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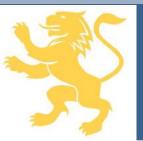
Lord Lieutenant visit to Finham Park School











Welcome from Mark Bailie

Dear Parent / Member of our Community



Welcome to our latest edition of "World Class News"!

I hope you enjoy reading the articles inside and share the same excitement we have for educating our young people in Coventry...

Highlights of the last half term included:

- a visit from the Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenant, Her Majesty
 the Queen's representatives in the West Midlands, to experience the
 work of our Confucius Classroom and to meet the Mandarin Excellence
 Programme students from Finham Park, Lyng Hall and Finham Park 2
 schools. We are delighted to announce that West Coventry Academy
 and Rugby Free School will be joining us in this venture from
 September next year.
- The first meeting of our new MAT Student Leadership Team students
 who were selected from each school to represent the views of their
 peers and contribute toward future developments in our community –
 watch this space for exciting opportunities promoted by these students
 around the City!

Students from all our schools entered teams into the Regional VEX IQ
Robotics Challenge competition – their efforts were a credit to their
schools and two teams were successful in gaining places at the UK
National Championships in March.

Our third MAT Training Day in January received extremely positive feedback from both teaching and support staff - the keynote speakers — Amjad Ali and David Kershaw, both presenting highly relevant material that promoted lots of healthy discussion afterwards.

In summary – another eventful half-term. Thank you for your continued support of our work.

Mark Bailie
Executive Headteacher

The schools in our Multi Academy Trust (FPMAT)

Finham Park Multi Academy Trust (FPMAT) currently has 4 schools. These are: Finham Primary; Lyng Hall School; Finham Park and Finham Park 2. We therefore provide education in Coventry to children from age 3—19. Each school has its own identity but benefits from being part of FPMAT. These benefits ensure that each school can provide high quality teaching and learning experiences for all students.

Students and staff feel part of a wider family of schools which allows them to engage and work with their peers, preparing them for the next stages in their education and workplace.

Lord Lieutenant Visit to Finham Park School



Finham Park School won the prestigious Global Confucius Classroom of the Year award by the Confucius Institute – an educational organisation which aims to support Chinese teaching internationally.

Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands, *John Crabtree* OBE, and Deputy Lieutenant, Colonel George Marsh TD DL, were guests of honour at the school's annual Confucius Day as they went along to find out more about its dedication to teaching Mandarin and its links to sister schools in Shanghai.

They were given an overview of the school's teaching of Mandarin by Chris Bishop, Headteacher Finham Park School and Mark Bailie, Executive Headteacher of Finham Park Multi Academy Trust, before heading off on a tour to learn more.





Students from across the Finham
Park Multi Academy Trust, Finham
Park School, Lyng Hall School, and
Finham Park 2, are part of the
Mandarin Excellence Programme
and came together to celebrate
Confucius Day and put on displays
for the dignitaries.



Students demonstrated Tai Ji Quan and the Lord Lieutenant was keen to join in.



Students from Lyng
Hall, Finham Park and
Finham Park 2
demonstrated the art
of paper cutting and
making Chinese
lanterns. They also
learnt a traditional
Chinese dance.





Joining the Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lieutenant were Peter Burns, MBE, Chair of Finham Park Multi

Academy Trust; Alethea Fuller, Chair of Finham Park School Local Governing Body; Sam Gray, Project Manager UCL IOE Confucius Institute for Schools;



and Paul Green, Headteacher of Lyng Hall School.







Guests gathered for an official photograph to celebrate Confucius Day and then enjoyed a delicious 3 course meal cooked by students from Finham Park 2. After lunch Mark Bailie presented

the Lord Lieutenant with a framed piece of artwork from one of the students.

In the afternoon students brought together their skills in a showcase in the theatre.









During the morning students from each school took part in a variety of workshops including:

Dumpling making; traditional Chinese dance; Tai Ji Quan; Calligraphy; Paper cutting and Chinese Lantern making; and learning Gongxi— a Chinese song celebrating the New Year.









In the afternoon students from Lyng Hall School, Finham Park 2 and Finham Park School joined together for a celebration and showcase of their work.









The Lord Lieutenant thanked the chefs for an impressive meal.

Students worked well under pressure in the kitchen to get the service out on time.





