



24.02.2023

Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term.

This week our students have been taking part in the Primadonna Festival writing competition. This has been run by staff from Suffolk University in conjunction with Mrs Burns in the school library. The students have had the competition introduced to them and then had the opportunity to share ideas and to start writing. The closing date for entries is the 21st April, so students can finish their entries over the Easter break ready to hand in during the first week back in school.

As we reach the end of the first week of the new daily timings students and staff are getting used to the new set up. The reintroduction of bells has supported our prompt start to lessons and students are benefiting from the longer break time. The tutor time at the beginning of the day has made a notable difference around school. It is allowing students to be settled having met their tutor so they are ready to maximise learning time once they get to their first lesson. We will continue

Literacy Survey

There is a nationwide survey on views on literacy that we have been invited to complete as a school. We would really encourage the students to complete this survey so that we can explore their views regarding reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Please follow the [LINK](#) for the survey. This link has also been put on SatchelOne for students to access.

If students do not know an answer, they can simply click "I don't know." All surveys need to be completed by pupils online by Friday 10 March 2023.

Library News

This week has been a hive of creativity with some students working with writers from the University of Suffolk. James, Jayd and Muriel came along to the school to introduce the Primadonna Festival writing competition. Students from Stowupland have been extremely fortunate as they are one of only two schools in East Anglia who were selected to receive the expert help from the university's creative writing PHD students.

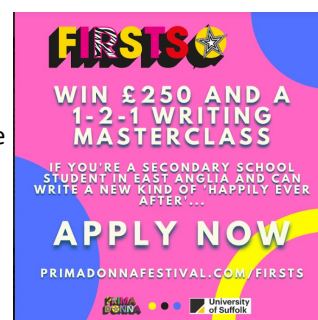
The competition is open to students from years 7-9 and 10-13. The lucky winner from each age group will each receive £250, a one-to-one creative writing tutorial with Patrice Lawrence, and a formal feedback from the children's editorial team at HarperCollins.

It would be great if you can encourage your children to have a go and email their entries to the following address by 21st April:

nburns@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk

The entries will be collated and sent off together by Mrs Burns.

If you would like a copy of the terms and conditions please contact Mrs Burns at the above email address.



to monitor and review as necessary.

I am also pleased to report that the majority of Year 9 met the deadline for their options form, this will allow us plenty of time to ensure they get their top 4 choices.

Next week is the deadline for our Sixth Form applications, so any Year 11 students who are applying to our Sixth Form need to complete their entries. All applicants, please hand in their forms to Mr Hailstone by the end of next week, so we can start the process of sorting their options.

I have written to you separately earlier today to share the plans for next Wednesday. We will be running similar arrangements as per the previous strike day. I am still hopeful that there can be an agreement or at least a step forward in the negotiations that will allow any further strike action to be suspended.

Wishing you all a restful weekend

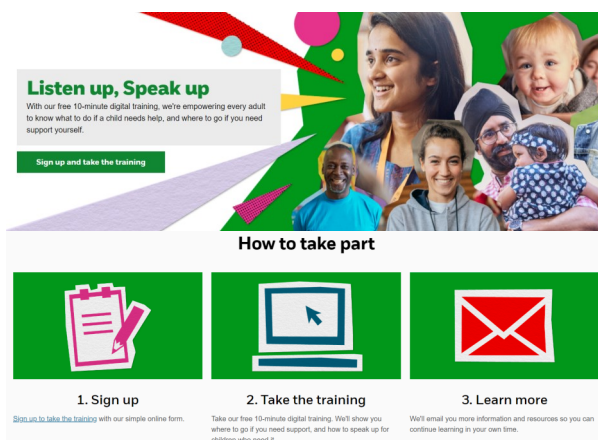
Mr Brewster
Headteacher

Safeguarding Course

The NSPCC are running this online mini-course.

I have signed up myself and they are really useful hints and tips on not only how to report or spot the signs of abuse, but also how to have those difficult conversations with young people.

NSPCC



I highly recommend it, as it is user friendly and easy to fit into a busy schedule. To register for the course, please click [here](#)

Amanda Walden

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Sports News

Year 8 Boys Rugby 23.02.23

The Year 8 boys rugby team played in a West Suffolk Rugby festival at Westley Middle School. They lost against Stowmarket and Castle Man- or and drew against Ixworth. The boys worked extremely hard and looked good when in possession of the ball but now need to work on their tackling in preparation for the next tournament.

Fixtures for the week commencing 27th February:

Date	Who	Sport	Vs.
27/02	Y11 Girls	Football (H)	
28/02	Y9 Girls	Football (H)	

Stowupland Sport Centre

There is a new dance class starting Wednesday 5th April 6pm-7pm at Stowupland Sport Centre. It is a street/freestyle class for age 12 and above. It is offered as pay as you go so can be a casual session or every week. For more information please contact Sara on s69s_@hotmail.com

Polite notices

Payments due on 28th February:
Year 11 Prom—final instalment
Duke of Edinburgh—final instalment
Ski Trip 2024—February instalment

Attendance up to 24th February 2023

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Overall
92%	91.3%	89.7%	88.1%	86.3%	89.4%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

March

6th March—Battlefields Trip Info Evening

8th March—Germany Trip Information Evening

10th March—Move It—Dance Trip

10th-13th March—Trip to Paris

18th-19th March—Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

24th-27th March—Battlefields Trip

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Term Dates 2022-2023		Half Term	Non Student Days
Autumn Term 2022	1st September - 16th December	24th - 28th Oct	1st September
Spring Term 2023	3rd January - 31st March	13th—17th Feb	2nd September
Summer Term 2023	17th April - 21st July	29th May - 2nd June	25th November
			3rd January
			21st July

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