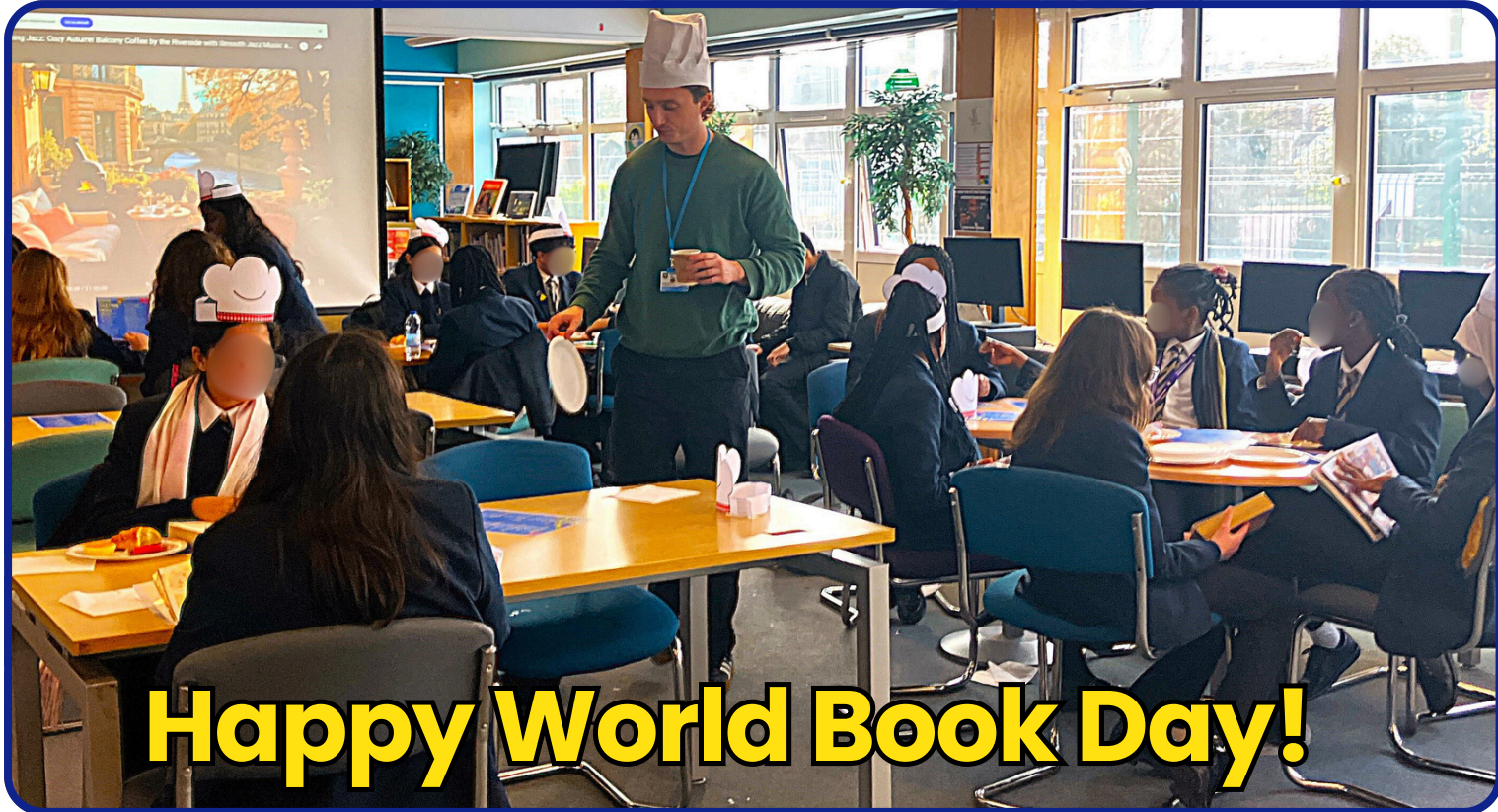


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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



World Book Day

We kicked off the month of March with one of our most exciting events: *World Book Day!* 📖📚

The library team went all out to celebrate with a **week-long** schedule of **exciting events** for our **Key Stage 3 students**.

