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SENIOR VOICE

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Headmaster's Message

BY MR ROBINSON

As I sit to write for Senior Voice, I am dressed as Willy Wonka and have witnessed numerous pupils and staff dressed as a character from their favourite book, many Harry Potter characters, Father Brown, George Orwell as the narrator in Down and Out in Paris and London and many more for our celebration of World Book Day. Mr Milsom will be perhaps regretting his choice of becoming an Oompa Loompa for the day given my choice of costume, so perhaps we will need to consult with one another next time. This week, we have also had a look at the celebration of Ramadan and finally, on Friday 8th March, International Women's Day.

The idea to make an International Women's Day came from Clara Zetkin who suggested it in 1910 at an International Conference of Working Women in Copenhagen. There were 100 women there, from 17 countries, and they agreed unanimously to take up the idea. It was first celebrated in 1911, in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. Things were made official in 1975 when the United Nations started celebrating the day and International Women's Day has become a date to celebrate how far women have come in that year in their society. When I was young I grew up in a time when casual sexism was common place and it was not really until the 1990s in this country that I feel attitudes to women began to improve. That is not to say that there is not still sexism and considerable inequality in this country over access to jobs, appropriate salaries and social engagement.

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Nevertheless, serious as they are, these are first world problems by comparison because there are still too many countries in the world where either institutionally or culturally women are regarded as possessions who can be physically and or emotionally abused at will. Helen Pankhurst, a women's rights activist and writer in her own right and the granddaughter of Sylvia Pankhurst, the suffragette cautions of our time "It is true to say there has never been a better time to be a woman but it depends which woman, where. For the lucky women it's better than ever before – but we still have work to do".

Those who have been taught History by me will have often heard me say that if you want to check the health of a country then look at how the women in that country are treated, how they are included. The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2024 is "Inspire Inclusion". On the centenary of International women's day in 2011, sitting US President Barack Obama said: "History shows that when women and girls have access to equal opportunity, societies are more just, economies are more likely to prosper, and governments are more likely to serve the needs of all their people." So involvement of women in society is not just good for women but the whole of society, men as well.

With regard to further celebrating women's achievement at Trinity, I am therefore launching an essay writing competition where entrants produce a short essay, 500 to a 1,000 words based on a woman whose work or actions beyond the domestic sphere they admire, respect or have been inspired by and why. In due course I will share some of the pupil's thoughts with you.

POLITE REQUEST

Could parents who use the Farm Lane route through school take additional care when approaching the main buildings, particularly the gateway to catering. There have been a few near misses involving catering staff and whilst we value the lives of all our staff, these are the people who produce our fish and chips on Friday.

Many thanks,

Headmaster.

International Women's Day
#INSPIREINCLUSION

2024



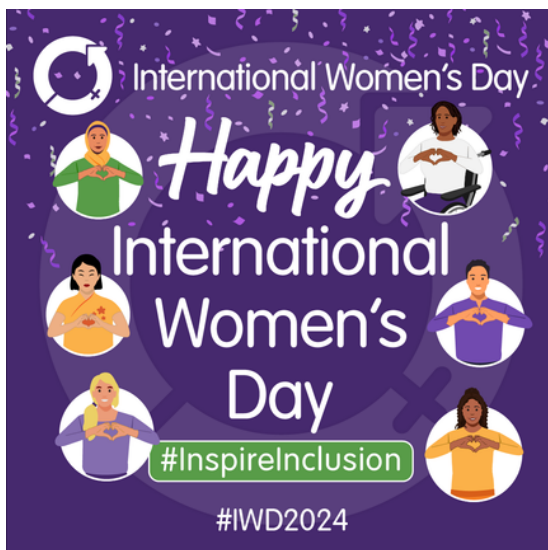
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day (IWD), celebrated annually on March 8th, is a global day acknowledging the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Not only does it celebrate the achievements and progress women have made, but it also highlights the ongoing struggles for equality and the need for continued advocacy and action worldwide.

On this day, several events take place globally to highlight the collective efforts of everyone who cares about human rights in the ongoing struggle for gender parity. As Gloria Steinem aptly stated, "The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to neither a single feminist nor any one organisation but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights."

This International Women's Day, 8 March 2024, join the United Nations in celebrating under the theme 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress'.

The world is facing many crises, ranging from geopolitical conflicts to soaring poverty levels and the escalating impacts of climate change. These challenges can only be addressed by solutions that empower women. By investing in women, we can spark change and speed the transition towards a healthier, safer, and more equal world for all.



READING RECOMMENDATIONS: CELEBRATING FEMALE AUTHORS

The library has been looking at ways to extend the range of authors currently read by students and encouraging them to explore new and different authors and genres. So, Mrs Knapman has kindly compiled a list for each year group with suggestions to try and explore, all titles are available in the Senior Library. We will be sharing a suggestion for each years 7, 8 and 9 each week. Happy reading!