Co- Construction: How this benefits students

Co-construction allows colleagues to go beyond collaboration to establish a true working partnership which enables staff to work together with a common aim of providing a World Class education for all students. It is much more than sharing ideas; we are able to benefit from:

- FPMAT CPD Programme—sharing teaching expertise and best practise for all staff to deliver a "World Class" education
- Using primary and secondary expertise to develop world class
 learning experiences in subject areas
- Seamless progression across phases
- Assessment progression from age 3—19 —ensuring students are making at least expected progress at each phase of their education
- Moderation across the Finham Park Multi Academy Trust (FPMAT) to standardise assessments
- FPMAT GCSE groups and masterclasses
- FPMAT Student Leadership
- Extra curricular opportunities across the schools
- Finham Park MAT FROG Connect—a VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) which allows students and staff to access shared resources
- Economies of scale—enabling efficient budgeting allowing us to utilise the budget with the best impact

There are a range of opportunities that students benefit from throughout their time in FPMAT which we believe are only possible through our strong partnership.

Co- Construction: How this benefits students

Assessment Progression

Subjects have completed an assessment overview from Nursery – GCSE.

It was essential we ensure our expectations as a MAT (FPMAT) are consistent. Co-constructing the assessments will ensure the learning experiences for students across FPMAT are consistent, continually progressive and cohesive.

Moderation as a MAT

After creating their assessments, subjects then used their co-construction meeting and teacher training day to moderate work as a MAT against the new assessment criteria.

The continuation of this work will ensure that progress is accurately and consistently tracked across FPMAT.

Finham Park Multi Academy Trust FROG

This year, a FPMAT FROG site was created to ensure ease of collaboration. This particular site was accessible to all schools within the Multi Academy Trust. Many of the documents were created on Google Docs and could therefore be continually edited and viewed by staff across the MAT. Staff have also used the site to communicate and share helpful resources. This sharing platform, called Finham Park Multi Academy Trust Frog Connect site designed by staff at FPMAT and created by FROG who now showcase Frog Connect as an example of good practice for schools and multi academy trusts.

By Ms Buckenham

Co- Construction: How this benefits students Student Leadership



The inaugural meeting of the new Finham Park MAT Student Leaders was held on 13th February at the FPMAT Offices. The newly formed Student Leadership team consists of 4 representatives from each of the schools within Finham Park Multi Academy Trust: Finham Park School; Lyng Hall School; Finham Primary; and Finham Park 2.

FPMAT Student Leaders working together to share the vision of the MAT and to involve each school in a range of collaborative initiatives and projects. Each school has their own Student Leaders, with the FPMAT Student Leaders working alongside them.

Students spent the first part of the morning getting to know each other and were welcomed by Mark Bailie who discussed with students the vision for the FPMAT Student Leadership.



They reflected on what it means to be part of Finham Park MAT and also the role they can play as Student Leaders.

Students then worked in small groups to establish the key aims of the Student Leaders and what they hope to achieve. By the end of the morning they had clear actions to take away and work on. Further details and an update will be shared in the next edition.







Finham Park MAT Student Leaders

The Finham Park MAT Student Leadership consists of 4 representatives from each of the schools within the MAT. Students were invited to write a letter of application outlining their reasons for applying together with their skills and strengths they would bring to a student leadership team.

Lucy Hudson	Finham Primary	6
Simran Heer	Finham Primary	6
Amiya Badesha	Finham Primary	6
Deeksha Balaji	Finham Primary	6
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Miriam Dumitrescu	Lyng Hall	9
Sandeep Kaur Balrey	Lyng Hall	9
Amina Mansur	Lyng Hall	7
Nidhi Himatlal	Lyng Hall	12
Marysia Wojcik	Finham Park	12
Kamaldeep Uppal	Finham Park	12
Tegan Bailey	Finham Park	7
Harry Jackson	Finham Park	8
Carly Witten	Finham Park 2	9
Hope Radburn	Finham Park 2	7
James Hendry	Finham Park 2	8
Ariyan Dolati	Finham Park 2	8

All the students recognised that it was a great responsibility to represent their school and be part of the wider MAT Student Leadership team. They were bursting with ideas and have already started to action plan their first projects. The Student Leadership will feature in future editions of World Class News, providing updates and sharing news.



