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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Last Thursday, 6th March, was World Book Day and you will have seen all the costumes pupils and staff were dressed up in. Once more, as Last year, I put on a Willy Wonka outfit and although I will have to find a new outfit for 2026, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was one of my favourite childhood books, read four times, with the sequel, Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator read twice. Admittedly, it was not my most read book, Tales of Robin Hood, six times and Brendon Chase, seven times, although once was to my children who it went down well with, were at the top of the list. The latter is not today a well known book, written by Denys Watkins-Pitchford, a British naturalist, an illustrator, art teacher and a children's author under the pseudonym "BB". The book is about three brothers who run off to live in a wood, surviving and thriving in the natural world. It is perhaps too visceral for today's world or to risk the provocative, an antidote to it, being about hunting and gutting fish alongside the beauty of nature but also suggesting that children, for a while at least, can survive without adults. Two years before writing Brendon Chase, BB had won the 1942 Carnegie Medal for British children's books, so the book was well known in its day.

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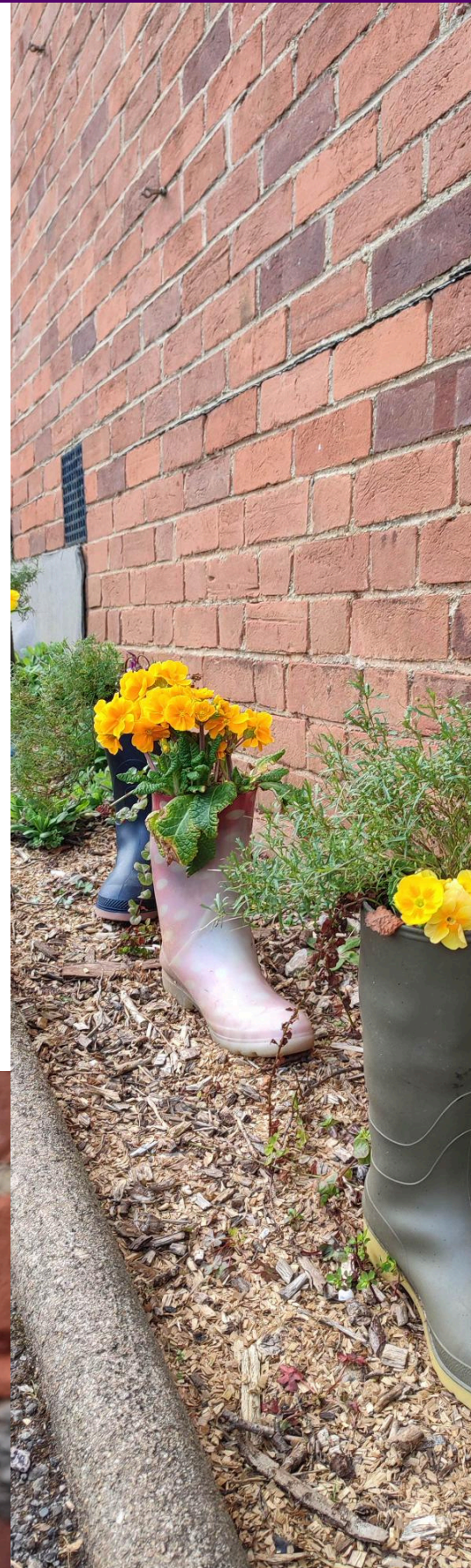
The most read book of my childhood is even less well known, Louie's Snowstorm, about Louie the milkman and his two helpers Tim and Smitty. The action takes place on a Christmas Eve in which a blizzard, a snowball fight, a robbery, a missing Santa, and a girl on the milk float, Pat, the company chairman's American niece, and the birth of a child (It is Christmas!) do not keep Louie from completing his Christmas Eve milk rounds. I read this tale every Christmas for many years because it allowed me to inhabit the spirit of a season many of us love.

Teaching children to read is essential but the greatest gift of all is to give them a lifelong love of reading. My mother took me to a public library, Victorian and lined with oak and I remember it to this day. It had a smell that I still pick up in certain rooms, in certain buildings and it sends me mentally scuttling back to my childhood and the wonder and delight of being told that all these books I could take away to read, to delight and inform me and perhaps unrecognised by me at the time, shape my way of thinking.

Throughout my life, I have always had at least one book on the go, fiction and non-fiction.

