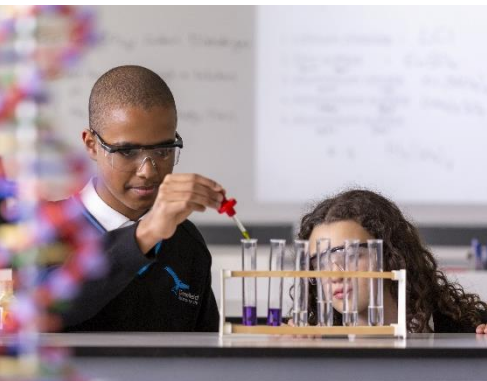


Celebrating Denefield Friday 24 February 2023





It has been another productive and hard-working working week at Denefield. This has been particularly the case for Year 11 students, who this week took their second set of PPEs, or mock exams, in English, Maths and Science. The purpose of these PPEs was to check students' recall and understanding, and for both students and their teachers to work out what to focus on most in the run up to the summer exam series.



In addition, on Thursday, a large number of students from across the year groups along with a number of staff took part in a sponsored row and cycle, to raise funds for the annual Sports Tour that takes place in the May half term. The rowing and cycling machines were placed in Reception, allowing all who passed through to see our students and staff exerting enormous physical effort. Special mention must go to Mr Clare and Ms Wheeler, both of whom put in very extended stints indeed.

As is my custom I once more took the first assemblies of the new term. My focus this week has been on the power of difference, looking especially at differences within families (using my own as an example), differences between countries (using Bulgaria as an example), and differences within school. My key message is that Denefield is strengthened by having so many students and staff from different cultures and backgrounds, and how we should not only respect but also value and cherish the fact that we are all unique. My presentation can be found [here](#).

With best wishes for a pleasant weekend

Mr E Towill MA (Oxon), Headteacher



Diary dates – academic year 2022 – 2023	
Thursday 9 March 2023	Year 10 Online Parents Evening – Details TBC
Tuesday 21 March to Thursday 23 March 2023	School show
Friday 31 March 2023	End of term



The Wellbeing Hub

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Coming Up in The Wellbeing Hub this week, Feb 20th...

- A pre-recorded webinar series for parents and carers of children aged 8- 18 on personal safety, donated by Andy Privett, Be.Streetwise.
- A recording of last week's webinar on Personal Safety: Navigating The Teenage Years with Andy Privett is available to watch until Thursday 2nd March. So if you missed it live or want to recap, head to the resources page.



Tuesday 7th March at 6:00pm. Alicia will answer any of your questions about supporting young people. Visit the Homepage of The Wellbeing Hub to register




Library news


World Book Day is approaching! Please download your book token [here](#).

A reminder to please renew or return any overdue library books. Please let Mrs Fogarty know if an item has been lost so that it can be removed from your account. Letters are given to tutors each week to remind students which books are currently on loan. Books must be returned by handing them to the librarian at the front desk. Thank you.

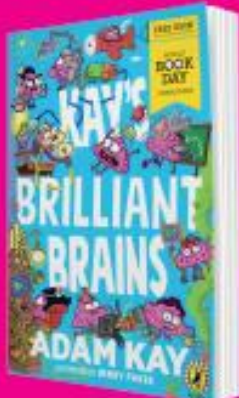

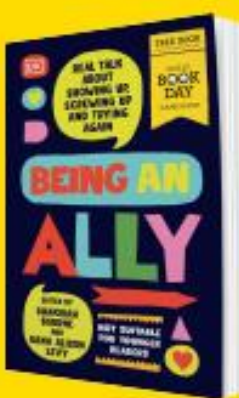
Please check out Denefield's library web app, [Accessit](#) to browse books, see World Book Day activities, find recommendations, and so much more!




Join us on 2 March 2023




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Extra-curricular

Please see below details of our extra-curricular activities which take place during lunch times and after school. Details can also be found [here](#) on our website.

Lunchtime		When	Room	Years
Monday				
Learn a language		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A301	All
Ukulele club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M117	All
Tuesday				
3D printing Years 7 & 8		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
Choir		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M118	Years 8 to 13
KS3 Maths Boost		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A104	KS3
KS4 & KS5 Debate Club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A204	KS4 & KS5
Pride Club		12.30pm to 1.00pm	A201	All
Wednesday				
Enterprise		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A304	All
Fashion		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
Thursday				
3D printing – Years 9 to 11		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M106	All
DofE drop in		12.20pm to 1.00pm	M119	Year 9, 10, 11
KS4 Maths Boost		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A104	KS4
Friday				
Chess Club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A204	All
Feminism Club		12.20pm to 1.00pm	A201	All

