of staff and a winning group was decided. The group chosen then represented the school at DW stadium. Whilst at the event the students behaved impeccably and presented their idea to 6 other schools and a judging panel of professionals within the football club and the local council.

Hawkley Hall were announced as winners and the students will now represent the school and the football club at the national event in April. The group will continue to work with Wigan Athletic Community staff to create a video to present their ideas at the national event. Scott Smith a former student and Wigan Athletic first team player will also be coming into school to work with the students. During his time at Hawkley, Scott took part in a similar enterprise challenge with the club.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Premier League Inspires challenge and good luck to the group at the national event.



WAFC Premier League Inspires Challenge



A trip to the big apple– New York City!

In February, 36 Y10s and 5 staff embarked on the trip of a lifetime to New York City! It was a full-on but amazing 4 days as we packed in as much as the Big Apple had to offer. We experienced fantastic views from the top of the Empire State Building, took a ferry to Liberty Island to see its famous statue and explored the Museum of Natural History. There was plenty of time for shopping including the world-famous Macy's and we took the opportunity to pay our respects at the 9/11 memorial. We were also extremely lucky to be there as it was snowing making the walk through Central Park even more memorable. A trip to the States wouldn't be complete without experiencing some of their famous eateries. We took in evening meals at the Hard Rock Café, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co and probably our favourite, Ellen's Stardust Diner, where we enjoyed amazing performances whilst we ate! There was even time to fit in Raising Cane's for our final lunch which certainly lived up to the hype! Mr. Thorley set himself the challenge of trying a pretzel, a corndog and hotdog which he completed with only minutes to spare before the airport transfer arrived! The students conducted themselves superbly and were a credit to the school throughout the trip. We hope it created some fantastic memories and feel extremely privileged to have been part of it.

Mr. Finch, Mrs. Knowles, Mr. Thorley, Mrs. Simpson & Mr. Reece



A trip to the big apple– New York City!



A trip to the big apple– New York City!



A trip to the big apple– New York City!



A trip to the big apple– New York City!



A trip to the big apple– New York City!



A trip to the big apple– New York City!



A trip to the big apple– New York City!



A trip to the big apple– New York City!



A trip to the big apple– New York City!



A trip to the big apple– New York City!



Ian Murphy Artist Workshop

Our talented Y10 art GCSE and some future art GCSE Y9 students had a fabulous day at their fine art workshop delivered by the amazing fine artist Ian Murphy.

Students had the opportunity to view Ian's art sketchbooks and larger scale oil paintings and drawings and had a chance to ask a famous artist question! Questions included where his favourite place in the world is to draw from, how much does his artwork sell for and which medium is his favourite to work in.

Ian taught a variety of fine art techniques including collaging to add texture, creating tone with pen and water and using inks to add colour. We were hugely impressed with the standard of work created by our students. These pieces will contribute towards students coursework which they are currently working on for a project titled architecture.

Some of the work will be on display at our annual GCSE art exhibition evening in May.

The enthusiasm and effort from our talented young artists was fantastic to see. Many thanks to Greater Manchester higher for funding this amazing opportunity for our students.

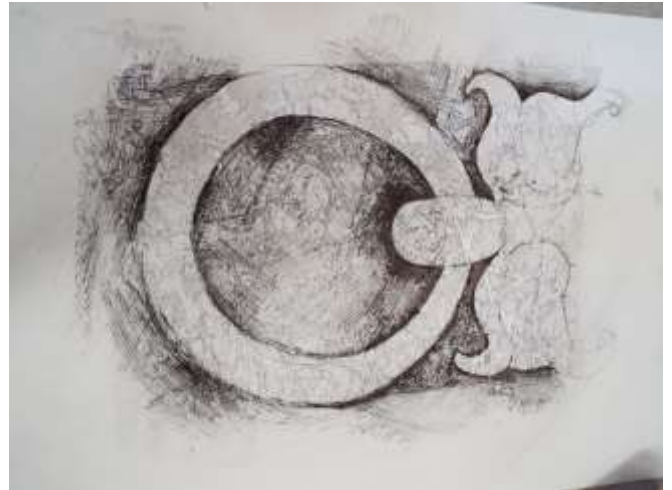
Mrs Atherton



Ian Murphy Artist Workshop



Ian Murphy Artist Workshop



Harry Potter Club—corridor takeover!

To celebrate World Book Day, our wonderful students from Harry Potter Club got creative and took over the English corridor for one week of magic! Students worked in pairs or groups and creatively designed and delivered Harry Potter themed classroom and office doors. Students used their imaginations to bring a little bit of Hogwarts into Hawkley! Doors encapsulated a range of ideas from the Slytherin Common Room, the Daily Prophet, famous quotes and pictures of characters and even our very own platform 9 ¾ through to Hogwarts Castle. Below are pictures of some of the fantastic entrants to the competition.

All students embraced the challenge wonderfully, giving up their own free time (both at lunchtimes and after school) for a whole week, in order to celebrate the annual special occasion that is World Book Day!



