



Well done to the group of sporting stars and young leaders who participated in the 'happy smiles' training this week. They were provided with an insight into disability sport and were taught how to lead sessions that are inclusive for everyone. The Happy Smiles organisation aims to "Inspire. Educate. Include" everyone regardless of their ability. Our students engaged in the training with great enthusiasm and were a credit to the school. If you would like to find out more information please follow the #happysmilesblog on social media sites.



...Happy Smiles

...A First for Sixth Form Physics!

Our Year 12 physicists became the first Sixth Form students in the country to work with RadEOT (Radio Educational Outreach Tool), a newly developed, hand held technology to collect and process radio waves from local and national radio, aircraft transponders, the Milky Way galaxy and weather satellites. The students were instructed by Dr Jamie Williams from the University of Leicester, and enjoyed the afternoon immensely. More information can be found on the University of Leicester [website here](#).



...Read for Good

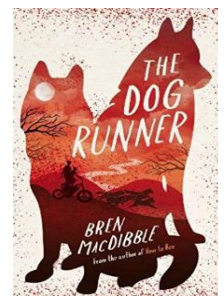


The end of last week saw lunchtimes in our Library full of Year 7 students celebrating both World Book Day and our sponsored 'Read for Good' event. Students came along and joined in with activities such as book quizzes, interactive story making, book themed word searches, designing a National Book Token Competition and more. Money from sponsoring the Read-a-thon goes towards bringing the magic of books to children currently in hospital, so we would like to thank all those students who are still reading and, of course, all their generous sponsors. Any students who haven't done so already, please collect your sponsorship money and hand it in to Mrs Ambrose as soon as possible... remember, every penny helps this amazing cause and will brighten the days for many young people.



...Library Corner

This book deals with the thought of climate change and the shortage of food that might occur. How would we react to not having enough of what we consider essentials - food, water, power and fuel? It gives some great points for class discussion such as climate change, blended families and racial differences. A dystopian novel for a younger audience; not as graphic as The Hunger Games, this is an age-appropriate way to introduce this genre. Another Sefton Super Reads Six – this book is really popular in our FHS library!



...The Love of Language



Are you 'language rich'? Students from Years 7 to 12 recently had the opportunity to try out two new languages with student representatives from the University of Liverpool. The sessions in Portuguese and Italian were thoroughly enjoyed by the students and the university representatives were very impressed with how quickly FHS students picked up language connections and pronunciation! Well done to all involved

and watch out for the upcoming notices for taster sessions in Mandarin, German and Arabic!

...Driver Safety Seminar

During enrichment this week, a group of 20 Sixth Form drivers attended a Road Safety Seminar as part of the school's involvement in the Formby Road Safety Initiative, led by Andrew Drewary of Road Safety Smart. The session was designed to give students a deeper awareness and understanding of vital road safety considerations and some problems we need to tackle as a community. The students were invited to make the pledge to become a Road Safety Champion, identifying five core positive aims to achieve and five negative issues to address. After the seminar, students were asked to provide feedback and deemed the content to be extremely helpful, particularly the clarity it provided around pavement parking, distractions and 'fronting' car insurance. Thank you to Road Safety Smart for delivering the session.



...Merseyside Young Analysts

Last weekend, Year 12 students Holly, Jenny and Leo all attended the Merseyside Young Analyst Competition at the University of Liverpool. The competition is part of the Royal Society of Chemistry schools programme which encourages students to demonstrate and expand on their existing chemistry knowledge, skills and aptitude for analytical science through practical analytical experiments based on relevant societal or industrial problems. They performed very well and came second out of over 20 teams, winning Amazon gift cards and £200 for the Science department. Well done to all three!

...Sporting Matters

A shout out to our U12 Footballers (pictured with their silverware collection from last season when they won the U12 Merseyside Cup, U12 Sefton Cup, U12 Everton NW Tournament and U12 Egg Cup)! Just a nudge from the PE team for any parents who have had an email about Squad In Touch and haven't yet signed up; please could they do so to receive communications about PE fixtures.



...Arts Award Gold



On 28 February our Year 13 Gold Arts Award students created a body of work in their chosen discipline to showcase in the School Hall to an audience of staff, students and parents. The hall was brought to life with the lighting and sound design of alumni Joe Egerton with his technical theatre company 'Prestige'. The work is the culmination of a two year Sixth Form enrichment course which is worth 16 UCAS points or a 'B' at AS Level and highlights students of the arts as independent creators. The cohort studied and displayed a variety of disciplines, including poetry, jazz dance choreography, pop singing, scat singing and fashion design.

On the Horizon...

★ Y8/9 Dance Workshop – 16 Mar (am)

★ Y11 GCSE Drama Scripted Performances – 19/20 Mar