🎨 **Monday** kicked off with a **Bookmark Competition**, where over 20 students unleashed their creativity,

each of them coming up with so many stunning and original designs. Choosing winners was tough – but **five** talented artists will have their bookmarks printed and made available for everyone to use in the library! 📖

🎨 **Tuesday's** special **Manga & Anime Club** session saw students creating their own characters and matching playlists in fun writing and drawing exercises. ✂️ Then, on **Wednesday**, we hosted a **creative writing workshop**

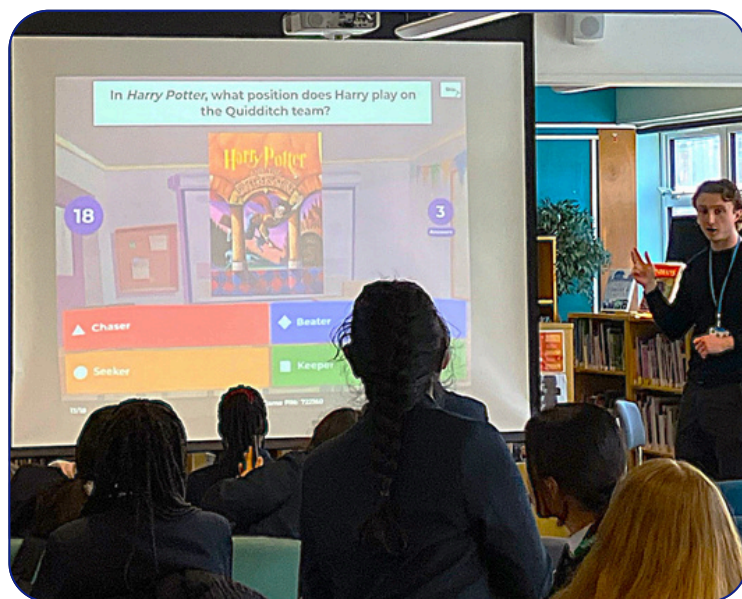
on **Microfiction**, challenging students with short and punchy writing prompts. ✍️

Both of these sessions were hits, and we loved seeing so much creativity in action! ✨

🏆 Thursday (World Book Day!)

brought our ever-popular **Literary Kahoot Quiz**, where 20 students battled it out for fun prizes – and of course enjoyed some well-earned snacks. 🍕

Take a look at our bookmark entries!



🍴 Friday's grand finale? Our library transformed into a **cosy French café** for a **Book Tasting!**

Students wore chef hats, browsed books from a "menu," sampled pages, and borrowed their favourites – all while enjoying delicious French pastries. 🥐

Huge shout out to our amazing **library ambassadors** for making it all feel extra special by playing the role of waiters and waitresses! 🙌



Welcoming our Japanese exchange students

To celebrate our visiting exchange students from Japan, we set up colourful library displays and hosted a special creative writing and drawing workshop where students came up with their own storyboards in teams. They experimented with character design, practiced their English skills and had fun blending their creativity with cultural inspiration. It was a fantastic exchange, and we kept their works to put up on display in the library! 🙌🌸



Year 7 and 12 library inductions

This term, we welcomed Year 7 and Year 12 students into the library with **special induction sessions**.

