

Birkdale Investigates



Lessons continued apace this week. In Theatre Studies the L6 class was presented with a crime scene laced with clues for the class to solve. Ably supported by Mrs Magenty, this was some preparatory work for their study of *Machinal* by Sophie Treadwell, a play that was inspired by a real-life murder case in 1920s New York.

Meanwhile, in GCSE chemistry Mr Tryon guided his class through an investigation into chemical reactions and rates. Using a simulation programme, pupils were able to see what happened to a reaction when they increased the number of molecules or changed the temperature of their virtual experiment.



Visiting Speakers

It was a great pleasure to welcome two visiting speakers to school this week. Dr Martin Wildman, a consultant in respiratory medicine at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals, gave a remote lecture to the Birkdale Medical Society on his life in medicine. Meanwhile, the Equality and Diversity Committee welcomed Chrissy Meleady, the Chief Executive of Early Years Equality. She spoke to pupils about her role and the importance of promoting equality and combatting prejudice. Both presentations were hugely appreciated by the pupils in attendance and it was a privilege to have two inspirational speakers in school.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 28 September

European Day of Languages
Celebration

Birkdale Prayer Fellowship
8pm (Google Meet)

Tuesday 29 September

S3 TDP, HPV and Meningitis
Immunisations

Bonjour! Hola! Hallo!



This weekend sees this year's European Day of Languages on Saturday 26 September. This day was established in 2001 by the European Union to celebrate the languages of Europe. During next week, we will be making time to recognise and celebrate the diversity we have in our school community, country and in Europe.

Ultimate Frisbee



S2 pupils got to enjoy some fine autumnal sunshine this week and took part in a game of Ultimate Frisbee on the Johnson Lawn during their weekly PE lesson. This fun and inclusive sport is a great test of both athletic ability and hand-eye co-ordination. A great time was had by all!

Please Put Down Your Pens!



Well done to all our U6 students who have been sitting mock exams this week. Having exams so close to the start of the school year was a challenging but essential experience for our most senior pupils as they prepare to apply to university. Having been on study leave all week we are looking forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

It is always a very great pleasure and privilege to tell you about the achievements of our pupils both in and outside of their involvement at Birkdale. Please do not hesitate to contact me at prking@birksdaleschool.org.uk if you ever have any news about your child that you would like to have included in the bulletin.