Co-construction: How this benefits students Coventry Regional VEX IQ Robotics Challenge

On the 13th February Finham Park school hosted the second annual Coventry regional VEX IQ challenge, which was particularly special as it was first competition where all Finham Park MAT schools entered a team. This was due to Finham Park obtaining a grant from Northrop Grumman to become a HUB training school for VEX Robotics. The grant allowed the Finham Park Design & Technology department to train teachers from five Coventry schools and provide them with their own VEX IQ robot and competition add on kit. The Coventry Collaborative C network also supported the event by sponsoring a team from each of the respective

network schools, along with Friends of Finham and Comau

The day saw twenty teams competing from both primary and secondary schools from in and around Coventry, with five teams travelling from as far as China. There were three categories of competition, Teamwork Challenge, Driver Skills and Programming.



The Teamwork Challenge formed the focal point for the day with the two highest scoring teams winning the glory of qualification to the National finals. The teams worked collaboratively in pairs to gain the most points on the Ringmaster field. The matches were intense with the Chinese teams leading from the outset.



The Finham Park MAT teams worked tirelessly to improve their scores throughout the day. Ultimately this paid off for the FP2 Team A and the Robro team from FPS as they gained the second highest score in the finals, qualifying for the UK Nationals Championship. Team LORD, also from FPS, was awarded a Judges trophy for their team spirit and commitment to constantly improving their robot.

Watch this space as we now prepare to take on the top 60 robotic teams in the UK National Finals in March!













By Mr Maguire

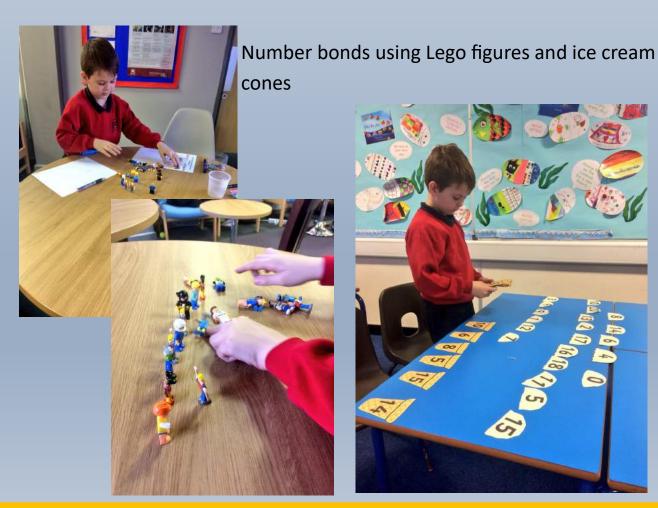
Finham Primary



Mind and Logic Learning Games

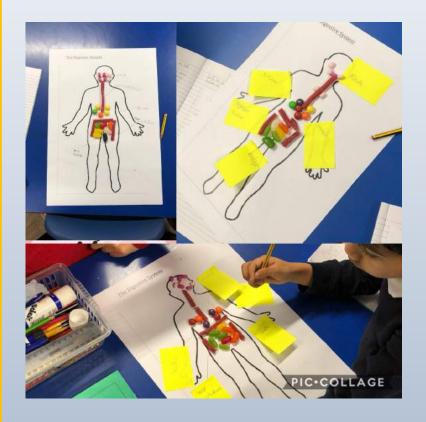


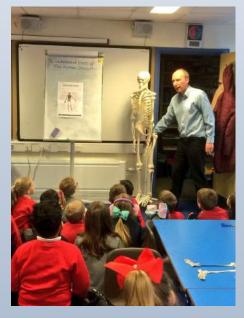






Students were learning about the body and the digestive system at Finham Primary. They used creative writing to imagine a journey through the body as well as exploring the features of the digestive system.









Lyng Hall

Colonial Hangover

Year 11 students visited Warwick University to find out more about the impact and legacy of the British Empire. Students collaborated with distinguished academics from the Politics and History departments at Warwick University on themes and issues surrounding the legacy of empire

in Britain.



Some of the topics touched on the influence of religion on the slave trade, international relations and security, orientalism, political geography. They were then divided into workshops to look at different research methods and ways of presenting the outcomes of research including photographic essays, blogs, articles, academic posters and other multimedia platforms.



All of our children really impressed with their ideas and passion about history. So much so that the coordinator for the project has offered us extra funding and exclusive access to the university library and research facilities for students to conduct their work. We are also the only local school involved. Warwick have also offered to come in to the school and do some one on one mentoring with Year 11 both connected to the project and in terms of university and career advice.



