

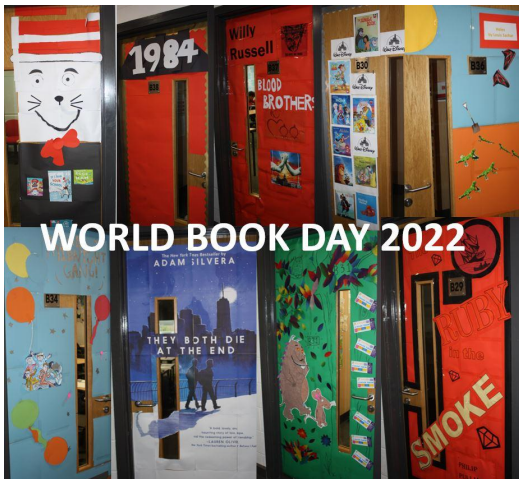
**This week's update includes:** Year 10/11 Automotive Repair experience; World Book Day; Ukraine Aid; Stars of the Week; Boys' Football; Year 9 Parents' Evening; Education on the dangers of Knife Crime; "Shutdown" Music Festival; School Crossing Patrol; Helpful Resources for Parents on Sexual Harrassment Online; Parental Controls; SEND and Disabilities Event in Stockport; Financial Wellbeing

As usual, there is a wide range of information to update you on this week. Thanks to Year 8 parents who attended Thursday's presentation on **Year 8 Choices programme**. If you missed it, Assistant Headteacher Mrs Kennedy leads this area, and you can find it on our website [here](#).

On Friday 25th February a group of **Year 10 & 11 students** attended a "have a go" day at The Growth Company. The day was a chance for students to try out courses around **automotive repair and paint repair**.



The students were able to have hands-on experience of both courses giving them an insight on what a course and future career could look like. The students were all really engaged, and enjoyed their taste of the real world.



Everyone that took part in the **World Book Day** activities and quiz at lunchtime this week had a great time and enjoyed butter-beer, biscuits and chocolate cake. Mrs Taylor sends apologies to parents for sending them home full of sugar and to their teachers period 5. The winners of the quiz were Hannah Carr and Paige Inglis getting every answer correct. They were all really well behaved, although very competitive and they all received a small prize.

If parents would like to access the World Book Day Footy and Booky quiz here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=simM7-joBOA&t=6s>

I have always been so impressed with how thoughtful and generous families are at Werneth in terms of supporting a worthy cause. Thank you to all those in our Werneth community who helped us to collect for **Ukraine Aid**.

One of our year 10 parents has arranged for this to be taken to Liverpool to be sent onto the Polish border. All




donations have now been collected for Ukraine Aid. We managed to fill 5 car loads with all the donations. BBC Newsround has produced a really good video to support young people in understanding what is happening in Ukraine. It contains information and tips for children and young people:

[Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround](#) Parents may also find [this](#) useful.

**Werneth Stars of the Week**

<p><b>Felicity Johnson</b>  <b>Ella Loxam Brown</b>  <b>Adam Sindhu</b>  <b>Jacob Bennett</b>  <b>Felicity Fletcher</b>  <b>Davinder Singh</b>  <b>Eve Robinson</b>  <b>Rachel Chan</b>  <b>Kyan Norton</b>  <b>Jack Middleton</b>  <b>Lucy Clarke</b>  <b>Keira Maleque</b>  <b>Amaya Ormerod</b>  <b>Liam Evans</b>  <b>Lauren Earl Walker</b>  <b>Thomas Maher</b>  <b>Lexi Oldham</b>  <b>Felicity Johnson</b></p>	<p><b>Kelsey Connell</b>  <b>Maisie Langley-Gee</b>  <b>Katie Croft</b>  <b>Lily Robb</b>  <b>Riley Andrews</b>  <b>Jen Arthington</b>  <b>Atena Gajewska</b>  <b>Dylan Pike</b>  <b>Lois Jordan</b>  <b>Zinzile Dube</b>  <b>Grace Holme</b>  <b>Ralph Gillam</b>  <b>Bobby Stewart</b>  <b>Amelia Riley</b>  <b>Olivia Feeney</b>  <b>Elliot Fletcher</b></p>	<p><b>Macey Adams</b>  <b>Lily Feetham</b>  <b>Alffie Maher</b>  <b>Jessica Rowntree</b>  <b>Ethan Makarau</b>  <b>Meghan Philips</b>  <b>Madison Adie</b>  <b>Sophie Alsop</b>  <b>Joshua Sharpe</b>  <b>Natalie Pierce</b>  <b>Caeleb Seymour</b>  <b>Aimee Smith</b>  <b>Kerenza Edwards</b>  <b>Charlie Atherton</b>  <b>Samuel Scargill</b>  <b>Caleb Saunders</b>  <b>Lacey Thornton</b>  <b>Rachel Chan</b></p>
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**Week 20**

Congratulations to our **Werneth Stars of the Week** this week [ left ], and to Felicity Johnson who was drawn as the overall prize winner.