Annual Youth Speaks Competition

Once again, our English team entered Hawkley Hall High School into the Annual Youth Speaks Competition. Miss Caren selected a team of highly skilled writers and orators from Y9 to represent the school in the St. Helen's heat of the competition, sponsored by the Wigan Rotary Club, on Wednesday 31st January.

Our team consisted of Daisy Brew as our Chairperson, Bobby Fisher as our Main Speaker and Umar Chaudhary as our Vote of Thanks. Our team discussed a very pertinent topic on whether RE should be compulsory in schools. They were insightful, engaging and overwhelmingly mature in their presentation of the topic. Judges commented on their wealth of knowledge and research, as well as their passionate delivery.

Our team from Hawkley came runners up in a tough category, beating several other local schools from the Wigan area. They were absolutely fantastic and represented the school phenomenally well. Well done Team Hawkley!

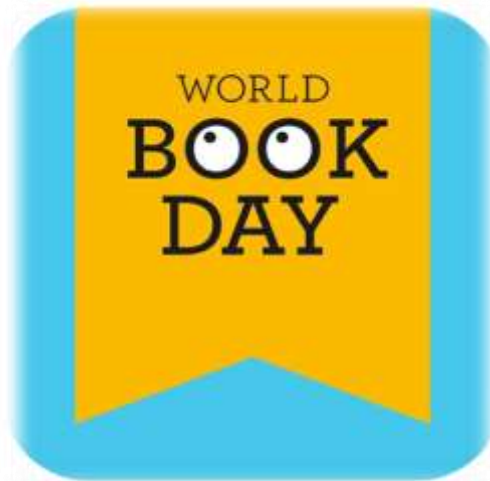
Miss Caren



World Book Day 2024!

A selection of the new books purchased for KS3 students to read in reading lessons, celebrating WORLD BOOK DAY. An Easter egg hunt/book reveal will be ongoing with the new books and prizes given to winning students.

Mrs Johnson



Hawkley Reading Club

Introducing the Hawkley Reading Club!

This half term saw a group of like-minded Y7 students come together to start a fantastic new club centred around reading for pleasure. Hawkley Reading Club, with fifteen members in total, aims to read one novel per half term and meet every Tuesday lunch time to discuss its unfolding events and character development. The club also takes on a competitive element as we play games and quizzes based on the novel's plot, with prizes to be won. We have kicked off our reading with Onjali Q. Raúf's fantastic 'The Boy at the Back of the Class,' which everybody is really enjoying so far.

Would you like to be a member of Hawkley Reading Club? Simply speak to your English teacher! Everyone is welcome.

Mrs Everson

Maths Pi Day Challenge

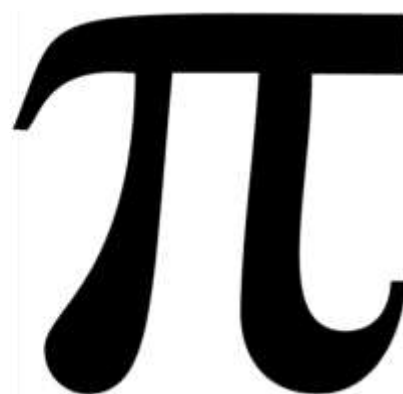
Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant. (π). Pi Day is observed on March 14 (the 3rd month) since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant figures of π , and it was first celebrated in the United States as the Americans write their dates as month/day/year. It was founded in 1988 by Larry Shaw, an employee of the San Francisco science museum, the Exploratorium. Celebrations often involve eating pie or holding pi recitation competitions.

At Hawkley we celebrated in 3 different ways:

In-Form puzzle. The winners being: Isabel, Alexandria, Theo, William, Benjamin, Umar, Jack and Mrs Lewin.

Lunchtime and Breaktime Pi recitals, who could recall the most digits of Pi. The first 300 hundred are listed below if you want to challenge yourself or practice for next year. All staff and students were invited to participate with Mr Roberts providing the best response for the teachers. His attempt was overshadowed by the students with the following attempts recorded as significant.

Finally we had Pi Dingbats as an introduction to lessons just for fun, we have included some below!



Maths Pi Day Challenge

Pi digital recall challenge!

Y7

Andre 70

Jack 49 (1 error)

Joel 11

Y8

Ellie 22

Magette 15

Y9

Michael 15

Daisy 75

Oliver 31

Umar 135

Y10

Scarlett 67



UKMT at Hawkley Hall High School

The UK Mathematics Trust was founded in 1996 with the aim is to advance the education of young people in mathematics.

They do this by working with hundreds of volunteers across the UK to organize competitions promoting problem solving and team work and other mathematical enrichment activities.

Students in Y10 and Y9 have recently undertaken the UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. Y7 and Y8 will also undertake the Junior challenge in April.

The students have done very well and have been presented with their certificates of Bronze, Silver, Gold, Best in Year and Best in School later in the year during this term's celebration assembly.