Moving forward the participating students will have to submit a research project connected to colonialism by the 28th of April. This will be done in several stages. All will be invited to a networking event at Warwick where they will present and the winner will receive £500. I was told that last year's winner was accepted to Cambridge and most participants gained places at Russel Group universities.

The students left really inspired by the event. I am incredibly proud with how well they interacted with the professors and critically engaged with some very complex topics.

By Mr Ivanov

School Spotlight



There are currently 4 schools within the Finham Park Multi Academy Trust: Finham Primary; Lyng Hall; Finham Park; and Finham Park 2. The MAT consists of primary and secondary schools, providing a great opportunity to develop pedagogy, move beyond collaboration to co-construction, and provide children from the age 3—19 with a World Class education.

This edition has a spotlight on Finham Park 2

Creative Homework

Students have been creative with their homework in a number of subjects.

English Myths and Legends brought to life



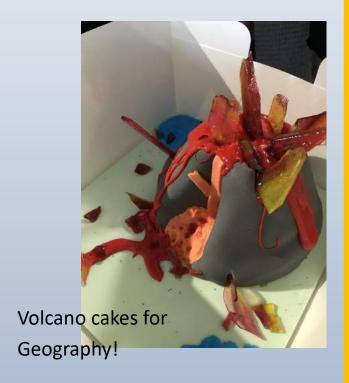


Year 7 Drama students were asked to research their chosen news story for their Brechtian project and produced this wooden masterpiece!





History project





Learning about medieval life in History





Finham Park Foreign and Commonwealth Office Visit

Finham Park School was invited to send 9 Y8 MEP students to a special celebration of the Mandarin Excellence Programme in December last year.



Accompanied by Mrs Lewis and Mrs Darby, our students took part in a range of language learning activities along with MEP students from all over the country, under the gaze of VIPs such as Schools Standards Minister Nick Gibb, Education Secretary Justine Greening and Chinese ministers.



130 pupils from a total of 14 schools gathered in the beautiful and historic Durbar Court at the heart of the Foreign Office in London. During the course of the day our group took part in sentence building challenges. They were also given a gift of two beautiful Chinese scrolls on which to write sentences on the topic of Hobbies. Finally, the group joined with other school groups to try to pass on a record-breaking Chinese whisper!







Lyng Hall

Creative Writing Workshop

Year 11 students participated in a Creative Writing Workshop that linked ideas and themes from History, English and RE. They had the amazing opportunity to engage with and reflect on some very complex ideas, delivered by two outstanding academics from Warwick University.



Prof. James Hodgkinson who led the Workshop was extremely impressed with the level of engagement, creativity and ideas our students put forward.



Dr. Carly Hegenbarth who worked in a group with some of our Year 11 girls was so impressed with their ideas and intellectual curiosity, she has expressed a desire to come back and do some voluntary work in History and RE.



The project does not end here, however. Our pupils will have a chance to submit a piece of creative writing inspired by the workshop. All entries will automatically secure a place for the Two Chairs Conference at Oxford University and the winners will receive £250.

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Smith, Ms Burton, Ms Hagan and Mrs Ingram for their support.

By Mr Ivanov





Chief Inspector Kerry Blakeman visited Finham Primary to talk about the role of the Police and how they help people.

Year 1 children combined learning about road safety with the love of reading when they walked to Finham Library and spent time listening to stories and reading.







Children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in Gymnastics Club with the help of Duke of Edinburgh students from Finham Park School. Some children then went on to enter their first KS1 Gymnastic Competition.







Mandarin Excellence Programme







Finham Park Multi Academy Trust are proud to be Mandarin Excellence Programme. Mandarin Chinese opens up a world of opportunity. As the most spoken language in the world, it can connect speakers with an exciting and dynamic culture as well as boost career opportunities.

Mandarin has been identified as one of the most important languages for the UK's future prosperity. The Mandarin Excellence Programme is a unique yet intensive programme which will see at least 5000 pupils on track to achieving this goal by 2020. Through the links with sister schools in Shanghai, we are able to offer students and staff a wide range of opportunities which otherwise wouldn't be possible. Students from Shanghai recently visited us at Finham Park, and there are planned visits



for students and staff to Shanghai in June / July and October 2018. It is not only the language acquisition, but supporting cultural and global experiences which will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

The Mandarin
Excellence Programme
is an intensive language
programme, funded by
the Department for
Education and delivered
by the UCL IOE
Confucius Institute and
the British Council.



