

A YEAR IN THE LIBRARY 25-26

SEPTEMBER

September came with our students fresh from the summer and a lovely new cohort of Year 7 students that behaved beautifully in preparation for their new key stage in their education.

We had our newly refreshed library with new carpet, new projector screen and new display panels, along with the collection divided in genres for easy access.

Inductions took place for Y7 and reading tests and CATs for year 7 to year 9.

Inductions to the library for Y7

NEW STUDENTS LEARNED HOW TO USE THE LIBRARY AND HOW TO LOG IN TO OUR CATALOGUE ONLINE

LIBRARY RULES

- 1.- THE LIBRARY IS A WORKING SPACE FOR REVISING, DOING HOMEWORK, STUDYING, READING QUIETLY.
- 2.- ONLY ONE PERSON PER COMPUTER.
- 3.- COMPUTERS AND PRINTERS ARE ONLY FOR SCHOOL RELATED WORK.
- 4.- PLEASE **DO NOT BRING** FOOD OR DRINK IN THE LIBRARY. ONLY WATER.
- 5.- NOISE LEVEL SHOULD ALLOW OTHERS TO WORK COMFORTABLY.
- 6.- PRINTING HOMEWORK BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ONLY.
- 7.- STUDENTS TO VACATE LIBRARY WHEN THE BELL RINGS.

REMEMBER, GOOD MANNERS ARE ALWAYS IN FASHION

IT IS SCHOOL POLICY: **NO CHEWING GUM IS ALLOWED**, STRAIGHT C3.

PLEASE, ASK FOR HELP, THE LIBRARIAN IS HERE FOR YOU.

OCTOBER

IN AUTUM WE WERE IN FULL FLOW OF THE YEAR WITH OUR AWAITED CELEBRATION OF **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, THIS YEAR WITH THE THEME **“STANDING FIRM IN POWER AND PRIDE”**

HALLOWEEN BROUGHT US THE BELOVED COLLECTIVE SCARY STORY WRITING WITH ANOTHER SPOOKY AND TWISTED STORY TO TREASURE.

HALLOWING SHORT STORY COMPETITION

DISPLAY OF SELECTION OF THRILLER, CRIME AND HORROR FICTION

Black History Month: "Standing Firm in Power and Pride"



"Standing Firm in Power and Pride"



HALLOWEEN 2025



COLLECTIVE STORY WRITING

During the last week of school in October, when you come to the library, chip in with a horrifying sentence and help us build a scary short story.

For every participant that collaborates with a sentence you can take a complimentary book from our gifting selection of Thriller, mystery and crime.

St Augustine's Halloween Collective Writing

As the door gently pushed open, I could see the glow of the light inside the room. The shining bright light caught my attention, so I slowly went forward and boom! Something hit me.

I felt a bullet of light hit me directly in my chest, taking me to another mysterious place. I fell into a dark haunted cave. It felt like souls were surrounding me. I was shivering with horror because the souls were surrounding me. The bullet of light struck straight into my flesh. I couldn't move, only my eyes, that had tears running down them. I struggled to force my eyes open, glancing up at the blinding white light. Tears down my face, I wished I could go home. My heart panicked with fear, as I tried escaping this gloomy place. My heart was also begging to be free. My fears had paralysed my body, I could no longer take any more, but it seemed like my mind was expecting something else, but it couldn't be what I wanted. A harsh but perilous thud occurred within my chest like an unimaginable drop. I felt my lip trembling and my body shaking. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a shadow move past the trees. The trees began to tremble and shake as if they knew something very sinister. Goosebumps erupted on my arm as the fear inside me multiplied.

