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Headteacher Round Up



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family are well and continue to remain safe.

As we approach the Easter break, I wanted to write to thank you all for the fantastic support you have continued to give during what has been another incredibly challenging term. Once again, I have been overwhelmed by the kind messages we have received and the feedback you have given about our online provision during lockdown and the way we have supported students return to school. Thank you for taking the time to contact me, and please do keep letting us know what is working well and what we could potentially develop further.

Can I also say a big thank you to our students who throughout this pandemic have responded magnificently to everything we have asked them to do. The resilience, determination and positivity they have shown has been incredible and is a real inspiration to us all. This confirms what we have previously said on many occasions that we have such an amazing group of young people across our school who are going to go on and be successful. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do as parents and carers in securing this.

Despite the ongoing challenges we have faced, our students have continued to excel, and I am delighted to share with you a variety of successes and achievements from across our school community. I hope you enjoy reading these and please do let us know of any achievements your child has enjoyed outside of school which we can include in future editions.

Happy Easter to you all. Stay safe and I look forward to welcoming everyone back at the start of the Summer Term.

Best wishes.

Richard Williman
Headteacher

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Learning

Year 13 student offered a Tennis Scholarship at Furman University

Congratulations to Year 13 student, Jess D, who has secured a place at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina on a full 4 year tennis scholarship starting in August 2021.

Jess started playing tennis when she was 4 years old. Over the subsequent 13 years she has developed a strong passion for the sport and wishes to build upon this through her scholarship. Over the years, Jess has participated in numerous tournaments and events having represented Yorkshire on a number of occasions.

Jess successfully gained her scholarship with Furman University after a competitive selection process and analysis of her tournament results, ranking position and a review of video footage of her playing.

Jess told us, "I'm very excited to get out to South Carolina. I'm excited to meet the team and be able to play lots of tennis at a very high standard I think I'm ready for a change and I know quite a few people that are at American Universities now and they all love it so I'm sure I'll be happy out there". Jess hopes that joining the University will help her pursue her dream of one day playing tennis professionally.

We are really proud of Jess's hard work and achievements so far. She has demonstrated excellent levels of commitment and dedication to her sport. We wish Jess the best of luck as she officially begins her scholarship at Furman University in August 2021.





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Year 8 students' letter is published in local newspaper

Year 8 student, Jasmine J, combined her transactional writing skills from English lessons with her new knowledge and study of Dystopian literature to write a letter regarding a local development which was published in a local newspaper.

Jasmine discussed the differences between Utopian and Dystopian fiction whilst debating the different views surrounding a local planning issue.

We are always proud to see students applying the skills and knowledge they have developed in their lessons to wider issues of local, national or global importance. Well done Jasmine and congratulations on the hard work you put in to this piece of writing.



Year 13 student is promoted to Flight Sergeant

We are delighted to hear the news that Year 13 student, Callum C has recently been promoted to Flight Sergeant.

Callum has been involved in the Air Cadets for 6 years and is the longest serving Cadet in his squadron, Hawker Blackburn 1324 in Brough. Throughout last year, members of the Cadets have held their parade nights online each week, organising quizzes, debates and inviting guest speakers to their meetings.

Congratulations Callum on your fantastic achievement, and good luck with your future ambitions.

If anyone would like to know more information about joining the Air Cadets, please email:

oc.1324@rafac.mod.gov.uk



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Story by Year 8 student is published in a book

During lockdown in March 2020, Year 8 student William L completed a six-week Creative Writing Course, hosted by children's author R.A. Powell. As part of the course, William wrote a story entitled Rainbow Quest in order to enter the Rainbow Writing Competition which the author ran during the Summer.

Since then, alongside R.A. Powell and children from across England, Wales, Scotland & Australia, they have collated the stories from the competition into a book entitled "Rainbows During Lockdown". This is a collection of 58 rainbow-inspired tales written during lockdown by children aged from 4 to 15 years old.

The book was released on Tuesday 15 December 2020 via Blossom Spring Publishing and is available online at Amazon and Waterstones. 100% of the author's royalties are being donated to ICUsteps, the UK's only intensive care patient support charity, and School Home Support, a charity which helps families living in poverty to ensure their children are in school and ready to learn.

William hopes they can raise as much as they can for the two fantastic charities that have worked extremely hard during Covid-19 to keep vulnerable people safe.

William has shown a great level of commitment in dedicating his time to complete the course during lockdown, resulting in his story being published in this book.

Congratulations William on your fantastic achievement and keep up the great work.





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Year 13 student participates in the WiME event

WiME stands for Women in Manufacturing and Engineering and their aim is to host a wide variety of events and provide opportunities for those interested in selecting a career in manufacturing and Engineering.