Year 7: Diary Of A Young Girl By Anne Frank

The Diary of Anne Frank, which is sometimes referred to as The Diary of a Young Girl, was originally written in Dutch by Anne Frank between 1942 and 1944 while she and her family were in hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam during World War II. Anne died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945 after the family's capture. Anne's father, Otto Frank—the only member of the family to survive the war—published his daughter's diary in 1947.

Year 8: Journey To The River Sea By Eva Ibbotson

Maia feels at home in the boarding school where she lives in London, in 1910. It is the only home she has known since her parents died two years earlier. When distant cousins are discovered 4,000 miles away, Maia must travel to the exotic Amazon River town of Manaus to live with them.

Year 9: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

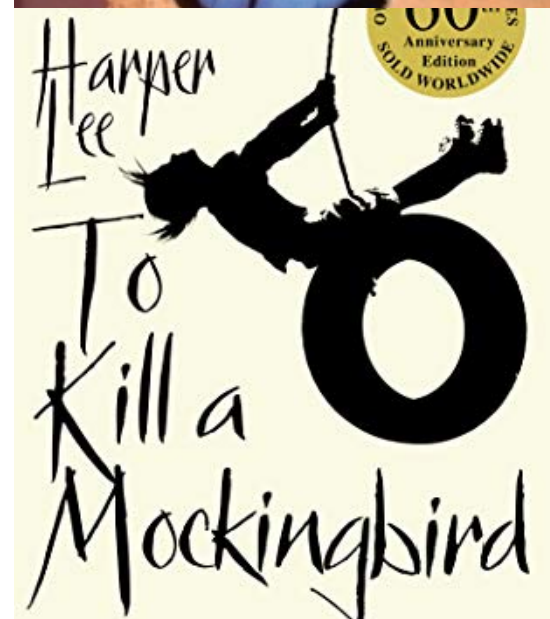
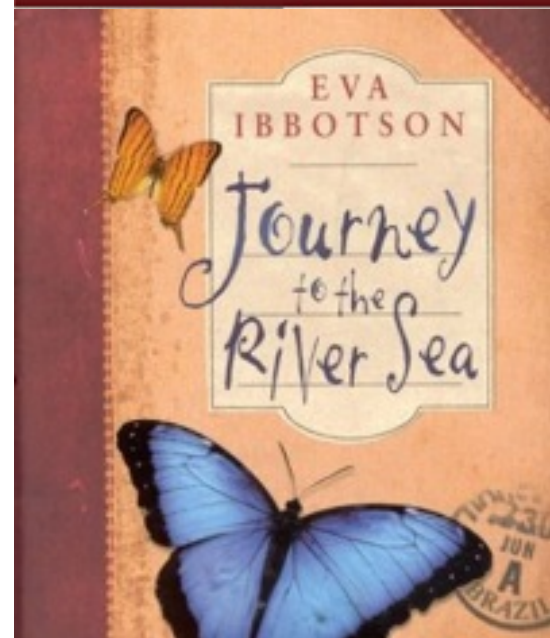
Although it was written in 1960, it is set in the mid-1930s in the small town of Maycomb, Alabama. It is narrated by Scout Finch, a six-year-old tomboy who lives with her lawyer father Atticus and her ten-year-old brother Jem. Many residents of Maycomb are racists and during the novel Atticus is asked to defend Tom Robinson, a black man wrongly accused of raping a white woman. Atticus takes on the case even though everyone knows he has little hope of winning. The reader sees the trial develop through the childlike eyes of Scout, as gradually both she and her brother learn some valuable life lessons from their father about tolerance, empathy and understanding.



ANNE FRANK

The Diary of a Young Girl

With an introduction by Eleanor Roosevelt



WORLD BOOK DAY

What a fabulous World Book Day we had on Thursday!
Not to be outdone by the Prep School, Senior School students and staff came dressed as their favourite book characters. There were some fantastic costumes on show which made the Costume Competition particularly difficult to judge!
Thank you to all for making World Book Day such a fantastic event!



"A reader
lives a
thousand
lives"

GEORGE R. R.
MARTIN,
AUTHOR OF GAME OF
THRONES (ASOIAF)



WORLD BOOK DAY SCAVENGER HUNT

As you can see from the photos, Year 7, 8 and 9 had a lot of fun today, taking part in a book themed scavenger hunt for World Book Day. A big thank you to Dolly and Giacomo in Year 12 for the fantastic idea and creating the riddles, as well as all the sixth formers that helped out!



"The more that
you read, the
more things
you will know.
The more that
you learn, the
more places
you'll go."

