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# THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

A great start to the year when we found out we have now been officially recognised as a Red Nose Day Super School for all of the fund raising we have done over the years.

Thank you to everyone concerned.



We have also had great success in our bids to raise funding for other projects in school -

# Tesco's Bags of Help Initiative

Thank you to everyone who voted for our Forest School project at Tesco during December. We are pleased to announce that we will receive £5,000 the top award.

The Forest School will give our students the opportunity to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through the building of positive relationships and hands on learning experiences in a woodland environment.

Bags of Help offers community groups and projects across the UK a share of revenue generated from the 5p charge levied on single-use carrier bags.

# Talk for Writing Project

The Basil Samuel Charitable Trust have donated £5,000 towards our project for the development of writing skills.

#### Awards for All

We have been successful in obtaining a grant of £7,993 to purchase new machinery to support our Wood Turning after school revision club.

A huge thank you to Mrs Busby our School Business Manager who has put so much time into writing these bids with department staff. Page 2 Issue 5 2015/2016

#### TASSOMAI

Tassomai is a software package that our Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE students are currently using to help them in their revision in Science.

It works through daily quizzing, Tassomai adapts itself to each user, detecting strengths and weaknesses to construct a bespoke learning program that evolves with use.

Well done to the following students for their efforts on completing the highest amount of Tassomai in their class for science revision -

Chris Oddie in 11 Red

Shona Evans in 11 Orange

Ryan Staines in 11 yellow

Lucy Gales and Jenna Warne in 11 Green

Daniel Moss in 11 Blue

James Rutherford in 11 Indigo

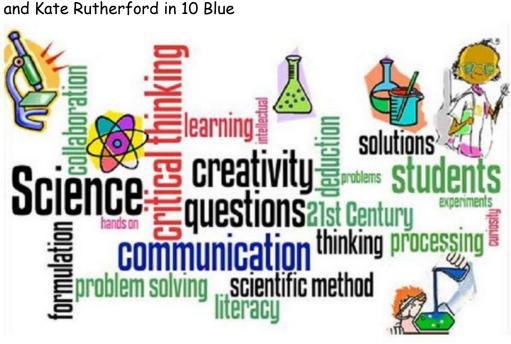
Lauren Blake in 10 Red

Olly Rasey and Hayden Waters in 10 Orange

Dylan Tough in 10 Yellow

Max Wrixon and Charlie Canty in 10 Green

Tyler Penny and Kate Rutherford in 10 Blue





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BBC Radio 2's 500 Words competition is in full swing, with many Year 7s and 8s working on their stories ready to submit shortly. If you still have not completed your story- or haven't even started!- then this is what you need to know:

Write a fictional story which includes no more than 500 words.

- You must complete the work yourself; do not let anyone help you as it is against the rules.
- Once it's completed, ask an adult to submit it for you online. Your English teacher can do it for you this week or your parents can do it for you at home.
- Cross your fingers and hope you've been successful!

### What happens next?

A team of judges will read your entry and decide whether it goes through to the next round. The adult who submitted your story will find out in a few weeks whether you've been successful.

#### What do I win?

Every student is given PARS points just for entering and if you are lucky enough to reach the final, you will be invited to a special day out at The Tower of London with HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, as well as a host of other celebrities.

So what are you waiting for? Get writing! Deadline Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017. Go to <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words">http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words</a> for more information.

#### Draw

If you would like to join please visit our website -<a href="http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/">http://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/</a> news/100-club

January 2017 draw

1st Mr A Doig £9.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs S Jackson £4.50

3rd Mr A Mealing £1.50

# February draw

1st Rev D A'Court £9.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Mr K McDonald £4.50

3rd Mr B Dymond £1.50



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Coming soon ... BBC School Report on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Yes it's that time of year again and we are looking for journalists, interviewers, presenters and students with excellent IT skills. More information to follow in assemblies after half term.



Wiltshire Council have recently introduced a new Junior Leisure Membership that is available from as little as £9.99 per month!

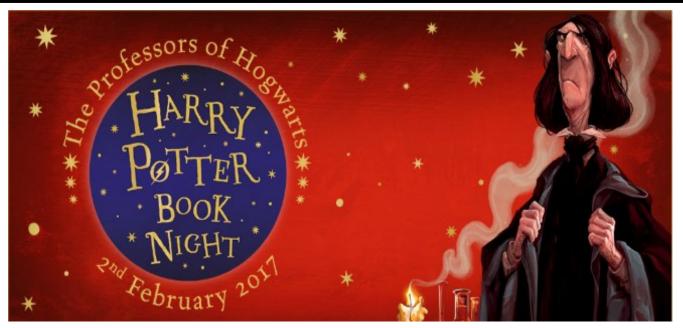
http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-memberships--rev-74

Attendance Reminder - Please notify the school immediately if your child is absent from school via the absence line on 01980 676650 or email admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Medical appointments should be made out of school hours where possible. In the case that an urgent appointment has to be attended, the appointment letter/card needs to be handed into the school office to enable the absence to be authorised.

Miss Wrighton
Attendance Officer

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Thursday 2nd February 2017 saw the third annual Harry Potter Book Night celebrated throughout the world and here at The Stonehenge School. Harry Potter Book Night is all about passing on the magic of J K Rowling's amazing books to the next generation of readers, as well as celebrating with devoted fans.

On arrival, the young wizards and witches took part in the sorting ceremony, where the Sorting Hat declared which of the four Hogwarts houses they were to join: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw or Slytherin.

This year, the theme was *The Professors of Hogwarts* and Professor McGonagall was on hand to oversee all of the wizarding fun, including Wizard selfies, puzzles, wand lessons and the Official Harry Potter Book Night Bumper Quiz! Five teams competed to see which fans had the most knowledge of the Harry Potter canon, and the results were:

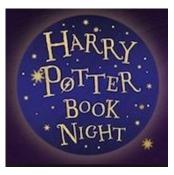
In joint 4 $^{\rm th}$  place with 14 points, *The Pink Fairies* and *Dunno*...

In 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 23½ points, Happy Harry Potters...

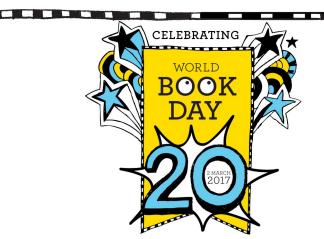
A close 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to *The Potterheads* with 24 points...

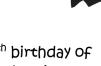
And the winners, by a dragon's heartstring, were Huffledor, with  $24\frac{1}{2}$  points! Please visit Professor McGonagall for your prize!

It was very exciting to be taking part in an event that was one of many happening in schools, libraries, bookshops and community centres throughout the UK and Ireland - and indeed the world - to celebrate the third annual Harry Potter Book Night. You can find out more about Harry Potter Book Night: The Professors of Hogwarts at harrypotter-booknight.com.



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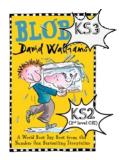




Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is a very special World Book Day – it is the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of this fantastic event that sees young people around the country celebrating all things bookish!

The organisers of World Book Day work with a huge number of publishers, charities and companies to promote books and reading to Children and young people by providing Book Vouchers and specially commissioned £1 books from the most popular authors.









This year, we will be celebrating reading for pleasure with a range of activities in school and staff will be fundraising for The National Literacy Trust by completing a 5k Where's Wally Run around Amesbury at 3.30pm. If you would like to contribute to this fantastic Charity (and one of the World Book Day partners) donations can be made at:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Stonehenge-School







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AND



Singing lessons available - 30 minute individual,



30 minute shared and 15 minute individual lessons available.

For further details see Mr Rogers