



The
Birkenhead Park
School

Spiritual
Moral
Social
Cultural

March Newsletter

Assemblies

11/03/19	Spring Festivals - Passover/Judaism
18/03/19	Spring Festivals - Easter/Christianity
25/03/19	Mothering Sunday

Form Focus:

- ★ Passover and the Ten Commandments.
- ★ Mothering Sunday - Why Christians celebrate this day.
- ★ Easter - What are the traditions around this celebration.

World Book Day

From 'Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory' to 'The Hunger Games', faculty doors around school were decorated for World Book Day with various authors and popular stories. The Maths department had 'The Hungry Caterpillar', Humanities had 'Peter Rabbit' and Performing Arts had David Walliams' 'Fing'.

In the Library, students played word games such as Scrabble and 'What's Up?' to assist with their Literacy skills, vocabulary and communication. There was also a 'Book Tasting' event in which students wore chef hats and sat in a 'Literacy Restaurant' reading selected books from the Accelerated Reading programme and jotting down words on their plates to later look up in the Dictionary - all designed to help with their reading and understanding.



THEME OF THE MONTH

SPRING FESTIVALS

Students visit local Islamic centre

Imam Mustaq from the centre gave students a tour and spoke to them about how the centre serves the local community. Students also had the opportunity to ask lots of questions to get a greater understanding about the Islamic religion.

Year 7 student, Ryan, said; "I really enjoyed going to The Wirral Deen Centre because they were so welcoming- Imam Mustaq showed us the place that Muslims wash themselves before prayer. It was also interesting to find out that Muslims follow the same God as both Jewish and Christian followers. The centre do so much for the community and welcome people who do not even follow Islam. I think this shows compassion as they do not discriminate against anyone."

Another Year 7 student, Lilly, said; "I was fascinated and interested when I went to The Wirral Deen Centre. We were shown the place that Muslims clean themselves before presenting themselves to the Lord. I also learnt that some Muslims learn The Quran off by heart so they can recite it. Overall the trip was amazing and I enjoyed it."



Family Lunch

Each week Year 7 students take part in our 'Family Lunch' and discuss topics for debate. These sessions provide students with important life skills such as communication and debating, whilst building their confidence.

For example one topic of discussion this month was 'Who should get more government funding - the Police or the NHS?'

A graphic titled 'Year 7 Family Lunch' from Birkenhead Park School, Week 12. It features a central image of a police officer and a NHS logo. To the left, two green boxes with 'NHS' text contain student opinions: 'I think the NHS should have more money because they help more people and something needs to be done to reduce the waiting list in A&E.' and 'I believe that the NHS should get more money because it can get toward important research, which one day could save a cancer.' To the right, two red boxes with 'Police' text contain student opinions: 'I think the police should get more money because they can stop people doing drugs and tackle knife crime.' and 'The police should have more money because they could investigate crimes which would lead to safer streets.' Below these is a 'Debate Topic:' section with the question 'Who should get more government funding - the Police or the NHS?' and a 'Decision:' box stating 'Government funding should be split equally between the NHS and the Police.'

Building Character

Character lessons are helping students understand the importance of kindness, respect and confidence.

As part of our Character lessons, each student has written a sentence on the inside cover of their exercise book, setting out their ambitions and an impression that they would like to make on the world.

Mia, Year 8 wrote: "I want to be emembered as being thoughtful and respectful and make the world a good place."

A portrait of a young girl, Mia, wearing a school uniform. To her right is a red box with white text containing her quote: "I want to be emembered as being thoughtful and respectful and make the world a good place." Below the quote is her name 'Mia, Year 8' in a red script font. The background of the graphic includes the Birkenhead Park School logo and the text 'Building CHARACTER'.

Next Month: Relationships