

Nobel News

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From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We are so pleased that our students will be back at school from Monday.

Our school has responded in its usual fantastic manner, a full testing station with 10 booths set up in the sports hall at very short notice. The whole school community has responded brilliantly, colleagues from all areas of the school have trained to supervise lateral flow tests, as well as lots of parent volunteers – we are all in their debt, thank you.

As you know, the government have outlined the conditions of the school opening on Monday. By the end of next week all staff and the vast majority of students will have had 3 lateral flow tests and, when they return, students will be expected to wear face protection around the school and in lessons – please support us on these prerequisites, they are intended to keep everyone safe.

If you have an issue with these arrangements please write to me at head@nobel.herts.sch.uk but, suffice to say, if we all follow these regulations, school will be safer, especially for elderly relatives and the adults who work here.

I mentioned last week that the return to school and the success of the national vaccination programme mean that we can look forward to much better times in the spring and summer; we all want to get back to something that resembles normality.

My twin daughters are desperate to get back to school, and we are really looking forward to seeing your sons and daughters next week.

As always, thank you for your support, stay safe and take care.

Warm regards
Martyn Henson

British Science Week: 5 - 14 March

British Science week runs from 5 – 14 March 2021. It is a celebration of all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This year the theme is “Innovating for the Future” and in our Science week assemblies we will be looking at the development of Space photography.

As part of our celebration in school we are running a few different initiatives. There will be a poll on our favourite innovation as well as a form quiz on all things STEM.

This year we will also be launching our Nobel Science Photographer of the Year competition.

Information for submission:

Email all entries to: zoe.bartle@nobel.herts.sch.uk

Deadline: 11 April 2021

Students will be tasked with taking a photo that celebrates the remarkable story behind a scientific application, depicting its impact on our lives, as well as providing a small description of why they chose the object and how it impacts us. The competition is open to anyone, no matter their age, scientific knowledge or photographic experience. We will award winners for each year group.

We can't wait to see the entries so please support the students in taking part and we will share the winners with you in due course.



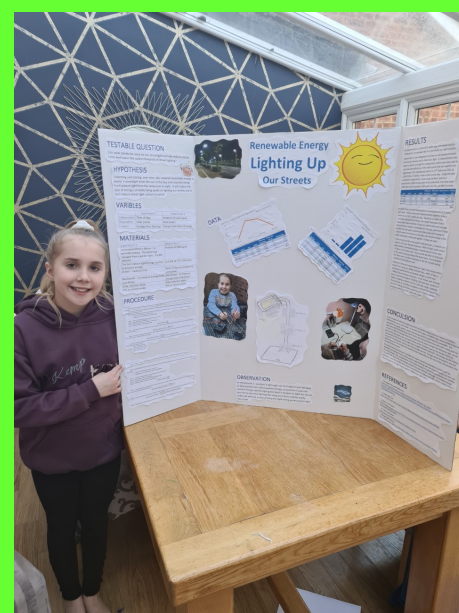
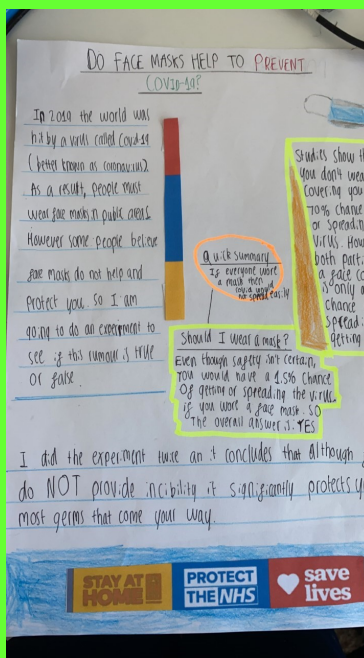
Zoe Bartle
Second in Science

Science Club

For Science Week, the Science Club have been working on their entries to the Herts and Essex Virtual Science Fair competition.

Students were tasked with creating a project surrounding the theme of innovation in Science, conducting their own research to create something that could inspire others. Students focussed on a range of topics, from 'The End of The World' to the use of a water bottle as a greenhouse, among other projects.

Pictured here are the projects of Olivia Kemp (7C NAN) and Liam Dhlwayo (7C NAN) who studied how renewable energy could be used to light up our streets, and whether the use of facemasks is effective in the prevention of Covid-19.



Well done to all students who submitted entries to this competition, and good luck!