Currently, I am reading *The Romantic* by William Boyd, one of our best living novelists and someone I have followed from when his first short novel was published. In this latest book, the artifice is that his protagonist, Cashel Greville Ross, was a living man not a created character and whilst not a biography, it is a narrative based on traces of that real life. At the start of what is a novel, Boyd refers to an incident in Cashel's youth which he repeats the story of throughout his life, Boyd saying of it "its repetition has embellished all possibility of verification". Boyd goes on to say this doesn't matter because "This is the biographical arena where the anecdote becomes the legend that sanctions its own truth" and that "it suited the man he became. Therefore, it was true".

Now in our modern world, we should be wary of those who say something is true just because they say so but what Boyd is saying is that we make sense of our life from the narratives we create and we learn this from an early age. Learning to read is learning to create our narratives, to shape ourselves and to understand more acutely the human condition, our condition. So as of the quote Ms Bird sent out, "Read not to escape life but to understand it. Let every book bring you closer to yourself". Reading brings us not only knowledge and understanding but self awareness and context for our frailties, our strengths and ambitions and all that it is to be us. That said, it is possible to read for escapism and to know life better and that is also one of the great joys of a lifelong love of reading.



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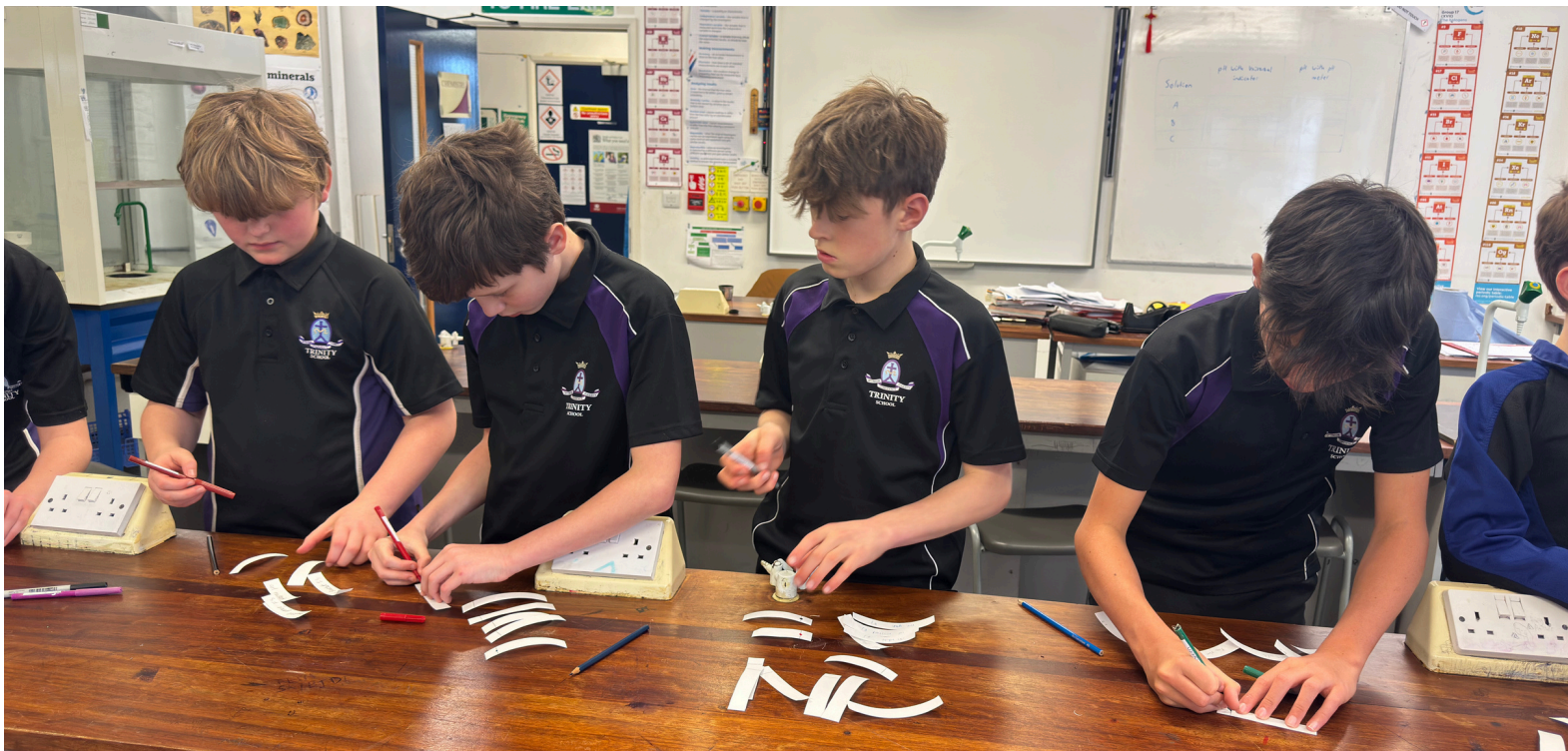
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SCIENCE WEEK



