



KS3 Journalism Club

First aid training promotes careers in medicine

On the 9 December, all the Year 7 pupils were lucky enough to complete a First Aid course ran by our local St John Ambulance team. This included learning how to complete successful CPR on a model. This raised the possibility and introduced us to the idea of careers in medicine or simply to being able to service in our local area if needed in an emergency. GJHA have been able to make this opportunity happen as we are now a partner school with the NUFC Foundation. This means that we have access to many events and local organisations, including trips to NU Hub, access to match tickets and even stadium tours! Journalist Cara (Year 7) spoke to Ian Abbiss, one of the St John Ambulance employers who spent the day with us. He stated, "We have taught the students simple street first aid. It is important for children to complete this training so that they can understand and demonstrate the importance emergency street first aid".

Cara also talked to Lesley, who works for NUFC Foundation and helped make this session happen. She explained, "I think it is important for young people to learn how to be first responders".

Speaking to year 7 pupils, their opinions were similar; when asking for the views of Lily and Beth: "I loved all of it from start to finish," and, "It was fun and educational".

A little extra from the reporter...

As part of the session, students learnt how to complete and demonstrate a Tourniquet.

1. Find anything you that you can tie a knot with
2. Starting from underneath wrap it around the limb and just above the wound
3. Tie a knot as tight as you can get it
4. Place any long spherical object over the knot you have made
5. Tie another knot over this object and get it as tight as you can get it
6. Twist the makeshift handle (object) any way multiple times

This done because when you twist it, this cuts the circulation a little, meaning the wound doesn't bleed much. However, if the wound is on neck or chest, you wouldn't be able to tie it around so instead you would press down to stop the bleeding.

We look forward to more exciting opportunities to improve our personal development in the new year.

Cara R Y7

Spectacular Super Clubs

At the Junior High so far this term, there have been around 30 clubs pupils have had the chance to attend. Ranging from KS3 Origami Club to Christmas Cross Stitch. In addition to the daily Morning Sports, there is also Girls' Netball, Year 8 Badminton and Year 5 Basketball. The interesting and unusual clubs range from Dungeons & Dragons club to chess club.

Journalist Amy Bowman, age 12, spoke to two pupils who attend the Christmas cross stitch club. Isabella H (8A) said, "It's very relaxing". Also, Laura (8A), stated, "It's very fun - there is usually Christmas music." Speaking to pupils who attend origami club, Lucia A (8C), "Art is a true beauty". Malak H (8G), "Origami club is a creative and exciting club where there is a lot of creativity."

Pupils feel the variety of sports and extracurricular activities is outstanding and it is always changing! If you like to crochet, in the new year there will be a crochet club run by the library. Just Dance morning club is extremely popular amongst all year groups and will hopefully become an after-school club in the future. Look out for the new clubs list coming out this week...

Amy B Y7



Brilliant Book Fair

The awesome Scholastic bookfair took place in the GJHA school library from the 13th to the 19th of November 2024. There were so many awesome books to choose from! The students were super pleased with the opportunity because there was such a range of books to look at and enjoy. Across the week, all students across the school visited the bookfair, to look and buy some of the books in one of their English lesson. The sessions were very popular with a lot of the students. People could also view stationery including pens and other unusual items.

Journalist Eva spoke to some students who visited the fair, James and Eshan, (Year 8 pupils), who said, "Lots of choice and genres and different options to the library. We liked to have time in English lessons because our English teachers can help pick our books."

Ellie, a Year 7 student also enjoyed the opportunity, explaining: "I got Scandar and the unicorn thief. I think the bookfair was super good as it had a huge variety of books to choose from."

The bookfair is popular for students but also helpful for the school library too because afterwards school are given book tokens and credit to buy more amazing books for the library!

Eva R Y7

Positive Pudsey!

£40m was raised for Children in Need by the end of Friday the 15th of November 2024 on their live programme. The money raised will help disadvantaged young people across the UK. The theme of this year was making life lighter for young children. This is why schools encouraged children to wear bright non-uniforms.

Here at GJHA lots of students chose to wear light and bright clothing. Journalist, Beth Turner spoke to Miss Frank, KS2 Assistant principal, who organised the day along with the newly elected Student Council. She explained, "It was great to see so many pupils partaking in our light and bright day."

Also, speaking to Riley Rush, a pupil in 7J, who explained that he enjoyed the day, "I liked getting all dressed up in non-school uniform and raising money for people."

At GJHA, over £450.00 was raised for Children in Need, which was spectacular! We would like to thank all the families who donated towards this amazing total.

Beth T Y7

Legendary Library Round Up

Many of you may not realize all the exciting, wonderful things that go in our legendary library every day. Mrs. Creasey, who is an inspiring and enthusiastic librarian, organizes many activities before and during school days.

Barrington Bookworms

Barrington bookworms is a club which encourages reluctant readers to build their confidence with reading. This club takes place during Friday morning registration (8:40-9:00). "It is very helpful to me as I can read here without being judged and my listener is very kind and nice" Clara G. 5A. "It is very fun as I get to listen to my reader and watch him progress each week" Rosie. W 6J.

Chess club

Chess club is a club where students can play chess with each other under the guidance of the students that know how to play chess. "It resets my mind and helps me relax" Ollie R. 5A. "It's a very productive and fun activity during breaks" Rumaisa S. 8J.

Library listeners

Library listeners is a club where anyone from KS2 can go and read for a stamp. No matter what your background in reading, everyone is welcome to come down to the library and read. "Library listeners is a fun and nice club to go to. You can read with your friends but also read with the library listeners and get to know them" Lucy. T 6H.

We hope this inspires you and your child to support the library.

Laura & Isabella Y8