I heard heavy footsteps. A chill ran down my spine as I turned around. I saw some weird creature from afar staring at me with a creepy look as it came closer. The creature teleported beside me, my heart was beating fast, my feet glued to the ground. My body was frozen in shock, standing there like I was frozen. Gasps fell through my throat as I searched for the various exits. I entered a brightly lit room with dozens of candles and in the middle...lay a body. Its lifeless eyes gazed towards the glistening moonlight, mouth hang open. The tall figure intimidated me like a lion roaring with pride and hunger as it looked for its prey. Its eyes flashing red, stared at me like a torch. I heard footsteps behind me, it slowly got louder as it appeared, approaching from behind, I turned around...I was shivering, could it be a killer? Could it be someone I know? I started having goosebumps, and then I turned around and saw the creature from earlier, it had an inhumane smile, so wide, my jaw hurt from looking at it. It blinked and it was gone, but I felt a gust of hot air down my back and there it was, eyes gleaming with murder. After years of visits from the psychiatrist in the high security prison where I was being held for the foreseeable future, she revealed to me that I could never escape these intrusive thoughts after the terrible things that I had done. My only hope of redemption was to keep wanting to save everyone from this monster: me.



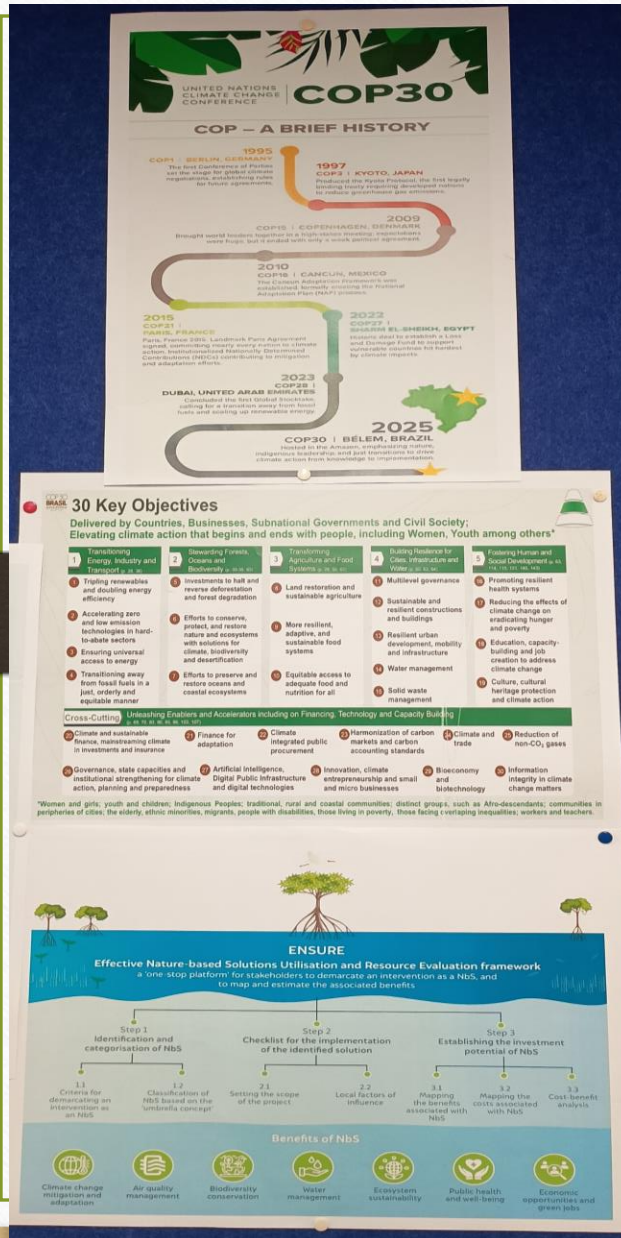
A close-up photograph of a window pane covered in raindrops. A dark, starburst-shaped object, possibly a pen or a stylus, is pressed against the glass, creating a radial pattern of lines and droplets. The word "NOVEMBER" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER NEVER FAILS TO MAKE US THINK AND REFLECT ON ALL THINGS EARTH WE REALISH TALKING ABOUT THE PLANET AND WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT IT, BUT EQUALLY WE HAVE TO BE CONCIOUS AND CONSCIENTIOUS ON HOW TO LOOK AFTER IT. THE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES COP 30 IN BRAZIL THIS YEAR MADE US THINK LONG AND HARD ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND MEASURES TO WITHSTAND THESE CHANGES



