

Long Live World Book Day!

World Book Day was upon Cardinal Wiseman School (along with thousands of schools, across hundreds of countries) on Thursday, 1st March, meaning most pupils and staff were banned and replaced by a virtual army of Gruffalos, Grinches, Harry Potter characters and 101 Dalmatians!

At Cardinal Wiseman our book-lovers are as imaginative as ever when it comes to the all-important costume, and we salute parents and guardians who made it through the preparation of the World Book Day costume event, delivering their children to school looking, frankly, brilliant!

Of course World Book Day isn't just about dressing up, and a variety of different school events also took place. Mrs Buckle accompanied pupils from Years 9 and 10 on a visit to Birmingham Children's Hospital, where they spent their morning reading with vulnerable, young patients, who were able to travel across the stars, sail the seas, laugh aloud to escape the real world and venture into the beautiful world of literature. All our pupils were described as *'kind, compassionate and very mature.'*

Mr Allen took Year 7 pupils to Maryvale Primary School to engage primary pupils in World Book Day paired reading activities. Again, very successful, allowing all pupils to engage in the joy of reading, whilst our English Department dedicated a full key stage 3 lesson to the World Book Day Quiz, with a national competition also set for homework.

The generosity of many staff members meant that all Year 7 and 8 pupils were given a gift book for free, along with all receiving a free National Book Token, ensuring entertainment is a little cheaper. In today's digital age, many forget that books *are* entertainment, and at Cardinal Wiseman School, we want to ensure our pupils are entertained whilst in school, along with requiring all readers to use their imagination. For all our pupils this is a phenomenal thing.

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