In November 2020, a WiME Careers Event took place and Year 13 student, Louise R, participated in numerous online workshops and received recognition for her commitment and enthusiasm from the WiME Board.

For more information, please visit:

<https://greenporthull.co.uk/events/wime-careersevent>

Tina Jenkins from the East Riding Council was involved in the event and said " It is fantastic that even in these challenging times young people are still keen to develop their knowledge base in relation to careers education".

We are proud to work closely with organisations in providing events like these for students, despite the challenging circumstances.

We are impressed with Louise's efforts and achievements whilst studying at South Hunsley Sixth Form. She has demonstrated excellent levels of dedication and commitment towards her work.



Former student Alice Harvey makes her debut in the Netball Super League

Former student, Alice Harvey, has made her debut in the Netball Super league in February this year for the Loughborough Lightning Super League Netball Team.

Miss Baker shared her comments after watching Alice's performance; "Alice played incredibly well, showing impressive skills throughout the match. Her performance was outstanding".

We are so pleased to hear this fantastic sporting success from Alice and we wish her the best of luck in her future ambitions.



Year 12 student achieves Private Pilots License

We are delighted to hear the fantastic news from Year 12 student, Alex I, who successfully gained his pilot's license at the age of 17.

Alex recently received his Private Pilots License having passed with flying colours. He passed all seven exams and recorded 50 hours of flight which included 10 hours of solo flying. Alex passed the final proficiency test just before the second lockdown making him one of the youngest pilots to achieve a license.

Mr Williman congratulated Alex on his success, " What an achievement and something of which Alex should be very proud of. Congratulations Alex, I look forward to hearing how the flying goes over the coming years".

We are really proud of Alex's achievements so far. He has demonstrated excellent levels of hard work and commitment to his flying.

Congratulations Alex, we wish you the best of luck with your flying ambition.

Red Nose Day 2021

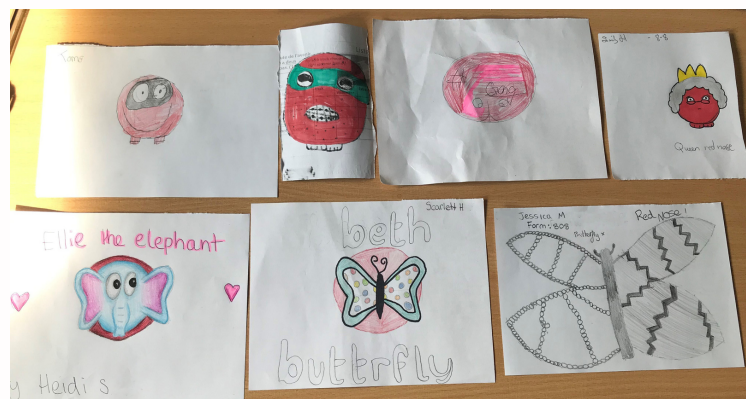
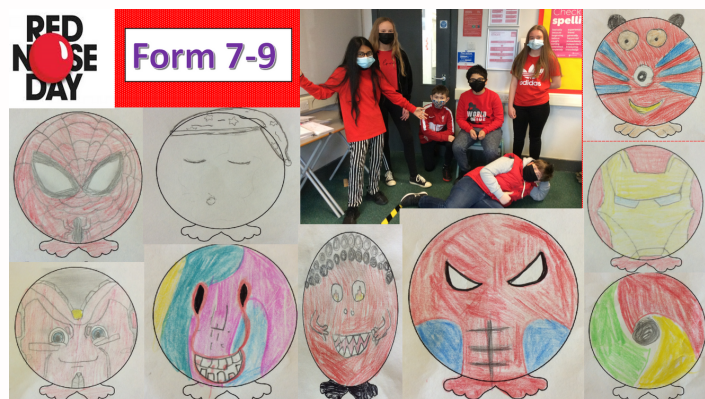
In aid of Comic Relief 2021, South Hunsley participated in a fun filled Red Nose Day on Friday 19 March. Students and staff were encouraged to support the day by wearing something red to raise funds for those living incredibly tough lives.

Throughout the day, Mr Coulbeck organised a range of activities for students to take part in during form time. Activities included; "Guess the Comic Relief presenter" and "Who can design the best red nose?" with the winners from each activity being awarded House Points.

We are so impressed with the creative red noses designed by some of our Year 7 students and their efforts to dress up in order to raise money.

The school raised a total of £1,525.20. We have been blown away by the generosity of our students, staff and parents/carers and we thank everyone for donating and taking part.

We hope the day was fun, whilst also helping to raise money for a worthy cause.



