

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



**WORD OF THE WEEK – KNOWLEDGE**

**CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – TAKE RESPONSIBILITY**

**BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – MARK 9V23**

**THEME OF THE WEEK – NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK (WORLD BOOK DAY)**

## World Book Day and celebrating all things reading!

What another amazing week it has been at St Edward's. Hard working children, superb lessons and lots of activities along the way. We were delighted to welcome our new Y6 cohort this week, families have been told they have a place at St Edward's from September and we can't wait to meet the children and welcome everyone to our #TeamTrinity family. I am delighted to say that we are an over-subscribed school, we had many more children apply for places than we could allocate, while I am sad for those children and families that haven't been given a place, being over-subscribed is a clear message of the fantastic learning environment our children are immersed in each day. We had an amazing day celebrating World Book Day, focusing on Grimm's Fairy Tales and I want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Minney and her team for transforming the school into the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Thanks to all the staff who got involved and came dressed as a character too.

## Space Detectives

On Wednesday 22nd March, students in both Y7 and Y8 will be taking part in our STEM drop down day based on the theme of space. During the morning, students will explore careers in the space sector and what potential qualifications they may need to pursue this pathway.

Y7 will receive an assembly from Jo Richardson, founder of Space Detectives and a current UK European Space Education Office Space Champion (ESERO- UK). If you think your child would be interested in a career in this sector, please encourage them to think of any questions they would like to ask Jo to take advantage of this out of this world opportunity!

The Space Detectives website can be found here:  
<https://www.spacedetectives.com/about-us/>





## World Book Day

Eastgate was transformed on Thursday to the Mad Hatter's tea party as we celebrated World Book Day and all things Grimm. Staff came dressed as characters, there was a guest reading of Hansel and Grethel, create your own 500 word fairy tale, create a fairy tale mask, adding favourite books to our beanstalk, reading selfies and Mr Dyer's amazing window art. A fantastic day that reflects our culture and how much we value reading.



## Parents' Evenings

Year 7 parents should have received their email to book online appointments for their evening and all parents have now been emailed your child's first report of the year. In this superb document you will find lots of information and details about their assessment scores, their progress, their rewards and other key data. We hope you find this useful and can use it to put together any questions you may have for staff. The results children are consistently achieving are amazing and testament to their hard work and the quality first teaching they receive. The link for Year 8 Parents' Evening will be sent out next week.



## Trinity Scholars

Some of our Y8 Trinity Scholars travelled to our sister school in Leeds and spent the morning having a Q & A session with Sir Roger Marsh OBE. Sir Roger is the West Yorkshire Lieutenant, has been chair of the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and is a hugely successful businessman. Our children asked some probing questions and took a lot from the experience and listening to his journey.



## LENT

A St Edward's we regularly discuss and celebrate Christian festivals and key dates. At the moment we are focusing our minds on Lent and what that means for us in day-to-day life, including how we can make a difference in our own lives and that of others too. Miriam, our Chaplain, has created 40 Acts of Lent challenges for us and Cathedral, with some #Earthshot challenges in there too. Please look out for them on our Twitter page and feel free to join in.

### Dates for your diary/upcoming events

#### Tuesday 6th March

Interviews for Sports and Culture Coach

#### Tuesday 7th March

Barnsley College Outreach Event – Public services

Interviews for teacher of Maths

#### Wednesday 8th March

Visit to Barnsley Metrodome to celebrate

International Women's Day

Interviews for teacher of English

#### Friday 9th March

Interviews for teacher of Geography

**40 Acts**

Lent provides us with an opportunity to make a difference in our own lives and the lives of others. Why not take up our 40Acts challenge and make a difference each day.

**27th February**  
Fairtrade Fortnight begins today. The Fairtrade Foundation works with small scale farmers so they can improve their living standards, invest in their communities and businesses and protect our shared environment.  
**Action:** Treat yourself to a Fairtrade chocolate bar.

**28th February**  
Social media is great for helping us staying connected with friends and family. However, it can also be used for the wrong reason and can be used to spread unkind and hateful things about others.  
**Action:** Be kind online. Only post or share positive and uplifting comments to encourage and inspire others.

**1st March**  
Today is St David's Day, the patron Saint of Wales. He famously said "Be joyful, and keep your faith.... Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about." "Do the little things" has become an inspirational saying in Wales.  
**Action:** What are the little things that you can do today that will make a difference to those around you?

**2nd March**  
Today is World Book Day, a worldwide celebration of books and reading. World Book Day is marked in over 100 countries and lots of events take place that seek to highlight the importance of reading.  
**Action:** Visit the academy library, grab a book and celebrate the opportunity to read.

**3rd March**  
Today is World Wildlife Day, a day dedicated to celebrating the world's wild animals and the contribution that they make to the health of the planet. **Action:** Visit <https://www.wwf.org.uk/ways-to-help-our-world> for ideas on how you can make a difference to our wildlife across the world.

**4th March**  
Yesterday was the World Day of Prayer, a woman led, ecumenical movement that inspires people to join together to pray for healing, hope, peace and justice across the world. **Action:** Take time to think/pray about people and places where there is unrest. Is there anything you could do to help?

**5th March**  
Connecting with nature is scientifically proven to be good for our wellbeing.  
**Action:** Take time for self-care this weekend and get moving. Head out for a walk or a run. Breathe deeply and go searching for signs of spring.

**Fast Pray Give**