Miss Bethany Jones
Science Teacher

Language Learners of the Half Term - January/February



Lalena Atanasova	8T KPR
Erin Heyes	8M MMD
Hollie Matthews	8M RGR
Emily-Mai Peebles	8T AHY
Gracie Saunders	8M MMD
Hanoona Mohamed Askarali	9C RBD
Lewis McManus	9M CMY
Farhan Peerhan	9T ELW
Uma Thiruvilla	9E PPI
Rahman Omisore	10M BPX
Afrah Peeran	11T JKY
Masroor Badar Asad	11M SHS
Aaron Tebutt	13T RKI



Harley Blakes	7M JRN
Joshua Ching	7T JBT
Olivia Frost	7M CLR
Sydney Teagle	7C DCE
Emily Wright	7M JRN
Sophie Bridgman	9T ZNE
Michael Fisher	9E PCN
Amber Roberts	9C JSS
Noah Skidmore	9M RMS
Prince Onwuegbuzie	10E JHS
Andrew Zinga	11E ESR



Megan Burton	7C ABD
Isobel Graham	7E ATS
Kai Hills	7E ATS
Stacy Paeste	7E CWT
Abigail Tonge	7C NAN
Charlie Austin	8C STH
Jayden Basa	8C STH
Tania Begum	8C CDE
David Bercea	8C STH
Ruby Castle	8E RLN
Denni Davies	11C CQN
Ruby Bolt	12M CGI
Georgia Saunders	13M GBE

These students have been handpicked by their language teachers for either their hard work and effort or outstanding achievements and progress over the last half term. A massive well done to them all!

Félicitations!
Glückwunsch!
Felicidades!

World Book Day - Thursday 4 March

It was World Book Day on Thursday 4 March, a chance to celebrate stories, books, characters and reading! As well as the numerous academic benefits gained from regular reading, enjoying a book can prove to be a great form of escapism, stress-relief and joy.

At school, we are keen for students to put down their screens and devices and read and celebrate books in the traditional way. However, by engaging technology, where appropriate, we can make challenging texts more accessible, encourage reluctant readers and enable children to share their favourite stories using new approaches that can be both exciting and motivating.

Ms Garner's Audiobook Challenge

According to research from The National Literacy Trust, audiobook sales are growing rapidly. In the last year alone, their popularity amongst young people increased by 138%. New research also shows us that audiobooks can be used to support students' learning. They improve our reading skills and enjoyment of reading, develop our reading comprehension and make challenging texts more accessible.

Each week, Ms Garner has organised for Years 7-10 to listen to an audiobook read by one of the English department. Students then have a quiz on the chapter they have listened to. On completion of the novels, the form with the highest number of successfully completed quizzes will be rewarded with a treat hamper but, more importantly, the opportunity to make a £100 donation to a charity of their choice.

In the Library with Mrs Essakhi

Our school library is still open! You can now follow us on Twitter @library_nobel to find out about all of the latest news and our **Book of the Month** recommendations. The 'Reading' section in the curriculum area of our school website is also packed with great ideas to kick-start that reading habit.

Mrs Essakhi has also been busy promoting e-books and running a '*click and collect*' library service so that students can continue to access books whilst learning from home.

Turn on the Titles

Ms Kirk has been spreading news about this brilliant initiative. Turning on subtitles while children are watching TV can greatly improve their reading skills. A quick, simple, free way to make TV time reading time. Follow the link below to find out more!

https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=social

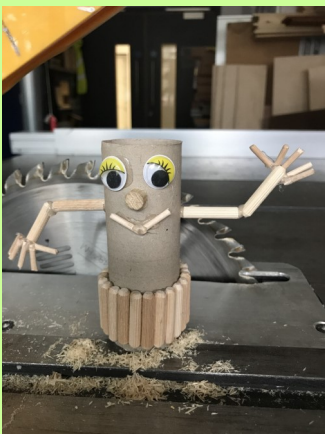
Sharing books

It's great for students to share a book they love and to tell others about why they loved it. This week's World Book Day assemblies have been all about sharing stories. We have shared excerpts from books recommended by our school librarian and some of the students at our school. We know that the key to fostering a love of reading is finding the right book... and there are a lot out there to choose from!

Finally, we have encouraged our students to get creative and decorate a standard loo roll tube in the theme of a literary favourite. On the next page, you can see some of the fantastic entries that have come in so far. Keep that artwork rolling in! Submit your pictures via **Show My Homework** by **Thursday 11 March**. Let's keep talking about the books we love, not just on World Book Day, but every day.

Ms Janine Port
English Teacher

World Book Day - Thursday 4 March



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Last October, I was lucky enough to participate in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. After completing my Bronze Award, I was very excited and eager to progress to the next level. I completed the award with four boys (yes, I was the only girl).