COP 30 and our Big Draw



COP 30

A week of debates and round tables about the environment

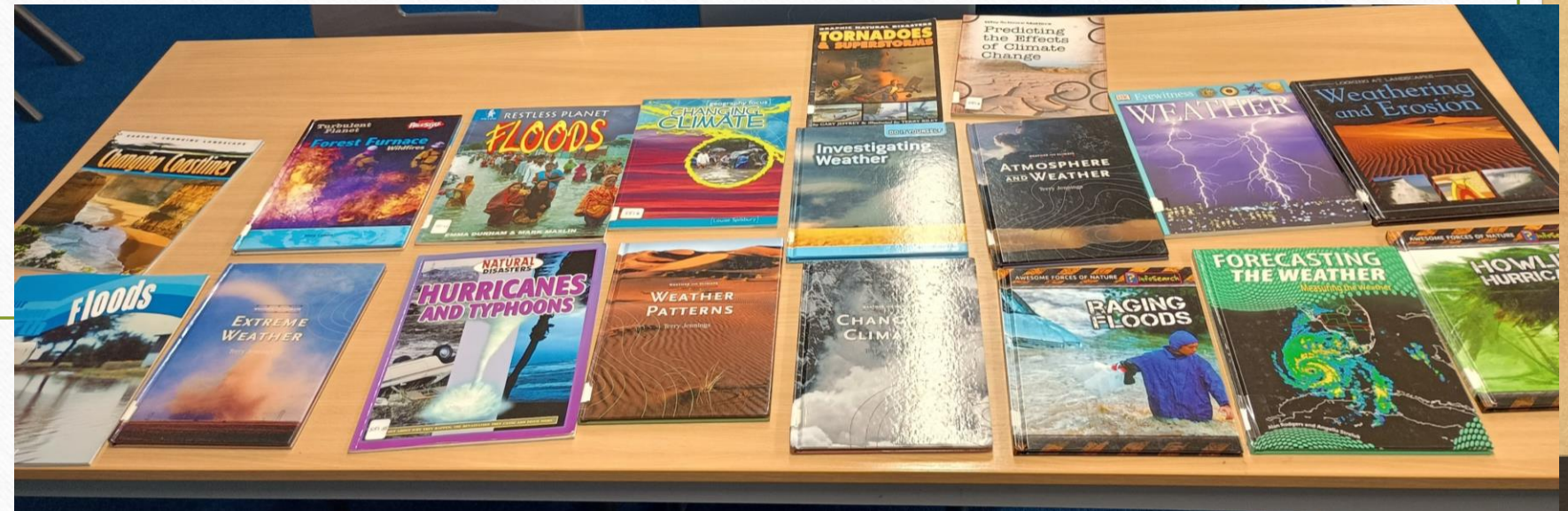
We debated whether the government should regulate eating meat

We explored extreme weather phenomena and human causes

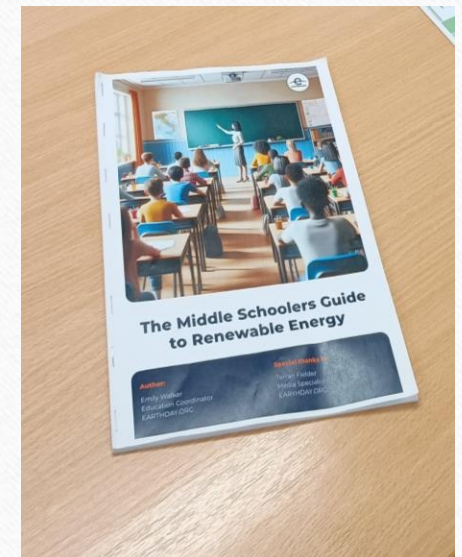
We tested our knowledge of renewable forms of energy with fun flash cards

We played snakes and ladders with an environmental edge

WE LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR PLANET AND WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT IT UNTIL WE FIX IT