Two games against Priestnall for our **Year 9 and Year 11 football boys**..... our year 9 football team braved the storm to face Priestnall school away in a ‘double’ fixture, which would see the winner taking 3 points for the league as well as qualification into the semi-finals of the Stockport Cup.

A tough game in difficult conditions, saw Werneth 4 – 2 down with only

added time left to play. The boys showed the effects of real determination and teamwork to score two goals in added time to make it 4 – 4 at the final whistle. Werneth won 4 – 2 in an exciting penalty shootout which saw two world class saves from Jack Spillane. Mr Fay was delighted, and commented that “all boys were a credit to the school.”

Meanwhile, the Year 11 boys lost 2-1 against Priestnall tonight in the semi final. Mr Brierley reports that it was a “really good game that could have gone either way. They had 5 academy lads in their team that have signed deals for next year so it was a great test for us. The attitude was fantastic as well. Their head of PE commented on it being the best game he has officiated in Stockport for years, with both sets of lads going at it hard but with respect.”

Reminder that it is **Year 9 Virtual Parents’ Evening next Thursday, 10th March**. [Here](#) is a link to the information for Year 9 parents. This will be an opportunity for parents to discuss options and Year 9s opportunities when starting their GCSE courses in September.

We are always keen to be proactive in terms of tackling social issues. As we all know, young people need careful and expert guidance when it comes to learning about the dangers of **knife crime**. That’s why every year we arrange for Stockport Youth Offending Team to come into school and deliver sessions on knife crime to our Year 7 students. They have delivered these sessions this week, and they will be back at the end of the month to deliver some E-Safety messages to this year group also.

I have also been asked by our Safeguarding team to let parents know that there is **a large event in Manchester this Saturday starting at 4pm called “Shutdown”**. It’s at Depot Mayfield. Many of our students are talking about going to it. It’s described as a “festival style live music show”. We are not suggesting that there is anything wrong with it nor are we endorsing it ... just useful for you to know that this is a large event planned at the weekend.

Stockport MBC have informed me that they have recruited a **new school crossing patrol** for the crossing on Harrytown near to Highfield Road. The patrol begins training on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March on the crossing. I have been asked to advise all students to please use the patrol when crossing Harrytown. It has been a long time since there has been a patrol on Harrytown and it will take some time for pupils to adjust to using the patrol.

## **FOUR HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR PARENTS**

**Online Sexual Harrassment; Online Safety Newsletter - Using Parental Controls; Stockport Annual Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Day; Spend Well Fair - to help with financial wellbeing**

**ONLINE SEXUAL HARRASSMENT**: To support the work done in schools please find [here](#) some guidance produced by Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families for students and parents

The last one in a series of **ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTERS** to support our parents is [here](#). This week it deals with parental controls online.

Thursday 17th March sees a free event in Stockport for parents and carers of children with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**. [Here](#) is the link.

And finally, information below about a **free event for Stockport citizens to support them with their financial wellbeing**.

Organisations from Stockport's Voluntary, Community, Faith-based and Social Enterprise sector have come together in partnership with Stockport Libraries to offer a one-stop shop in the form of the Spend Well Fair. Money-saving advice can be a maze to navigate with many people not knowing where to start. The event is a chance for citizens to explore what local support is available to them from specialist advisors that can help them save money and spend wisely.

Specialists on hand include:

- Citizens Advice Stockport: advice on energy-saving, money, debt, welfare benefits, housing, employment
- Stockport Credit Union: accessible saving and borrowing
- The Pantry / Stockport Homes: low cost food
- Starting Point: online access, digital accessibility and more
- Stockport Libraries: Money maximiser tool
- Employment, training and careers advice
- Stockport Mental Health Network: mental health support in Stockport
- Orange Umbrella Project / OWLS: financial coercion awareness

Free refreshments will be available as well as colouring books to help keep children entertained. Four hours free parking is available at nearby Stopford House (as part of the council's Saturday parking scheme). The Spend Well Fair takes place on Saturday 19 March, 10am – 2pm at Stockport Central Library, Wellington Road, SK1 3RS. Register for a free ticket here - <https://bit.ly/spendwellstockport>

**Enjoy the weekend!**