



## HEADTEACHER COMMENDATIONS

We had so many students that were awarded with a Headteacher Commendation this week. Thank you for all of your hard work and well done.



## PENTATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Olly Lockton, Year 9, took part in the Leicestershire and Rutland County Schools Pentathlon Championships in Corby on Monday 29th April. This was a combined Championships for Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. As part of the event Olly had to compete in 80m hurdles, shot putt, long jump, high jump and 800m. Olly achieved personal best performances in the long jump and high jump events and an overall best performance pentathlon score to achieve 2nd and the silver medal in Leicestershire County Championships and 3rd in the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Combined Championships. The Leicestershire and Rutland county team for the County Schools Combined Events Regional Championships in June 2024 will be selected from these Championships so hopefully Olly will receive positive news of a selection for that event off the back of his excellent results in Corby.

# SUCCESS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL



## RUBY CARTER (8JD)

Ruby was recently selected as a finalist for the 2024 Lord-Lieutenant's Award in the 'Young Volunteer of the Year' category.

Ruby joined the Lord-Lieutenant in celebrating the achievements of more amazing young people with an Awards Evening and Celebratory Dinner.

Despite going through some difficult times over the past year, Ruby has remained positive everyday and determined to do well both at home and at school. Despite the challenges she has faced, she goes to school with her head held high and strives to do well and be happy.

Ruby deserves all the recognition for the unconditional love and kindness she has shown to her family.





## SCIENCE STARS

**This week our Science Stars have all been nominated for working consistently hard in Science throughout the week. Well done to you all!**

### **Year 7:**

Aidan Happer (7AK)

### **Year 8:**

Ava Barradell (8FK)

### **Year 9:**

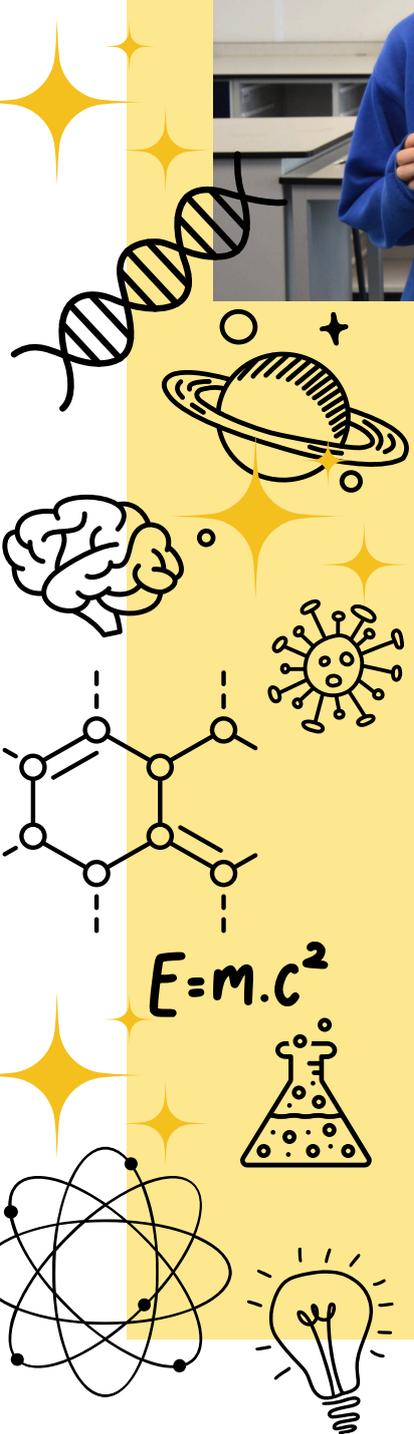
Shanaiya Akhtar (9SP)

### **Year 10:**

Finlay Butler (10TG)

### **Year 11:**

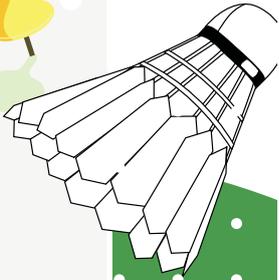
Freya Collins (11DW)





# WOODBROOK VALE

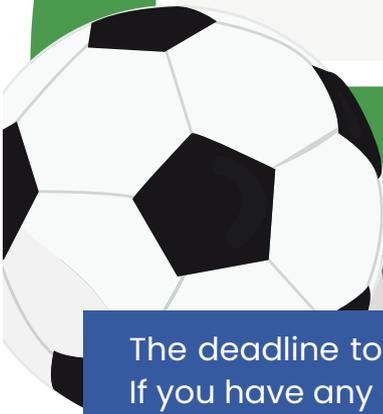
## Sports Leaders



We are looking for Sports Leaders for 2024/25 academic year! All current Year 8's are welcome to apply.