LOTS OF RESOURCES TO
LOOK AT AND ENGAGE
FOR A BETTER
UNDERSTANDING OF
OUR PLANET



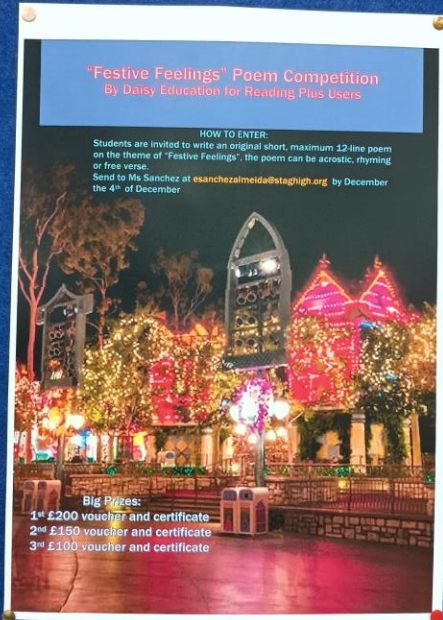
End of term Reading Plus Reward
Year 7F watched Home Alone with pop corn in he
library in recognition to their hard work in Literacy
lessons



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CHRISTMAS STORY COMPETITION



OUR STUDENT WERE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO WRITE A FESTIVE FEELING POEM FOR A WRITING COMPETITION FROM OUR PROVIDER OF LITERACY SOFTWARE DAISY EDUCATION. THE PRIZE WAS AN ENTICING £200 POUNDS VOUCHER AND CERTIFICATE. SOME OF OUR STUDENTS ENTERED THE COMPETITION AND WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES, HOWEVER ON THIS OCCASION THE PRIZES ESCAPED US. BETTER LUCK NEXT YEAR!

JANUARY



IN JANUARY WE JUMPED IN THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING'WAGON AND WE WENT ALL IN!

WE SIGNED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR AND DEDICATE MORE TIME TO READING ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THAT WE LOVE.

MANY MEMBERS OF STAFF SIGNED IN TO A **READING PLEDGE** TO READ AT LEAST 6 BOOKS BEFORE THE SUMMER.

WE STARTED OUR **SOCIAL READING SPACE** WHERE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT LUNCH (P4A) THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL TOPIC OF THE WEEK, WITH READING SUGGESTIONS TO GO WITH IT AND A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THIS TOPIC DURNING THE SESSION.

WE ACQUIRED LOTS OF NEW BOOKS: MANY CAME FROM THE STUDENTS' SUGGESTION BOX

The background of the slide is a photograph of a wooden bookshelf filled with numerous books of various sizes and colors. The text is overlaid on this image.

Some of themes we did in Social Reading Space

Chinese new year Banned books
Ramadan and Lent Shakespeare
Your text here
Valentine's Deaf Awareness Week
Earth Day Poetry Refugee Week
International Women's Day Science
Mental Health Wellbeing Pride

CHINESE NEW YEAR

For Chinese new year we explored our Chinese resources, we learn about the Chinese myths, the horoscope, the year or the Fire Horse. We made a horse fire and made Chinese bookmarks.





FEBRUARY-MARCH

FEBRUARY COMES WITH THE BELOVED VALENTINE'S SECRET BOOK GIFTING,
THIS WAS POSSIBLE THANKS TO A BIG DONATION OF BOOKS BY CHILDRENS
BOOK PROJECT.