Years 7 and 8 have been doing crime scene investigation for science week. They have used chromatography, finger printing and more to try and solve the case!



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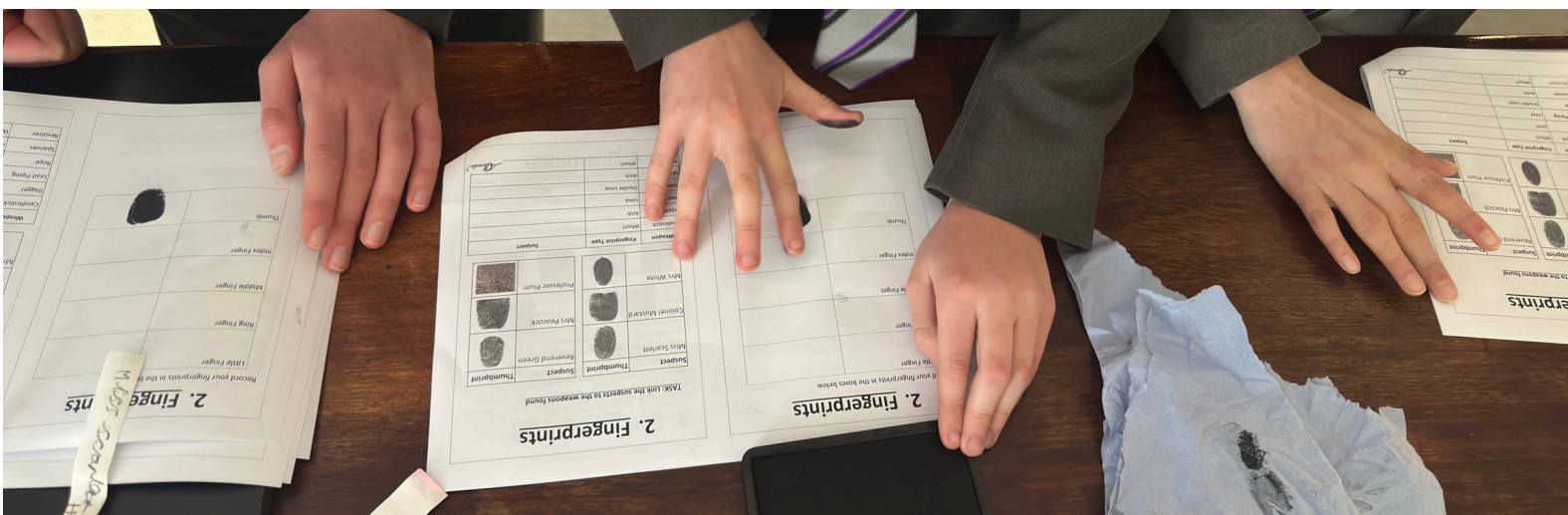
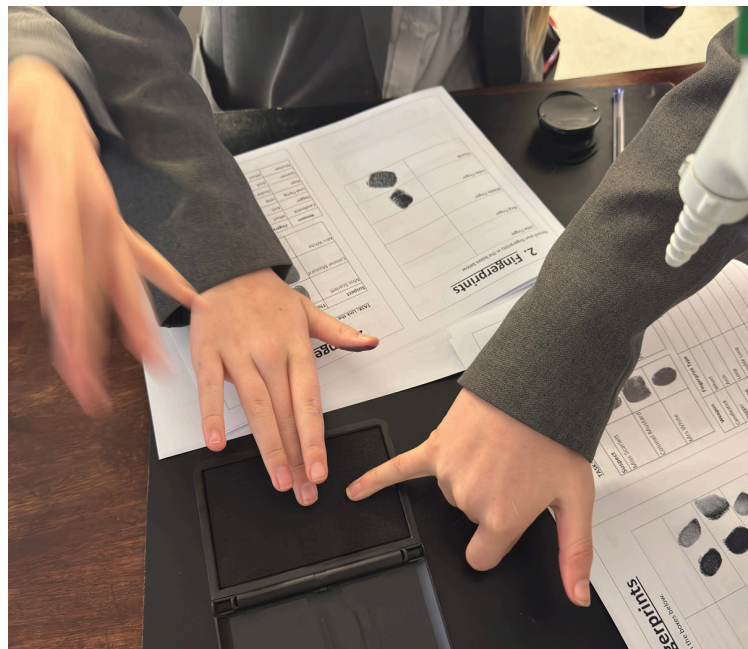
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HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