The role will involve leading primary school events, improving school sport, assisting with fixtures and more!

Anyone interested should collect an application form from the PE Office.



The deadline to return your application form is Monday 20th May. If you have any questions, please ask Miss Baker or Miss Phillips.

Year 9 Sports Leaders: We are recruiting for Senior Sports Leaders for next academic year. If you have any questions about what the role involves, or would like an application form, please speak to Miss Phillips or Miss Baker. The deadline to return application forms is Tuesday 7th May.

## CLUBS AND INTERVENTIONS - SPRING TERM 2024

Here is a timetable showcasing what clubs and interventions we have on offer during the spring term. If you have any queries please email [office@wbvs.co.uk](mailto:office@wbvs.co.uk).

Day	Club	Staff Member	Year Group (s)	Time	Room	Starting Date	End Date
Monday	Christian Union	Mr Lewney	All Years	12:30 - 1.10 pm	Room 15	January 2024	ongoing
	Air Hockey Club	Mr Matthews	All Years	12:30 – 1:10 pm	Room 25	January 2024	ongoing
	Drama Club	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	3 - 4 pm	Drama studio	January 2024	ongoing
Tuesday	Adobe Club	Mrs Eddy	Years 8 & 9	12:30 – 1:10 pm	DICT	January 2024	ongoing
	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS3	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	January 2024	ongoing
	Wellbeing & Mindfulness Club	Miss Vaughan	All Years	12:25 – 1:10 pm	Room 3	January 2024	ongoing
	Art & Design GCSE	Art Dept Staff	Year 11	3 – 4 pm	Art1/2/workshop	January 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	January 2024	ongoing
	School Production	Mrs Hopkinson/ Mrs Kitching	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Drama Studio	January 2024	Feb 2024
Wednesday	Games & Chess Club	Mr Ayres	All Years	12:30 – 1:10 pm	Room 15	January 2024	ongoing
	Arts Award	Mrs Philippou	Year 9	12:30 – 1:10 pm	Art 1	January 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	January 2024	ongoing
Thursday	Darts Club	Mr Clargo	KS4	12:35 – 1:10 pm	Room 12	January 2024	ongoing
	Homework Club	Miss Roberts	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Library	January 2024	ongoing
	Art & Design GCSE	Art Dept staff	Year 11	3- 4 pm	Art 1/2/workshop	January 2024	ongoing
Friday	Careers Club	Mrs McSwiney	Years 7 & 8	12:30 – 1:10pm	Room 3	February 2024	ongoing
	School Production rehearsals	Mrs Hopkinson	All Years	3 – 4 pm	Drama studio	January 2024	Feb 2024

## YEAR 11 SCIENCE REVISION

Friday afterschool revision sessions continue after the Easter Holidays. Sessions are open to all and are general revision, not specific topics. Mrs Dale's Thursday lunchtime Chemistry revision will also be running with a focus on C3 – Quant Chem for those interested in this tricky topic.

Friday 12th April	General Rev	
Friday 19th April	General Rev	
Friday 26th April	General Rev	
Friday 3rd May	General Rev	
Friday 10th May	General Rev	BIO PAPER 1 EXAM AM
Friday 17th May	General Rev	CHEM PAPER 1 EXAM AM
Friday 24th May	No revision	

## SPORTS CLUB TIMETABLE UPDATE

Here is a timetable showcasing what sports clubs are on offer.  
 If you have any queries please speak to a member of the PE department.

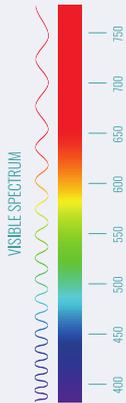
Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Location
Monday	Basketball	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
	Girls Football	KS3	After school (3-4pm)	Sports field
Tuesday	Badminton	KS3	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
	Dance	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Gym
	Netball	KS3	After school (3-4pm)	Ball court/sports hall
	Athletics	All years	After school (3-4pm)	Sports field
Wednesday	Badminton	KS4	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
	Table Tennis	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Gym
Thursday	Pickleball	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall
Friday	Volleyball	All years	Lunch time (12:25-1pm)	Sports hall

## YEAR 8 & 9 FUTSAL

The Year 8 and 9 girls' Futsal team travelled to Crown Hills for the Futsal Finals on Tuesday 23rd April.

