

PARENTAL COMMUNICATION – Wednesday 2 March 2022

WHOLE SCHOOL

WORLD BOOK DAY

Rutlish will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday with a literary quiz in tutor time and a tag hunt throughout the day. Every student will receive a £1 book token from the World Book Day organisation.

If you can do so at any point during the day please join us to Drop Everything And Read for 10 minutes, to celebrate the benefits and pleasures of literacy. Please ensure your child brings a reading book for the day – they should always have one in their bag and should be visiting the LRC regularly to try out different books.

This year the WBD theme is ‘You are a reader’, encouraging students to notice reading wherever they are – environmental as well as academic - and the benefits of this. You can help your child to notice the different kinds of reading around them, and the benefits of developing their own literacy.

We will be running a Tag hunt, with a selection of flags hidden around the school for which students will collect the answers to submit to Mrs O’Brien in the LRC by the end of the day on Friday. They just need to write their full names and form on their sheet to be entered into a draw for all correct entries - £10 book token for the winner.

The new Twisted Tales writing competition has been announced on Fronter Literacy – students should collect an entry form from me in EN5 or from the LRC. We had huge success in the last competition, with a number of our students’ entries to be published in the forthcoming Young Writers collection.

We have a new KS3 Reading Club on Thursdays after school – sign up in the LRC - and shortly will be starting our Breakfast Reading Club. Teachers will nominate students for this, and for Ms Reynolds’ ‘Reading for Confidence’ group.

Students may have noticed our ongoing restocking of the LRC, with new books arriving all the time and new displays by our librarian, Mrs O’Brien. Use of the LRC has been restricted this week due to interviews for the Junior Leadership Team, but will be fully in action again on Friday.

Happy Book Week – enjoy your reading!

Mrs Karen Jones
English Department

Parent Governor Election

The ballot closed on Monday and I am pleased to announce that you have elected Mrs Danila Arde and Mrs Catherine Taylor as new parent governors.

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank all of the candidates for their interest. We were overwhelmed that so many of you want to support the school.

Ms Howarth
Headteacher

LOST PROPERTY

On Thursday and Friday all lost property will be in the canteen for students to look through for any misplaced items from this term.



HOUSE COMPETITIONS - Upcoming competitions:

House music submission deadline extended to 18th March

Starting next week we are launching **the house 'readathon'** – which tutor group can read the most books in a half term!

Six nations rugby house quiz and **design a kit competition** launches next week.

Other competitions coming up before Easter:

Science week poster competition

House fun run for comic relief

Congratulations to **Spartans** for winning the **house rowing** competition and **Argonauts and Carthaginians** for winning the **safer internet day poster!**

Ms Arthur

House Co-ordinator

YEAR 9

As per recent communication, Year 9 students today have watched a live performance of 'I love you Mum, I promise I won't die' kindly organised by Ms Dawkins.

This was a powerful and emotive theatre-in education – a play based on the true story of the life of Daniel Spargo- Marbo who died after taking MDMA.

All students in Year 9 demonstrated such maturity and were fully engaged.

I would strongly advise you to check out the website DSM foundation website especially the parental support area [Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation \(dsmfoundation.org.uk\)](http://daniel-spargo-mabbs-foundation.org.uk)

Eg [FAQs for parents » Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation \(dsmfoundation.org.uk\)](http://daniel-spargo-mabbs-foundation.org.uk)

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's tutor, Mr Ross and I should you have any further questions.

Seanin Edwards

Head of Year 9

REMINDERS

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents/carers can purchase uniform on School Gateway at any time.

Students are able to collect on Wednesday lunchtimes only.

[Rutlish School - Uniform](http://rutlish-school-uniform.com)

STUDENT ABSENCE

Rutlish.absence@rutlish.merton.sch.uk

020 8254 3314

RR6.absence@rutlish.merton.sch.uk

020 8254 3339

Please ensure students have a note in their planner or a letter if they need to leave school to attend an appointment during the school day.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Details of extra-curricular clubs are on our website:

[Rutlish School - Extra Curricular](#)

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Students can check for lost items outside of their learning hours. Any clearly named items will be returned to students. Please see Mrs Parchment, 1st Floor Main Building