1st – Powderham 3851 Points

2nd – Luscombe – 3828 Points

3rd – Ugbrooke – 3738 Points

Student Leaderboard

1st – Shakira May – 221 points

2nd – Jayden Kirungi - 192 points

3rd – Alice Lovett - 177 points

4th – Lana McGill - 173 points

4th – Dexter Jeffery – 158 points

Top Housepoint Earners

1st – Lana McGill

2nd – Samba Barrie

3rd – Jessica Thomas-McKay

"Determination is the quiet force that keeps you moving forward when everyone else has given up."



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FIXTURES

U15 Boys Football VS Kingsley 6-4 WIN !

U16 Boys Football VS TCS 2-1

U13 Girls Football VS Saltash 3-2 WIN !

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH



Mason Wesley vs Kingsley (U15s Football)
Marc Shukha vs TCS (U16 GCSE Football)
Korey Barker vs Saltash (U13s Girls Football)



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COMMENDATIONS



·Hannah Yandle
·Pixie Dollar
·Shakira May
·Jessica Sinclair
·Kodie Humphreys
·Blake Hawkins
·Elliot Starr
·Grace Darby
·Boe Taylor
·Max Kirton
·George Tucker
·Dare Ali-Napo
·Felix Balfour-Paul
·Korey Barker
·Rosie Neale



·Lilly-May Salter
·Lana Magill
·Nyrie Ridge
·Narjes Mohammed
·Elin Partridge
·Poppy Allen
·Finley Simmons
·Jessica Thomas-McKay
·Gabriel Whitney
·Maisey Down
·Shelby Tait
·Amelia Bartorelli



·Nathan Mwaturura
·Max Sanders
·Charles Scoot
·Owen Young
·Olive Martin
·Kiyen Abkhou
·Federico Bernades Pifarre
·Daniel Crompton
·Jacob Flowers
·Catherine Flynn
·Alfie Jeffery
·Adam Moore
·Lily Armstrong
·Elias Ngowet-Loukouman
·Eugenie Turkmen
·Samba Barrie
·Joseph Rogers
·Tom Sinclair
·Gabriel Summers
·Feliks Tsogoev
·Sasha Vorobiev
·Joshua Wahome
·Abiel Angbazo
·Maryann Edokpolor
·Adeka Ikwue
·Samuel Mortimer
·Sam Bird
·Lewis Ward
·Max Macdonald

·Hannah Yandle
·Max Kirton
·Kodie Humphreys
·Jessica Sinclair
·Grace Darby
·Blake Hawkins
·Nyrie Ridge
·Lana Magill
·Charles Scoot
·Owen Young
·Jessica Thomas-McKay
·Gabriel Whitney
·Finley Simmons
·Shelby Tait
·Teo Durall
·Ben Clark
·Gabriel Summers
·Adeka Ikwue
·Sam Mortimer
·Samuel Bird
·Lewis Ward
·Alex Brown
·Daniel Wong
·Theo Nicholson



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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY... 7TH MARCH

In 1794 Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin machine to revolutionise the cotton industry..

In 1847 Verdi's opera "Macbeth" premiered in Florence...

In 1880 The Salvation Army started work in USA...

In 1899 Ferdinand Von Zeppelin received a US patent for a 'navigable balloon'...