Year 8 MEP students from Finham Park School spent a day at Finham Park 2 working with teachers from the Confucius Institute, learning more about China and their visit later this year to Shanghai.

Students were given a lesson in Tai Chi by Confucius Institute teacher Wang Fu Rong.



Paper cutting with Hanban teacher Yang Lu and Confucius Institute teacher Bai Yi Jing.





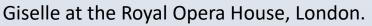
Calligraphy with Confucius Institute teacher Shi Yu Bo and Haban teacher Zhang Ting.

By Mrs Lewis



Giselle

Students from Finham Park 2 were treated to a performance of the ballet







Year 9 Scientists have been creating models to demonstrate their understanding of mitosis.





Design Technology students have demonstrated a variety of skills using laser cutting; cadcam; and vinyl cutting to bring their designs to life.



Year 7 students created video presentations and leaflets for the ultimate school trip competition with Jet 2.





Finham Primary



Finham Primary Bedtime Stories has gone from

Strength to strength with staff and special guests going

'old school Jackanory'. The collection of bedtime stories are available on

FROG for families to share with their children.

Recent contributions have included Mark Bailie reading 'The Fib' by George Layton;





David Kershaw reading 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson;

and David Moorcroft reading 'Three Cheers for Errol' by Babette Cole



This links to the school's drive on 'Real Books'. You can watch some of them here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Z80GQvXkRY

To enhance reading and story telling even more at Finham Primary, parts of the school have been transformed into magical story telling areas, with a theme of hot air balloons and the journey of story telling:





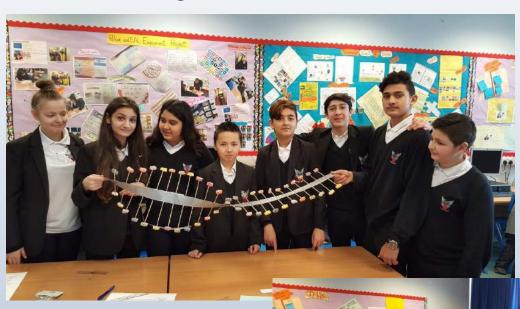






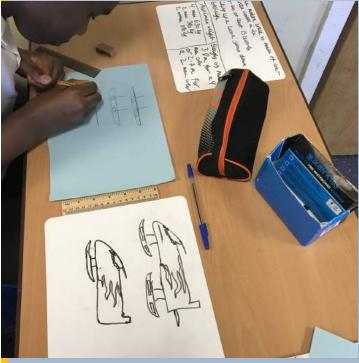


Creative Learning

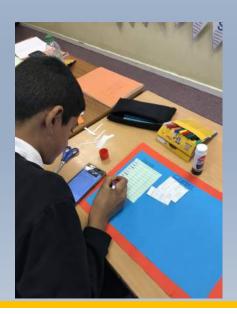




Lyng Hall students were creative with their experiments, using jelly beans to demonstrate wave theory.



In keeping with the Winter Olympics, Year 9 maths students have been designing bobsleighs and calculating averages for the medals tables.



As part of the Mentors
Against Violence
Programme (MVP), Year 10
students prepared and
successfully delivered
training to Year 7 students.

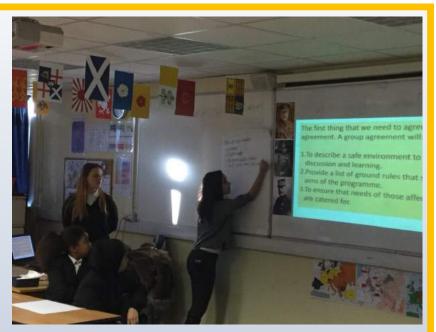


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The programme focuses on the 'bystander' approach, which encourages young people to take an active role in promoting a positive school climate.

All students found the workshop to be very useful and thought provoking. Well done to Year 10 students who delivered excellent training and support.



Finham Park Harry Potter Studios

Media students from Finham Park joined witches, wizards and muggles at the Harry Potter Studios in London. They learnt about the set designs,



costumes and special effects. The Warner Brother Studios were home to the Harry Potter films for more than ten years.

During the tour of the studios, students were able to step onto iconic sets like the Great Hall and Diagon Alley.