Year 7s got a full tour during mentoring time, learning **how to navigate the library to find different book genres** — many eagerly checked out their first reads! It was wonderful to see their excitement as they discovered new stories and authors. 📖



Year 12s had a deep dive into **information literacy & research skills**. We encouraged them to explore subjects more widely by offering reading lists and other essential resources. We believe that information literacy skills are invaluable for both academic and personal paths. 🔍

2025 Carnegie Book Award Shortlist

The **Carnegie Awards** annually recognise outstanding books for children and young people, celebrating excellence in writing and illustration. 🏆

📢 This year's shortlists, announced on March 11th, **highlight marginalised male perspectives**, which are portrayed with great empathy and hope. To celebrate these remarkable works, we are

launching **dedicated reading clubs** leading up to the Shadowing Event in June. 📌

The Carnegies represent a **fantastic opportunity for our selected students** to discover contemporary literature, engage with fantastic authors, and be part of a renowned national literary award ceremony. ✨



Library Clubs – Updates for Creative Writing and Manga & Anime clubs

Whether refining writing prompts or exploring manga-inspired storytelling, our creative writing and manga clubs offer a space for students to unleash their imaginations! ✍️✂️ This month, **creative writers** were mastering the art of precision with **micro-fiction**, while **manga enthusiasts** experimented with **comic-style writing and drawing prompts**. Through peer-led activities and group idea-sharing, students sharpened their writing, creativity, and artistic skills in a supportive environment. We can't wait to showcase their incredible works in the library very soon! 🙌

Shakespeare Week

Hendon School Library celebrated **Shakespeare Week** between the **17th and 21st of March** by showcasing some of the playwright's greatest works.

📖 Students can explore a selection of his plays and adaptations, ranging from discussion pieces to graphic novels.

The library featured Shakespeare-themed **displays** with famous quotes, key scenes, and fascinating facts about his life and works.



On Thursday 27th, the library hosted a special **Shakespeare-themed Kahoot quiz** to test our KS3 students' knowledge. This was an entertaining way for students to engage with the legacy of one of history's greatest writers! 🎭

Our March Displays

- **International Women's Day (March 8th) ♀**

We highlighted inspiring books celebrating **incredible women and their achievements** across history, science, literature, sport, political activism, and more. From ground-breaking scientists to fearless adventurers, these books shine a light on women who have shaped the world. Thus, we hope to **inspire girls at Hendon School to believe in their goals and in themselves!**



- **Non-Fiction Focus: Literature (800s)** 📖

This month, for our **Non-Fiction Focus**, we're showcasing **literature!** We've put forward books on **legendary writers, impactful poetry, and practical academic resources** for developing reading and writing skills! We made sure resources on this display were available for **all different reading levels**, to make sure any student interested in literature can pick up one of these books!



FREE & ONLINE RESOURCES

BBC Bitesize: free revision and learning games and resources.

Book Trust: here, use [Bookfinder](#) to browse through book recommendations, [Writing Tips](#) for advice from well-known authors, and [Bookmark](#) for information on disability representation in children's books.

JSTOR: register for a free account and access up to 100 free articles per month and a wide range of open access resources – indispensable to prepare for higher studies!

Khan Academy: free online courses, instructional videos and practice exercises, as well as a personalised learning dashboard.

Learn Out Loud: free podcast-format cultural and educational resources.

LoveReading4Schools: a great portfolio full of recommendations if you struggle to start reading, as well as mental health resources.

National Literacy Trust's "Zone in": this page contains practical tips on boosting reading, writing, speaking and listening skills for young people.

Oxford Owl: register as a parent and get access to 100 free eBooks, as well as educational videos and games.

Oxplore: made by the university of Oxford, this website presents debate questions that encourage critical thinking and links to further resources.

Physics and Maths Tutor: free revision courses and past papers – great to prep for GCSE and A-Levels!

Project Gutenberg: offers over 42.000 free eBooks.

Reading Zone: free reading resources for families and young people.

Seneca Learning: free homework and revision platform.

Stan Lee Excelsior Award: a nationwide book award for comics and graphic novels where your people ages 11-18 vote online for their favourite book. The 2025 shortlists are out – make sure to check it out!

Young Writers: information on the National Writing Competition for teens to participate in and free resources for parents.

World Book Day: visit the "Families" website page for their "Read Your Way" campaign, which gives resources and activities to encourage your child to read.