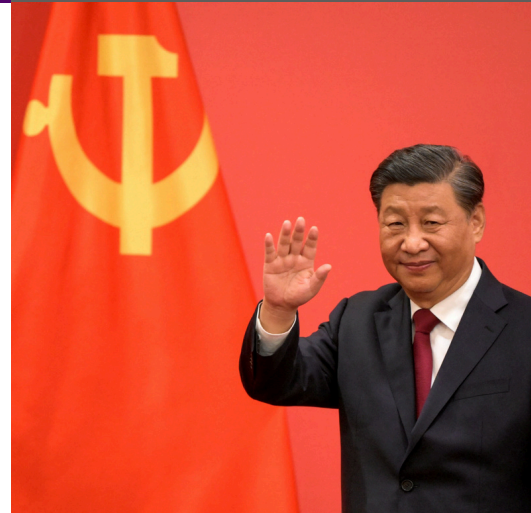
In 1964 Jack Ruby was sentenced to death for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald...

In 2013 Xi Jinping was named new President of the People's Republic of China...

In 2017 the world's oldest golf club, Muirfield in Scotland, voted to allow women members for the first time in its 273-year history...

In 2018 Angela Merkel sworn in for a 4th term as German Chancellor...

World Happiness Report named Finland as the world's happiest country!



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Read to... ...recharge

**Reading is vital for wellbeing – offering entertainment,
escape and a much-needed screen break!**

...succeed

**Research has shown that reading for pleasure
helps to improve life-chances**



...connect

**Readathon is a great way to share experiences and
reach goals, whether in school or at home**

...help others

**Reading and raising money to buy books
for children in hospital feels great!**



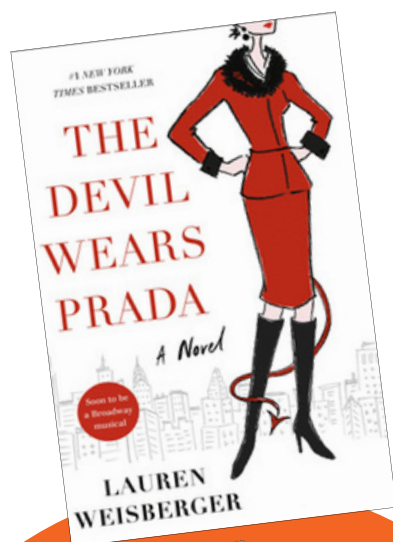
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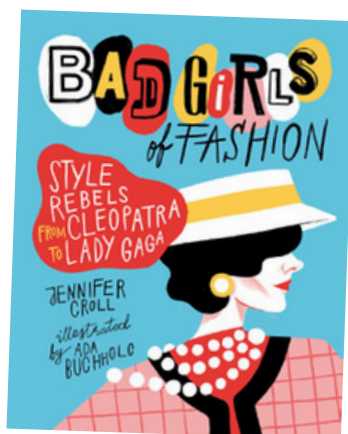
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Fashion
then try...



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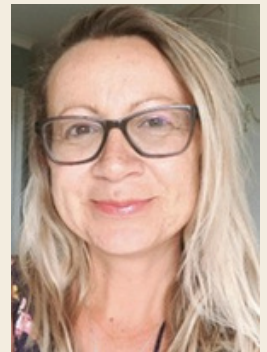
PG Dip in Play Therapy & Credited Counsellor (NCPS)

Talking and Creative therapy

IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP

I will have a room set up in school so children and young people can choose, with my guidance, how they want to use the sessions.

Hi there, my name is Nicola Collison. I am a qualified counsellor accredited by the NCPS (National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society) and have a Post-Graduate Diploma in Play Therapy. Before that, I was a Primary School Teacher for over 20 years.



No thought or feeling is ever too small or insignificant to explore

“Young people’s lives are so busy and full of pressures that they are having to deal with daily. The need for a safe space where they can be themselves and learn to understand feelings that arise has become ever more important.”

I have worked with children and young people with a variety of needs. Amongst these are bereavement, anxiety, self-esteem, gender, trichotillomania, addictive tendencies, self-harm, eating difficulties, emotional and behavioural difficulties, children with A.D.H.D. and autism. I work primarily in a person-centred way, but depending on how the person I am working with wants to progress, we can dip into different ways of working together either creative or Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT). This will very much allow them to lead the session and me to be there to listen- we can explore together.

Please do get in touch: nccounselling7@gmail.com

Careers education learning journey (11 - 18)





YOU ARE ALL WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND A -
'POP UP' ART EXHIBITION
A SELECTION OF YR7 – YR12 ART WORK
THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 3:40PM - 5:30PM
SENIOR ART ROOM

