

Heartbeat



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Year 7 girls show the way, as they enjoy Poetry Day



Our Year 7 students had the chance to show off their poetic prowess this month, as they took part in Poetry Day.

Ahead of the event, the poetic pupils took part in a splendid and memorable pre-Poetry Day extravaganza in the form of a Business Assembly featuring 6th Form students reciting poetry.

Then it was to the main event. The Year 7 students, who had been judged to be 'champions of spoken poetry' by their English teachers, took part in a Poetry By Heart-style competition.

Kate Carey (13A), who represented Merseyside at the prestigious national final of that event at Homerton College,

Cambridge, last year, along with Becky Kerrigan (13H), addressed the Year 7 students and commended them on their enthusiasm and commitment to the spoken word.

To the competition itself and English teacher Mrs Weekes tells how events unfolded: She said: "Freyr Critchley (7E) performed a menacing and exciting rendition of *Jabberwocky* that got the Assembly off to a lively start, whilst there was an understated and quite beautiful rendition of *Eagle* by Chloe Baker (7T). Christina Johnson (7E), Ethan Grainger (7H) and Erin Devey (7T) bravely and humorously gave us *My Dog Ate My Homework*, whilst

Maddie McAndrew (7A), Millie Carey (7T) and Eve Witterick (7R) shared lively pronouncements on *Cats*.

"The feline theme was also purrr-sued (sorry) by Oliver Griffiths, 7R, who had stoically learnt the whole of William Blake's, *The Tyger*, which he confidently performed."

Director of Lower School, Mr Burke, was left suitably impressed: He said: "The students have been in the school barely a month and there they were up in front of their fellow classmates and pupils."

Mrs Weekes added: "All of the pupils should be justly proud of their achievements."

Roald Dahl Day activities are just the golden ticket



Lower Site students celebrated Roald Dahl Day last month by taking part in a number of specially arranged activities.

To commemorate what would have been the legendary author's 100th birthday on September 13, Library staff ran a week-long series of sessions that were timetabled into the Year 7 students' English lessons.

The sessions involved word searches and quizzes related to the author. Year 7 students were able to colour in pictures of some of Roald Dahl most famous characters from some of his most famous works,

notably, *The BFG*, *Matilda* and *Charlie & The Chocolate Factory*. Library Assistant, Ms Summerfield said: "The Year 7's produced some lovely work. This was initially displayed outside the Upper Site Library for Open Evening and has since been displayed in the Lower Site Library and along the corridor outside the Library. "Throughout the sessions, Golden Tickets were given out to pupils who produced excellent work. These tickets were handed in at the end and pupils collected a small prize."

A competition also ran for the week en-

News in brief

Year 10 students will take part in an Application Workshop today. There is a Bullybusters Cyberbullying event taking place in St Edward Hall this morning and all day tomorrow. Also today is a Forensic Conference in Manchester and a meeting at 6pm in the Drama Studio for the parents of those students involved in the French Exchange activities. On Wednesday, there is a trip to the Liverpool Playhouse to see *Things I Know To Be True* and Year 11 Information Evening takes place in St Edward Hall from 6pm. On Thursday, there is an Anti-Discrimination event.

couraging the students to write an alternative ending to their favourite Roald Dahl Story.

Ms Summerfield added: "There were some fantastic stories produced and the students demonstrated great imagination. "After much deliberation, three winners were chosen. These were, Olivia Rannard (8R), Emily Sheeran (7E) and Grace Sullivan (7R). The three all received a £10 book voucher."

"The feedback after the event was very positive and everyone seemed to have a great time."

NOCN students tackle the not so Beautiful Game

Ethics in football was just one of the topics covered during our 6th Form's recent NOCN studies.

Students looked at players' salaries in comparison with other professions, along with those in less economically developed footballing countries.

They also looked at Fair Trade manufactured memorabilia, along with ethically made football shirts.

Using this information, they created posters encouraging football clubs to use ethically made goods.

The students got a lot out of the day, with many commenting on their new found awareness of the issues surrounding the sport globally and the ways in which we can play our part to help.

RE teacher, Mr Robertson, was pleased with the enthusiasm the students displayed for the topic. He said: "Year 13 got a lot out of today, with many quite passionate about the issues raised."

Fellow RE teacher, Mr Hurst, added:



"With many tough issues debated today they really got stuck in and raised their game."