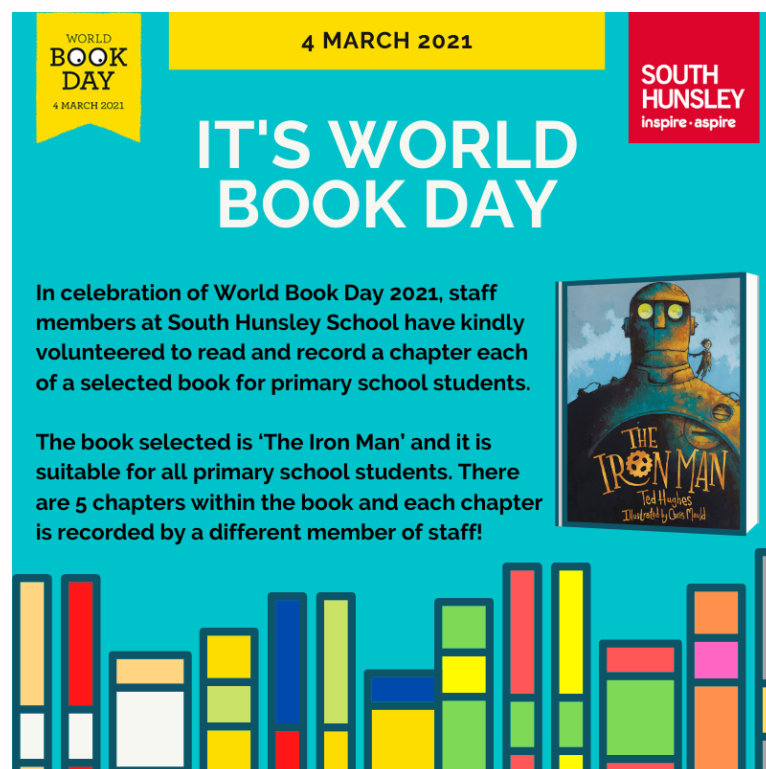
World Book Day 2021

As part of a community project for this year's World Book Day, staff members at South Hunsley School kindly volunteered to virtually read a chapter of a selected book which was sent to local primary schools for pupils to listen to.

The book selected was 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Each of the five chapters within the book was read and recorded by a different member of staff before being collated and sent to all our partnership primary schools.

We would like to express our thanks to the following staff members; Mr Price, Miss Bower, Mr Jacobs, Mr Hobbs and Mr Duerden for reading and recording each chapter. Also a big thank you to Mr Coulbeck for dedicating his time to organise and deliver this to the local primary schools.

We hope this brought some cheer to primary school pupils for this year's World Book Day.



Students and staff participate in Around the World Challenge 2021

During the most recent lockdown South Hunsley PE Department organised an inter-house challenge for students to take part in whilst learning from home. The idea was to challenge each house to see how close they could get to travelling the furthest distance around the world collectively through walking, cycling or running on their daily exercise route.

Even our competitive staff members couldn't resist getting involved with many taking part in gaining additional miles for their house.

Students and staff logged their mileage via the school website and provided evidence of how many miles they had travelled. The challenge was a huge success and it was great to see Hunsley Primary School getting involved with their version called the "Globe Trotters Challenge".

The final results are as follows:

- 1st - Pegasus - 2193.79 miles**
- 2nd - Draco - 1707.23 miles**
- 3rd - Orion - 762.37 miles**
- 4th - Vela - 731.19 miles**
- 5th - Indus - 727.461 miles**
- 6th - Hercules - 570.36 miles**

House points will be awarded to each house, as well as a small prize to individual students who travelled the furthest for their house.

We would like to say thank you to the South Hunsley PE department for their dedication and enthusiasm in running the challenge with special thanks to Miss Hepburn for co-ordinating. Well done to everyone who participated in this challenge.

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Around the World Challenge

Have you got what it takes?

Take part in South Hunsley's inter-house challenge to see which House can get the closest to travelling the world collectively!

The earth has a circumference of approximately 24,900 miles which means each student would need to cover a distance of 83 miles in 4 weeks, starting from 25 January & ending on 22 February.

This translates to students walking, jogging, cycling just under 3 miles per day. You can log your mileage by completing the form via the link on our website.

The winning House will be chosen once all miles are calculated - Good Luck!

TOP TIP
Encourage staff members to get involved in the challenge to boost your House mileage!

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Easter cards delivered to local care homes

Following South Hunsley's ongoing community work with local care homes, Year 7 students have sent Easter cards for the residents to read and enjoy over the Easter period.

Students designed a number of creative Easter cards including written thoughtful messages to residents. We are very proud of the effort our students have put in to making these for residents and hope this will bring them some comfort during these difficult times.

We would like to say a special thank you to Mr Coulbeck who has led the Easter project and community work, and to all of the students who have contributed.



Student Success Stories

If your child has achieved anything outstanding outside school, we would love to hear from you so that we can recognise and share their success.

Please email: marketing@southhunsley.org.uk