

# LEARNING HUBBUB



Topical tales from the Learning Hub.

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### Mind-blowing March!

We hope you had a fantastic February—and what a treat that we are now in mind-blowing March! Again, we hear you ask, “what’s so mind-blowing about March?”, well we’re glad you asked. March not only sees the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring (hello sunny evenings and bright green trees!), it also welcomes lots of literary events that we love in the Learning Hub, as well as marking the celebration of two Patron Saints: St. David and St. Patrick. We also get to celebrate wildlife, and we celebrate maths and mums on the same day. March is going to be mind-blowing. Mic drop.

## Making March Memorable!

with all these great events!

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1st St. David's Day



3rd World Wildlife Day



4th World Book Day

14th Pi Day



14th Mothers Day

15th—21st Shakespeare Week



17th St. Patrick's Day



18th Global Recycling Day



19th RED NOSE DAY

20th Spring Begins



21st World Poetry Day



29th Piano Day



25th Tolkien Day



### The Two Saints

St. David is the patron saint of Wales: traditionally on this day of celebration the life of St. David is remembered through the 'Feast of St. David'. Within this feast people will eat traditional Welsh food, Welsh cakes and rarebit for instance, and they will decorate with and wear daffodils and leeks. Daffodils are a symbol associated with Wales, and leeks are associated with St. David. The day of a patron saint is usually a great time to come together and celebrate the nation they protected.

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, and much like St. David, he was a protector of the country he is patron of. For instance, St. Patrick is said to have driven the snakes out of Ireland. The feast of St. Patrick takes place on the 17th of March and often, dances, parades and other events are held. The sign of St. Patrick is the shamrock—a small three leaf sprig which is also known as a 'young clover'. Because of the importance of the shamrock as a symbol of St. Patrick, Irish communities will wear shamrocks and green clothing on the day of their patron saint.



## What's Online?

As you can't be in the Learning Hub just yet we are still using this column to give you access to some great online resources. Our books are ready and waiting to be taken off the shelves, but of course, for now... to the world wide web! (Did you know that's what the www stands for at the beginning of web addresses? Cool right?)

Simply pick a topic and then click the link via the logo.

### World Wild Life Day:

- Sir. David Attenborough Documentaries (free on BBC iPlayer)

### Pi Day:

- A brief history of Pi Day! (free on YouTube)
- A list of easy bake pie recipes from BBC Good Food.

### Comic Relief Red Nose Day:

- Read up on and support Billy's Big Red Nose Day Challenge.

### Piano Day:

- Watch the 2018 International Young Artist Piano Competition on YouTube.



## World Book Day & Poems Mean Prizes!

In honour of **world book day**—the Learning Hub's favourite day of the year—we are going all out in celebration!

Check your emails on Thursday 4th March for links to a very exciting **Book Quiz**— which will see the winner get a **prize!**

Keep your eyes peeled later in the day for a follow up email of a brilliant **activity pack** that the wonderful Miss Cooper has put together which will be sent out too. Miss Cooper has included **excerpts from books** we think you'll love, she built **crosswords and puzzles**, and created a whole host of **great activities** to keep your **book brain happy!**

If you **love stories** but find it hard to 'get into a book', why not try an **audio book**? Miss Melia is currently listening to the **Harry Potter** series on audible... Again! Check out the **World Book Day** selection of **free audio books** by clicking on the **WBD icon!**

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## WORLD BOOK DAY:



## Poetry Competition

- Write a **NEW** poem on a topic of your choice.
- **20 lines MAXIMUM.**
- **Submit your entry by 25th March.**

Our winning poet will receive a prize and be featured in the April Newsletter.

SUBMIT YOUR POEMS TO LEARNINGHUB@WOODGREENACADEMY.CO.UK

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY WRITING!



# NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

# COMPETITION

Winners!



**Dragon Deity**

By  
Syed Haider



**NO REPLY**

By  
Ella Blades



**Extreme Lengths**

By  
Aaminah Bibi



## Congratulations to our three winners!

Each will receive a Waterstones voucher for their brilliant efforts. To read our winning entry, No Reply, by Ella Blades from year 7, please see the next page.

The Learning Hub team would like to give a big shout out to the following students for their standout submissions:

Joe Curtis, Amy-Leigh Tilley, Olivia Paddock, Erin Collins, Abbie Edis, Rosie Hawkins, and Sophie Edis.