DR. SEUSS



TRINITY SCHOOL PRESENTS



13 - 15TH MARCH
7PM, THE SALLE
£7 PER SEAT

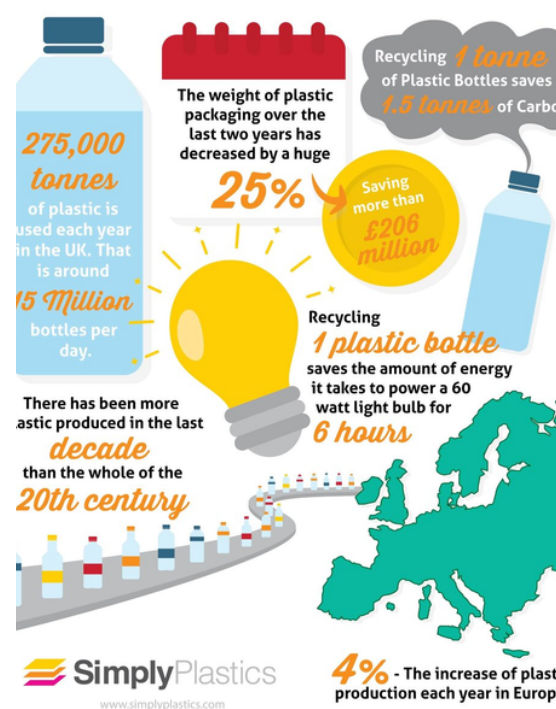


IS PLASTIC FANTASTIC?

Yr9DT did a fantastic assembly this morning about how we live in the age of plastic and whilst plastic is fantastic with so many uses, it's very bad for the environment and we need to reduce, reuse, recycle, repair and refuse single use plastics to help protect the planet.



Facts You Didn't Know About PLASTIC



TRINITY NATURE PAGE



"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

GREAT EXPECTATIONS



STAR CHEFS

Well done to our star chefs this week!

In year 7, it was Alice for her terrific tiramisu.

In year 8, it was Charlie for his marvellous macaroni cheese.

In year 9, it was Hector for his ginger chicken noodles.



TEN TORS TRAINING

Last weekend was training walk number 5. They had an absolutely beautiful start to the day with snow glistening in the sunshine which was followed by some heavy rain and hail. Great teamwork and resilience!



TEN TORS
2024

10th-12th May



NEWS FROM DT CORNER

It's that time of year again when the MD quad starts to hum..not with the glorious sound of honey bees, but sanding machines and year 11 students, using every available moment to get their project completed by the deadline. Every lunchtime (except Thursdays) as well as Tuesday/Wednesday club time are available, so use this extra time wisely.

Essential deadlines:

Monday 18th March end of making
Monday 25th March hand in of folders



HISTORY CORNER

Here is a photo from our archive.



ON THIS DAY... 8th MARCH

In 1531 Henry VIII recognised as Supreme Head of the Church in England...

In 1702 after the death of William III Anne Stuart became Queen Anne...

In 1817 the New York Stock Exchange was founded...

In 1887 the steel tube telescopic fishing rod was first patented...

In 1910 Baroness Raymonde de Laroche of Paris became the 1st licensed female pilot...

In 1917 Russia's 'February Revolution' began in St Petersburg...

In 1945 International Women's Day was first observed...

In 2020 Italy announced a lockdown in Northern Lombardy due to 233 Covid deaths...

In 2022 Ukrainian President invoked Winston Churchill in a virtual speech to the UK parliament, declaring "We will not fail. We will fight to the end"...

In 2023 scientists estimated that there are now 171 trillion pieces of plastic littering the world's oceans...



THAT FRIDAY FEELING!

There is no better way to end the week than to celebrate student's hard work and achievements. Congratulations to every student who was awarded Work of the Week or received a Commendation!



COMMENDATIONS

KS commendations:

Sienna Cullen
Gemma Newton
Ben Tomlin
Amelia Bartorelli
Charlie Starr

Kiyan Abkhou
Lilly-May Salter
Sam Bird
Stina Garli
Giacoma Rivolta

Headmasters Commendations:

Sienna Cullen
Sam Bird



PASSION COURAGE CONFIDENCE RESILIENCE REFLECTION
ASPIRATION VISION INTEGRITY LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY

Mental Health Awareness MARCH



Daily Affirmations:

I am allowed to take time to heal

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International Women's Day

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Wellness tip:
Take a nap

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Daily Affirmations:

I will live in this moment

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Self-care activity:
Watch a movie

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Self-care activity:
Journal

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Daily Affirmations:

Am I doing enough? yes I am!

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Self-care activity:
Take yourself on a date

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World BiPolar Day

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RATING
13+

Servers and channels marked as 'NSFW' require users to be 18 or older to join.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CYBERBULLYING

Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

DIFFICULT TO MODERATE

Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not monitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.

ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS

On many chat platforms, users can lie about their age or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child on an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord has improved its safety settings, some users will still try to bypass them for malicious reasons.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Discord does have strict Terms of Service and Community Guidelines to protect its users – but, sadly, not everyone adheres to them. Criminal activity including grooming, hate speech, harassment, exploitative content, doxing and extremist or violent material have all been found on Discord servers over the last two years. In 2020, Discord received almost 27,000 reports of illegal activity on the platform.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS

Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can direct message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING

While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT

In the privacy and safety settings, Discord users are offered the ability to filter direct messages for inappropriate content: a setting that should be enabled if your child uses the platform. Discord automatically tries to flag images that are explicit, but the setting must be manually enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit content in a direct message, Discord will scan and (if necessary) delete it.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This includes checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.

DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS

It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pornography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

Meet Our Expert

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