As a team, we had to complete three 7-hour days of walking. This was extremely challenging as it was quite cold, rainy and muddy. However, as a team, we helped each other out and motivated each other by playing games as we walked. We visited places such as Manor Farm and Knebworth House. My favourite part of the expedition was seeing what my fellow team mates were going to have for breakfast/dinner - we had some strange combinations, for example custard powder with porridge!



As a team we had to deliver a presentation to our assessors. So, in keeping with what was happening in the world at the time we decided to present about how Covid 19 had impacted team morale on our expedition. We talked about ensuring that we were adhering to social distancing, making sure we had a mask on us at all times, and how we kept our spirits up. If you are a student completing your Bronze/Silver awards, hopefully, in June/July, I would really recommend that you keep a mask handy, just in case you need to go to the toilet, etc.

Some of the other tips that I found handy were making sure any heavy things that you are carrying, such as tents, are at the bottom of your rucksack, this will take the weight off your shoulders, which, by day 3, is a blessing! Keeping a rain jacket at the top of your bag is also very handy because you never know when it is going to rain and, most importantly, bring lots of snacks and food because, as the boys will tell you, you get very hungry!

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Raising Money for Alzheimer's UK

A massive thank you to everyone who supported my Alzheimer's UK charity run last month.

My fiancée and I are delighted to have raised a total of £1055, and completed a total distance of 100 miles, 160 kilometres.

Thank you so much for all the support from staff, students and parents - it really kept us going through those last cold wet miles!

Mr Ben Philcox
History Department



International Women's Day - Monday 8 March

Monday 8 March is International Women's Day but, at Nobel, we will be celebrating for the whole month!

Please see the full page article on the following page to see how you can get involved.

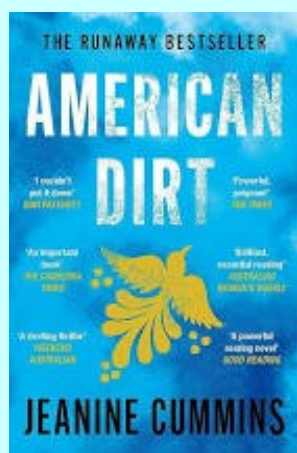
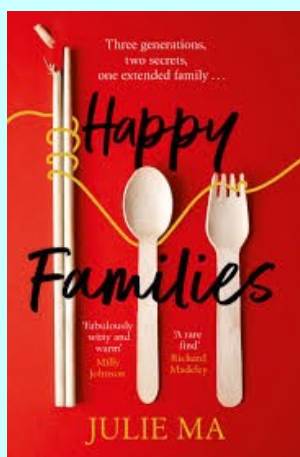
Miss Annie Henson
Teaching Assistant



NOBEL SCHOOL PARENTS, STAFF and COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP

Next meeting will be held **remotely (or in the Library if we're able to)** 6:30pm,
Tuesday 13 April 2021

The books to read are:



Read all or part of the books, and discuss them in a friendly informal group - Contact: Rosalind Essakhi: 01438 222600 or email:

library@nobel.herts.sch.uk

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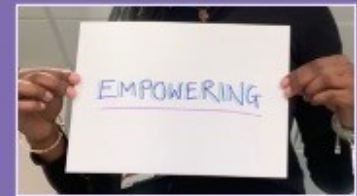
Dates for your Diary

As always, should you have any concerns or require any information please contact your child's form tutor.

W/C Monday 8 March: Phased return to school

Wednesday 17 March: Y10 Parents' Consultation Evening

Friday 26 March: End of term



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021

Is the fight over?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF A CREATIVE FILM PROJECT CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY?!

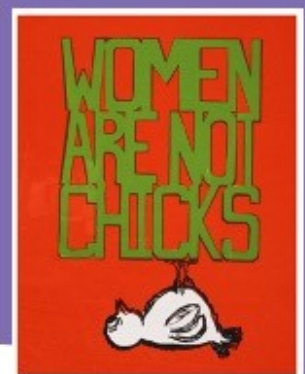
ACROSS YEARS 7 – 10 (AND TEACHERS TOO), YOU CAN EXPLORE...

- WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY?
- WHAT WOMEN ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR IN YOUR LIFE?
- INSPIRING WOMEN: HOW AM I LIKE THEM?
- DOES THE ROLE OF A WOMAN EXIST?

...IN THE MOST CREATIVE WAY YOU CAN!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED, SIGN UP HERE!

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