Mr Ledger & Miss Sinclair



Sporting Updates!



Well done to both Y7 Netball teams during the Wigan Schools Netball Association at Robin Park. Both teams represented Hawkley Hall High School with pride. Both teams played several Netball games against other schools in Wigan. Hawkley Hall High School placed 5th in the league.

Congratulations to Lois Y7 and Caitlin Y8 who came 2nd in their category, representing Hawkley Hall High School in The Northwest Schools Acro gymnastics prelims.



Sporting Updates!

Years 7 – 10 have started their league fixture this term and have played schools across the West side of Wigan. Hawkley Team are aiming to finish in the top 4 teams to qualify for the cup quarter finals where they face teams from the East of Wigan.

Y7 have played home games in the 9 a side league and have performed fantastically well. As a new team they are beginning to gel as a team and were fantastically successful in their most recent game.

Y8 have been hit by a few postponements but have still managed to develop as a team. They have travelled to other schools in the borough and were successful on their most recent trip to Standish. Mr Unsworth has taken on the team after Christmas and is beginning to develop the pupils and they will be hoping to continue their good form moving forward.

Y9 have had the full range of results this term, from disappointing defeats, thumping wins, and well fought draws to leave them with a great chance of qualification. The team are developing a consistent core of players, with some new additions from previous years that should make them stronger as a team. The pupils have worked hard for each other and should be proud of their achievements so far.

Y10 have began their league campaign strongly and will be looking to build on two great results moving forward. The team is developing as the players remember how to play to each other's strengths, so they have a great opportunity to go far in the competition.

Sporting Updates!



Sporting Updates!

Badminton

Over this term KS3 have had the opportunity to take part in enrichment badminton during lunch time. Pupils only need to bring their trainers and can play competitively against pupils from their year group. As the term has progressed the participation levels have increased greatly, and we now regularly see upwards of 35 pupils engaging. Pupils have been able to develop the quality of their performance alongside the benefits to their mental and social health from taking part in physical activity. Well done to everyone who has attended. Next term there will be opportunities to take part in table tennis.

Trampolining

Trampolining club has been a success so far which takes place after school on Tuesday's and Thursday's for Y7-Y10. There have been over 20 students, both boys and girls participating after school, engaging in learning new skills and meeting new people. Well done to those who have shown commitment to Trampolining club every week.

PSHE Updates

Wigan Council colleague Terry has been delivering lessons to our personal development students on road and bike safety. Terry highlights the importance of wearing a helmet and how drivers can sometimes be distracted and miss potential hazards therefore pedestrians need to remain cautious. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed Terry's interactive lessons!

Mrs Atherton



We are delighted to be joined by Michelle from the money charity who has been coming into school to deliver lessons to our Y7 personal development students on how to be money savvy. The students have thoroughly enjoyed their lesson and have been encouraged to reflect on their current spending habits with tips of how to spend smartly.

Michelle has also delivered assemblies to KS4 students discussing tax, national insurance and how to build up credit ratings.



Youth Parliament

In December, all our students were given the opportunity to take part in a democratic voting process to elect their chosen member of youth parliament. Students were given the opportunity to view the speeches of all candidates and they also had a fantastic assembly delivered by Ayisha in Y10 who was one of the candidates.

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Ayisha in Y10 has been appointed as Deputy Member of Youth Parliament!

Ayisha is a truly outstanding student, an absolute credit to our school and an excellent role model to others. She has been involved in many leadership opportunities in school including form captain, year group ambassador and PSHE student voice member and always puts forwards ideas to benefit the whole school community. Ayisha's involvement in these leadership opportunities in and out of school has given her the confidence to respectfully challenge other students and adults during her leadership roles within school.

We are so proud of her achievements and look forward to following her journey to see the positive impact that Ayisha will make not only for our Hawkleys students, but also for young people across the country.



KS3 Science Rewards Trip to Chester Zoo

On Wednesday the 20th March, 43 students from year 7, 8 and 9 were taken to Chester zoo on a Science rewards trip.

The weather looked ominous before we arrived but thankfully the rain held off and it made way for a great day out at the zoo.

The students behaved impeccably throughout the day and got to see a wide range of wonderful animals and insects.

One highlight was seeing a baby Rothschild Giraffe, which was only born last week. Only 2500 are now reported in the whole of Africa, so they're listed as a vulnerable species.

Mr Reece



Geography Update

I have been training to teach Geography at Hawkley on the Learning Futures Partnership since January this year and I am also an ex-student! It has been amazing to see that the values in the school are still strong, if not even more important to the lives of the students. Since coming back to the school in a different role, I have been treated with huge amounts of respect from both staff and students. Within the Geography department, the passion for the subject from the teachers reminds me of why I am training to teach this subject and to why I wanted to train at the school I once studied at! Helping students to learn about the world around them, encouraging curiosity in different groups of people and places, all whilst developing critical thinking skills!

Miss Matthews