Writing is a great way to spend your free time—but it is something that is often quite personal, submitting your work to a competition is a huge act of bravery. You should all be very proud of yourselves for contributing to this competition, and for the high level of quality you produced.

Well done!



Winning entry!

NO REPLY

BY Ella Blades

Mrs. Evitts "thought the writer created an engaging short story with suspense throughout and a surprising ending".

*He lay as still as he could, feeling paralyzed with fear. He knew he didn't have the strength to get up, he couldn't even bring himself to open his eyes. He squeezed his eyelids as tightly closed as he could.. He felt a breath drift over his body as he lay there. . He opened his eyes slowly to see Sarah standing over him. Shivers went down his spine as quickly as rocks tumbling off a cliff side as she looked down at him with a smile. He quickly shut his eyes and when he found the courage to look again she was gone Just another night terror. The same as the last 730 nights. He muttered under his breath 'Why does this keep happening?...She's dead...' He shot up from his paralyzed state, still drenched in fear. A notification popping up on his phone was the first noise to break the eerie silence. He reached over to his bedside cabinet and stared intensely at his phone as he looked at what glowed on the screen. A picture of him, sleeping, oblivious to his photographers presence., His breath began to quicken. He lived alone; he had lived alone since Sarah's accident. . He thought he heard a delicate tapping noise on the window and his eyes darted around the room, his heart quickening. He swung his feet down off his bed and sat up, his body felt so heavy, as if he was made of concrete. He went over to the window and gently lifted the curtains. No one. He stepped back cautiously. There it was again, that tapping. Was he going mad? He went to stand in the middle of the room to listen to where it was coming from, he was terrified. The mirror! it was coming from the mirror?! He stood still and looked into the mirror. Stood behind him was Sarah in the same red dress she wore when she died. I. He gazed at her and rubbed his eyes, she was still there. Around her neck hung the same pearl necklace he had given to her that night - a reminder of his love for her, now a reminder of his grief. The more he stared at Sarah, the less frightened he felt. Now he was confused. Wrapped around in his own thoughts. He turned around to look at her properly and she was gone. Tears streamed down his face, leaving their wet tracks across his cheeks. They stung his skin, as if he had been gently cut by tiny shards of glass. He tried to pull himself together, imagining himself carefully stepping through the shards that had fallen from his face and lay glistening in the moonlight. Still weeping rivers, he grabbed a tissue and ever so lightly he dabbed his face, cleaning away all of his tears as gently as if he was tending to open cuts. The image of her remained so vivid in his head. He picked up his phone and went straight to his contacts and clicked on her contact and read all of their old messages. He texted her with shaky hands 'I still love you.' hovering over the send button just hoping she would text him first. He pressed send while staring at the mirror just hoping she would come back. His feet aching from holding up his shaky body when he heard a 'ding!'. A notification. He grabbed his phone and took a look and what he saw would scare him for the rest of his life. It was her. She had replied. He read the text 'i love you too' He didn't realize how those four words would affect him so much. He immediately burst into tears and sobbed. He grabbed his phone and decided to text his mom 'MOM! SHES ALIVE! SHES ALIVE MOM!' there was no reply, so he decided to call... 'MOM? SHE ANSWERED MY TEXT! SARAH ANSWERED MY TEXT!' he screamed into his phone still in tears. The words that came out of his mother's mouth left him feeling like he was hanging on the edge of a cliff. 'Who's calling? How did you get this number? My son and his girlfriend died in a car accident 2 years ago, please delete this number, we've grieved enough..'.*

No Reply "had me gripped from the start and I didn't expect the twist at the end," said Miss Cooper.

"Tension was created in the opening line and continued to build throughout the story and the twist at the end was heart breaking." - Miss Bennett

# Wood Green(er) Academy

Climate Change "isn't a cliff we fall off but a slope we slide down."

*Were you aware that a few of your daily activities were contributing to the world's biggest problems, Climate change and Global Warming?*

Many of our daily activities cause greenhouse gas emissions, activities such as:

- using electricity
- driving a car
- disposing waste

Together these emissions create our carbon footprint.



A carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gases generated by your actions; on average we all release at least 5 tons of emissions based on our actions. This is very harmful for the environment as it is not only killing wildlife and biodiversity, but also directly affecting us too.

Climate change has been going on for over half a century now and the last decade has been the hottest on record. Human activities such as transport, farming and industry are changing the natural greenhouse and causing the enhanced greenhouse effect. This is making the earth warmer resulting in the arctic ice declining; sea level rising, an increase in extreme weather events such as droughts, floods, extreme temperatures and an increase in tropical storms.