They saw props used in the films and also learnt how they were made. Costumes on display were those used in the series of films and students even managed to try on a few. The Hogwarts Express was waiting on Platform 9^{3/4} for students to experience a journey to school. The visit to the studios gave students an insight into the film industry and in particular what is an iconic series of films. The students had a 'magical' time!

Year 7 students were excited to receive letters from their French pen pals in St Etienne.





Students who had earned 120 stickers received their Gold Awards from Mr Bishop



Year 11 Revision Sessions 2018



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English 3pm Psychology 3pm	Maths 3pm Science - Biology 3pm Geography 3pm Computing 3pm	Science - Chemistry 3pm Fim Studies 3pm Religious Studies 3pm Music 3pm French 3pm Spanish 3pm	Psychology 8am Music 3pm History 3pm Business Studies 3pm	PE 3pm Science - Physics 3pm Film Studies 3pm

Students need to go to each department for specific rooms
Product Design, Engineering, Food and Nutrition, Fine Art, Graphics and Photography all offer drop in sessions every night of the week.

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Details of Year 11 Revision Sessions have

Finham Park 2

The Library

New Library Team

This term we have a new library team in place at FP2. Mrs Kerr has joined us to head up the library, and has over 15 years of working within both public and school libraries. She is also a Chartered Accountant, speaks French, Spanish and Russian and can drive a





tractor, so brings a broad range of experience and skills with her! Mrs Kerr has been joined by a new group of Student Librarians, who have their own desk for issuing and discharging books and answering queries. Over thirty students volunteer in the library, all of whom have a shift pattern and are being trained to use the library computer package, and in the preparation of new books. They will earn badges based on the number of hours volunteered, and further incredible rewards are also planned

New Books

We have had a massive amount of investment in new library books, and are preparing them to go out on the shelves. This half term we have focussed on preparing the new Accelerated Reader titles. We have added over 200 new books to the shelves, and these books have all been colour coded to help students chose a book which is at a level appropriate to them, and gives details of the associated quiz at the back.



Library visit to meet Katie Thistleton

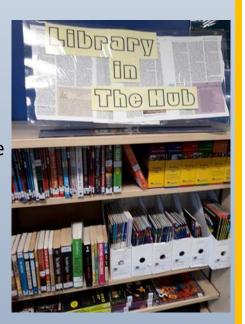
A group of Year 7 & 8 girls were fortunate enough to be selected to attend an author event at President Kennedy School. The girls were lucky enough to have time to interview Katie Thistleton (CBBC and Radio 1) before her presentation, and spend time with her taking photos and getting copies of



her book signed. Katie was very impressed with the way that our students conducted themselves, and has invited a group from FP2 to meet her at the Radio 1 studios. This is a fantastic opportunity......watch this space!

Library in The Hub

We now have a small library in place in The Hub. As a school, we want as many students as possible to access the fantastic range of books that we have here, so by creating a satellite library in another part of the school we are hoping to encourage more students to read and borrow books and access the library materials. We will continue to add to this library and expand the range of texts available.



Libraries working together across the MAT

The librarian teams and English departments across Finham Park Multi Academy Trust are working together on a number of initiatives to develop reading skills and reading for pleasure.

Library Twitter Account

The FP2 Library is now on Twitter! Please follow us on @FP2Library to see the latest library news and events.

By Mrs Kerr

Lyng Hall

History student at Lyng Hall took time to learn about the rights of women in history and the Suffragette Movement.

They combined learning in the classroom with homework to produce a variety of examples of work which demonstrate their learning and





Science students showcased their learning with case studies in a box





Dharvi was a finalist for Student of the Year as part of the Employability Programme 2017. She met the Deputy Lord Mayor.





Language students created questioning cubes to help them revise for a speaking and listening presentation.







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Finham Primary

'Inspiration is the spark that awakens us to the possibility of achieving great things'





Students from Finham Primary were delighted to have lunch with the Lord Mayor on Monday 12th February. The event was to thank students and staff for their efforts in raising over £5000 for local charity, Zoe's Place, Coventry. Part of the money had been raised when Finham Primary students and staff put on their dancing shoes and took part in Finham Does Strictly.







