



LITERACY

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER



What have we been doing this half term?

We ended the autumn term with a very successful book fayre and this enthusiasm has continued into the new spring term. Spring Term 1 has been a short but very sweet half term at TGAW. Our focus on literacy across the school has remained as keen as ever! Read on to see a review of what we've been up to...



Words of the week this half term:

The focus for the word of the week this term is on English words from the Latin root 'actum' meaning 'to do' or 'to act'. So far, we have explored the words:

Proactive
Active
Activate
Actual



Our 'Big Book Fayre'!

The first TGAW 'Big Book Fayre' was a roaring success! The Sixth Form Cabinet and Literacy Ambassadors from across the school spent time organising the many boxes of donated books into a wonderful, rainbow-coloured array for students at the school to browse. At just 50p per book, both staff and students enjoyed picking up a bargain. Over a whopping 250 books were purchased by both students and staff - that means that there are now 250 books in circulation and being read and discussed amongst our school community! All agreed that the event created a palpable reading 'buzz' around the school and we are already busy planning the next!

Sixth Form
Cabinet & Literacy
Ambassadors



'BeThe Change' competition

We are encouraging students to enter the National Literacy Trust's newest writing competition "'Be The Change' For Wicked Writers". This term, they are asking students to write a piece of persuasive writing about any environmental issue that is important to them. Shortlisted students will have a chance to be published in the 'Wicked Writers Anthology' and four schools will receive free class tickets to see the stage musical *Wicked* at the Apollo Victoria Theatre in London! More details on Satchel One.

National
Literacy
Trust

BE THE
CHANGE

Michael Williams: Be the Change
In 2018, your school won the Be the Change award for the most
environmentally friendly school in the country. You were the only school
in the country to win the award. You were the only school to win the award
in partnership with the National Literacy Trust.

The Tudor Canon

The results are in from the autumn term and 'A Monster Calls' and 'Windrush Child' have come out as the favourite Canon texts so far!

This term, tutor groups are continuing to read the opening chapters of a variety of books as we try to shortlist.

This half term we have read:

- 'Adventures of a Young Naturalist' - David Attenborough
- 'Lord of the Flies' - William Golding
- 'Will' - Will Smith
- 'Ready Player One' - Ernest Cline.

It has been great to read texts that have been suggested by tutors and their tutor groups!



Tune into Tutor

Journaling Club

The first ever 'Journaling Club' kicked off this term. During the first two weeks, students were led by sixth former Sophie who helped them to personalise journals ready for next half term. The students had a fantastic time engaging with the mindful activity and we can't wait to hear about how they fill their journals next half term.



After School Literacy Activities

- Debate Club with Miss Wilkinson (Tues)
- Book Club with Miss Dewe (Tues)
- Journaling Club with Miss Haines & Sophie Moses (Weds)
- 'Lit & Lang' GCSE Revision (Thurs)

WHAT'S PLANNED FOR NEXT HALF TERM?

Next half term sees the return of the much anticipated World Book Day! Students can look forward to:

- Bespoke World Book Day KS3 English lessons
- Tutor time 'decorate the door' competition
- World Book Day book tokens
- Staff and sixth form World Book Day fancy dress competition
- Miss Dewe's World Book Day College Competition!
- 'Drop Everything & Read' opportunities
- Warndon Library visits



Recommended reading lists:

www.worcs.tgacademy.org.uk/students/reading/