All of this is having a serious impact on people. In some countries deaths due to heat have increased and deaths due to the cold have decreased. Some areas are so hot they are impossible to inhabit. Low-lying coastal areas could be lost to sea due to flooding and sea level rise. This could harm a lot of people.

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We can stop this from happening. We have the power to make lasting changes and combat this. Recycling is a key part of our everyday life and can help protect our natural resources. Every year recyclables save over 700 million tons in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Recycling is the front line in the war to save the future of our planet from Global warming and climate change.

By simply recycling, reusing and reducing you can help decrease climate change. You could turn off the light when you leave the room, change to energy efficient light bulbs, turn the tap off when brushing your teeth, walk to school or share a car with a friend, or even take the bus! These are all small things that you can do to help. Do your part this global recycling day and save our planet!

## Everybody's asking Ellie-Mai!

Exercises suggestions: yoga; a nice long walk or a run; a bike ride to keep you fit. Many pupils and teachers have been doing the Joe Wicks exercises every morning or participating in Dances, such as the ones famous on Tik Tok, which will help to keep you active too.

Newness on Netflix: The Dig, The Vanished, Lupin, Riverdale, Bridgetown, Superstore, Heartland, Stranger Things, and Ackley bridge.

Making new and exciting food is also a great way to spend time, gain new skills and enjoy a reward for your efforts!

Top Tips to help keep active!

# National Careers Week

A feature from  
Miss A Birch.

The 1st—7th March is National Careers Week and Miss Birch has shared a whole host of virtual events for you to access throughout the week. Please see the table below for details.

And to find information about the Explore Careers Series check out the QR code below.

For information on how to join these webinars, click on the link or check any emails from Miss Birch.

<p>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> March 5-6pm</p> <p><a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a></p>	<p>Experience Nursing</p> <p>Patrick Nyarumbu, Director of Strategy, People and Partnerships, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust for KS 4-5/ S4-6</p>	<p>Speakers for Schools are delighted to welcome Executive Director of Strategy, People &amp; Partnerships, Birmingham &amp; Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, Patrick Nyarumbu for an Experience Nursing Broadcast. Students will have the opportunity to hear from Patrick on their career to date, the skills and qualities needed for a career in Nursing as well as submit their own questions for Patrick.</p>
<p>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> March 5-6pm</p> <p><a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a></p>	<p>Nalan Dodgson, Director of Talent Acquisition, Burberry for KS 4-5/ S4-6</p>	<p>We are looking forward to welcoming Nalan Dodgson, Director of Talent Acquisition at Burberry. Before working at Burberry, Nalan was the Resourcing Manager at Harrods. Nalan will be sharing insights into her career and will be providing advice on how to stand out during the recruitment process.</p>
<p>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> March 5-6pm</p> <p><a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a></p>	<p>Jimmy Worrall, Founder and CEO, Leaders in Sport for KS 4-5/ S4-6</p>	<p>Join us for a live Broadcast with James Worrall, Founder and CEO of Leaders in Sport, a London based internationally focused conference, training and intelligence service for industry leaders in sport. Prior to starting Leaders James held various senior roles in sport with ENIC (owners of Vicenza, Basel, AEK Athens, Slavia Prague), Bristol City FC and the Football Association. James will be sharing his experiences with Leaders in Sport and discussing the importance of networking and building relationships.</p>
<p>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> March 5-6pm</p> <p><a href="#">LINK TO JOIN</a></p>	<p>Ella d'Amato, Chief Commercial &amp; Partner Officer, Not on the High Street for KS3-5/ S1-6</p>	<p>Join us for a broadcast with Ella d'Amato, Chief Commercial &amp; Marketing Officer, Not on the High Street. Ella was previously the CEO of Drum and is now responsible for making Not on the High Street the most attractive place to work, partner with and buy from. Ella will be talking about what makes a great product and will be providing advice for those who are interested in pursuing a career in marketing.</p>

The explore series will consist of the following events.

- Explore Law Session - Monday 1 March 16:00-17:30**
- Explore Business Session - Tuesday 2 March 16:00-17:30**
- Explore Policing Session - Tuesday 2 March 16:00-17:30**
- Explore Politics Session - Wednesday 3 March 16:00-17:30**
- Explore Criminology Session - Thursday 4 March 16:00-17:30**

Students can sign up to the above sessions [here](#) or by scanning the QR code.