Finham Primary

Headteacher: Richard Machin

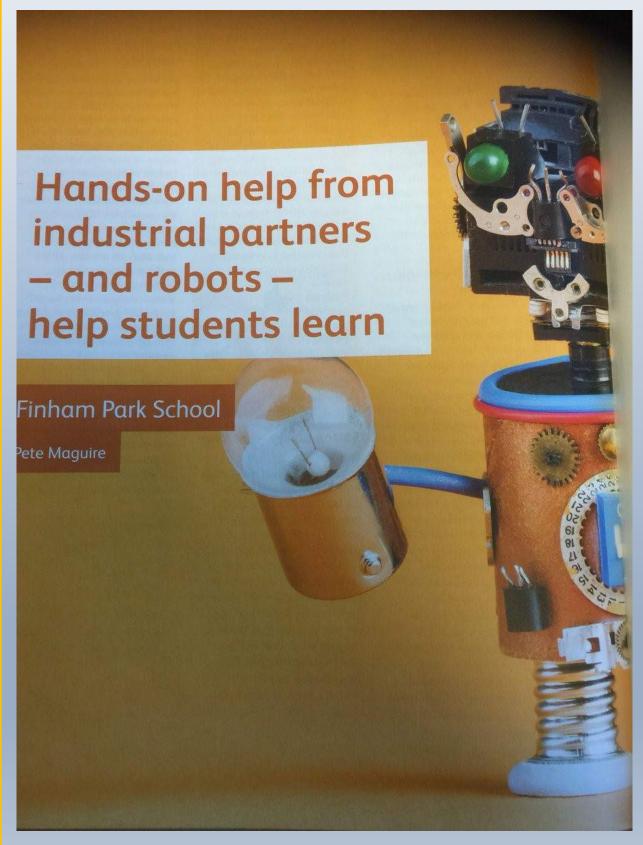
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ROBOTICS FEATURE IN THE LATEST SSAT MAGAZINE



Students from Finham Park School feature in the latest edition of the SSAT Magazine (The Schools Student and Teacher Network).

Creating an active learning environment where students are inspired by the excitement of solving problems in a fun and creative way has always been a key strategy

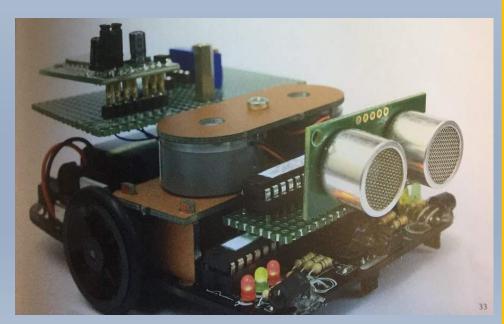


for teaching and learning in our design and technology department. We are constantly on the lookout for innovative ways to enthuse our students to gain knowledge, understanding and skills that encapsulate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and epitomise 21st Century Learning.

One of our successful strategies for developing STEM has been a focus on programmable control through the introduction of robotics to our

curriculum.

Students have a range of opportunities to develop skills and knowledge through robotics.



By Mr Maguire

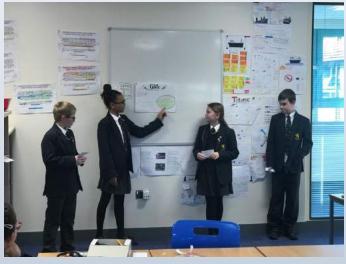
English

writing.

Year 7 have been holding out for a hero this term, researching different mythologies from around the world and producing some fantastic interactive presentations for their classmates. Students explored Roman, Greek, Celtic, Norse and Arthurian mythology. Inspired by their research, they have been producing excellent creative









Year 8 have been busy studying poetry from other cultures. They have been exploring National Anthems, and have even written an anthem for a country of their own, which will come in handy if they establish one of their own in the future....

Through this work and the exploration of another culture, students have thought

about what it means to be British and how the values that we think are

important are reflected in many other cultures too.

Year 9 have also been working on poetry. Taylor Swift provided a great 'way in' for students getting to grips with the complexities of language techniques. The detail of their annotations left no 'blank space' on the page. Several students have also produced brilliantly thoughtful and sensitive poems of their own. One student not only composed a poem, but also transferred it to a beautiful laser cut wooden plaque.

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One student even wrote a successful Petrarchan sonnet. Some of these students will be entering their work in the Christopher Tower Poetry competition – watch out for future Poet Laureates..... By Mrs Kidman

Finham Park 2 artists have continued to produce impressive artwork and photography.







#Finham Park 2

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