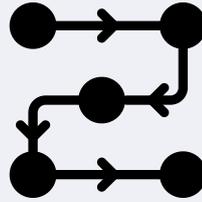
Within their group of five teams, Woodbrook finished with a win, two draws and a loss. They played some excellent football and linked up very well as a team. Goals came from all four of the outfield players and each player had a key role to support defensively. The girls were unlucky to just miss out on a spot in the semi-finals but did themselves and the school proud! Well done to all those involved - Sienna King (9KH), Lucy Grain (9SP), Ava Hall (8FK), Freya Patel (8AS) and Zyana Burnett (7CT).

## THIS WEEKS SCIENCE CONUNDRUM



### THIS WEEKS QUESTION:

Why is infrared light invisible to humans?



### LAST WEEKS QUESTION:

What is the Haber process?

### LAST WEEKS ANSWER:

The manufacturing of ammonia from nitrogen and hydrogen at high pressure (200 bar) and temperature (400-450°) using iron as a catalyst.



## READING REWARDS

The following students have received a £5 voucher for reading the most amount of books. Well done to:

- Molly Hawker (7CB)
- Grace Calvert (7CV)

Keep reading!

## SPOTLIGHT ON AUTHORS



### KAZUO ISHIGURO

Kazuo Ishiguro (born November 8, 1954, Nagasaki, Japan) is a Japanese-born British novelist known for his lyrical tales of regret fused with subtle optimism. In 2017 he won the Nobel Prize for Literature for his works that “uncovered the abyss beneath our illusory sense of connection with the world”.

In 1960 Ishiguro’s family immigrated to Great Britain, where he attended the universities of Kent (B.A., 1978) and East Anglia (M.A., 1980). Upon graduation he worked at a homeless charity and began to write in his spare time. He initially gained literary notice when he contributed three short stories to the anthology *Introduction 7: Stories by New Writers* (1981).

Ishiguro’s first novel, *A Pale View of Hills* (1982), details the postwar memories of Etsuko, a Japanese woman trying to deal with the suicide of her daughter Keiko.

Set in an increasingly Westernized Japan following World War II, *An Artist of the Floating World* (1986) chronicles the life of elderly Masuji Ono, who reviews his past career as a political artist of imperialist propaganda. Ishiguro’s Booker Prize-winning *The Remains of the Day* (1989) is a first person narrative, the reminiscences of Stevens, an elderly English butler whose prime mask of formality has shut him off from understanding and intimacy. With the publication of *The Remains of the Day*, Ishiguro became one of the best-known European novelists at just 35 years of age. His next novel, *The Unconsoled* (1995) – a radical stylistic departure from his early, conventional works that received passionately mixed reviews – focuses on lack of communication and absence of emotion as a concert pianist arrives in a European city to give a performance.

*When We Were Orphans* (2000), an exercise in the crime-fiction genre set against the backdrop of the Sino-Japanese War in the 1930s, traces a British man’s search for his parents, who disappeared during his childhood. In 2005 Ishiguro published *Never Let Me Go*, which through the story of three human clones warns of the ethical quandaries raised by genetic engineering. *The Buried Giant* (2015) is an existential fantasy tale inflected by Arthurian legend. His next novel *Klara and the Sun* (2021) is set in the near future and centres on a droid who serves as an “Artificial Friend” to a lonely child.

A short-story collection *Nocturnes; Five stories of Music and Nightfall*, was published in 2009. Ishiguro also wrote screenplays for British television as well as for feature films *The Saddest Music in the World* (2003), *The White Countess* (2005), and *Living* (2022). The latter was based on Kurasawa Akira’s *Ikiru* (1952; “To Live”), and Ishiguro received an Academy Award nomination for best adapted screenplay. He was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1995 and he was officially knighted in 2019.

#### Try Reading:

- *Never Let Me Go*
- *The Buried Giant*
- *The Remains of the Day*