WELLBEING FORTNIGHT

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

OUR OWN SCOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

POETRY WEEK AND POETRY WORKSHOPS FOR THE HARD WORKING Y7F,

WINNERS AGAIN OF THE READING PLUS IN-HOUSE COMPETITION

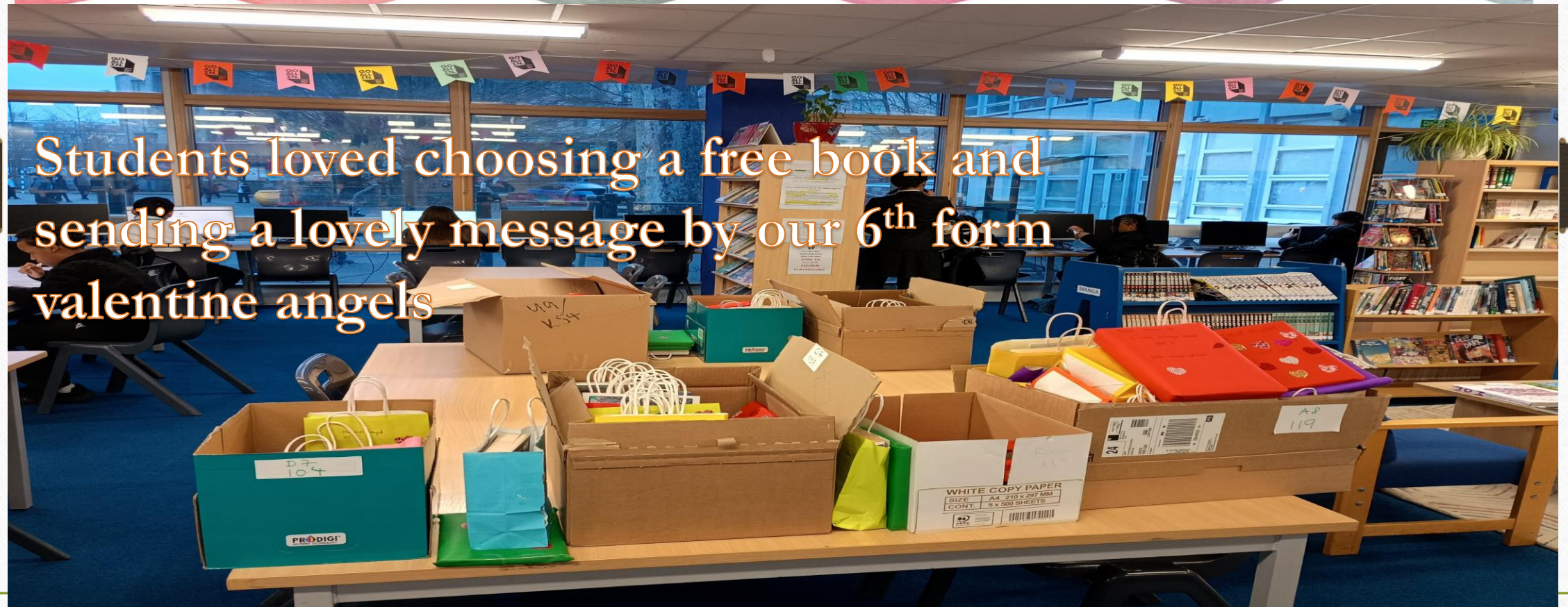
International Women's day

Entrepreneurs



SAN VALENTINE'S GIFT OF READING, LOVE OF BOOKS, BOOKS GIFTING

Students loved choosing a free book and
sending a lovely message by our 6th form
valentine angels



Shakespeare's Week



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Reading Plus Reward Poetry Workshop



Poetry workshop



GCSEs STUDY SESSIONS



Our library becomes a hub
of activity



Mental Health Awareness Week

- 11th – 17th May
-  **Taking action to support good mental health**
- Even small actions can help us feel more hopeful.
-  **Take Action**
- **For yourself:**
Find your *one thing* to boost your mental health. Choose one positive action that works for you — a walk, journaling, talking to a friend, or simply taking a break.
- **For someone else:**
Our environment shapes how we feel.
What can you do to build a mentally healthy community, workplace, or school?...share your ideas
- **For all of us:**
Individual actions matter — but we also need change at a bigger level. Let's encourage those in power to take action for better mental health for everyone.
-  **Let's Talk About It/ Help fight the stigma**
- We all have mental health, but too often, it's treated as something we shouldn't talk about. Talking openly and honestly is the first step towards better mental health for everyone.
-  **Get Involved!**  **Small steps. Big difference.**
- **Make a fun, mindful sticker** in support of mental health
 -  Write a positive thought
 -  Share kindness and encouragement.

Mental Health Awareness Week

(Making stickers)



JUNE

- Visit to SOAS University for Summer School Y10 students



SOAS University Summer School Y10



PRIDE MONTH:
We are inclusive



Our school prides itself in being inclusive.
Denying identity is not an option, respecting
everyone is a given.
From pastoral care to collective worship.

Ms Boston came to the library to talk to our students about Pride Month and to link values to real life experience and behaviours.

Also, as ever, lots of reading to choose from on the topic.