After School		When	Room	Years
Monday				
Manga		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
Tuesday				
Baking		3.00pm to 4.30pm	P206	All
Books		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
Boxing		3.00pm to 4.00pm	PE	All
DT		3.00pm to 4.00pm	M106	All
Wednesday				
Warhammer		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
Thursday				
Architecture		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Art studio	All
Board games		3.00pm to 4.00pm	Library	All
CCF		3.45pm to 6.00pm	Pangbourne College	Year 10 and 11
Science Crest award		3.15pm to 4.15pm	P205	All
Friday				
Aim high		3.00pm to 4.00pm	A203	All
Greenpower		3.00pm to 4.00pm	M106	All

PE Extra-curricular

After School PE		When	Where	Years
Monday				
No PE clubs/activities				
Tuesday				
GCSE Badminton		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports hall	Year 10 and 11
Netball – Years 8 & 9		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Courts	Year 8 and 9
Girls rugby		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Field	All
Wednesday				
Girls Netball – Years 7		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Courts	Year 7
Handball		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports Hall	All
Thursday				
Basketball		3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports Hall	All
Friday				
No PE clubs/activities				

School show – Buggy Malone

The Drama department are looking for costume donations for the upcoming school performance of Buggy Malone.

Think Gangsters, trilby hats, suits, shirts, braces, bowties and ties ,1920's flapper dresses, drop waist dresses, boas, pearls gloves, headbands ...any shoes that could fit the era!

All donations would be warmly accepted, please bring them in to school following the half term break

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Shaw on msh@denefield.org.uk





Lunchtime Controller Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Lunchtime Controllers at Denefield.

The session runs daily from 12.15pm to 1.05pm and is paid at a rate of £13.99 per session. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested, please use this [link](#) for further information and to apply.



Spotlight UK

SPOTLIGHT UK

Spotlight UK started in April 2009 and now work across Hampshire and Berkshire. Our aim is to provide emotional and practical support and free fun activities to help reduce social isolation, build confidence and self esteem and boost mental wellbeing. We provide free weekly performing arts classes to around 400 children, mental health care packs to adults and children affected by mental health issues, loss and separation, young carers, victims of domestic abuse, armed forces families and elderly residents in care homes.



We also provide Christmas presents, clothes and toys for children living in poverty or who have fled domestic abuse, Christmas stockings to elderly and our service families and emergency workers, intergenerational projects bringing young and old together, Youth Social Action Projects to give young people a voice in their community, free family fun days, free trips out for children including trampolining, rock climbing, paddle boarding, and waterparks to bring a little smile and hope.

We believe each child should have opportunities to develop their confidence, self-esteem and social interaction that will allow them to flourish mentally, physically and emotionally. Each child should have access to fun activities regardless of their household income. Each child should know that there are people to turn to and that they have support to guide them through life's challenges.



As a charity, we are on a mission to improve the lives of as many people as we can and we need your help and support so we can make the biggest impact possible!

You can help in a number of ways:

1. By donating to us directly
2. Fundraise for us
3. Sponsor one of our services

Check out our website
www.spotlightuk.org for links



Do you shop at any of the co-op food stores across Reading.

Become a member and support a local charity

SPOTLIGHT UK

Spotlight UK are a local charity that have been working in your local area for the past 13 years.

We offer emotional support, food bank, clothes bank, toys bank, mentoring for children, family support and free youth activities and family events.

We work with young children and families that have been affected by mental health, loss or separation, neglect or abuse, Children in care, low income families and service families. We receive our referrals from Schools, Early Help Hubs, Social Workers, Family Support Service and other professionals.

To keep these sessions free we need your support! Becoming a co-op member is an amazing way of helping us without any expense to yourself. It's a win-win-win, for everybody involved.

Spotlight UK Registered charity number 1129258

How to sign-up!

Head to the Co-op website, and select the sign in button.

Complete the sign in page to become a member, this cost a one time purchase of £1.

Once you are signed in you can "Choose a local cause"

If you don't see Spotlight UK right away, head down to the "Find other causes", and change the "Distance from you" to 15 miles

This then allows you to find Spotlight UK.

How this helps us!

Once you have selected Spotlight UK as your local charity, for every £1 you spend in the co-op stores, using your membership, 2p will go directly to Spotlight UK.

You also receive discounts using your membership card!



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For 8-25 year olds



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To find out more contact admin@spotlightuk.org or call 07804880072

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Reading FC Schools and Grassroots fixture

SCHOOLS & GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE MAKES A RETURN AGAINST BLACKPOOL

Don't miss out on another fantastic opportunity to see the Royals in league action as part of a great initiative.

Paul Ince's side host Blackpool on Saturday 25 February at 3pm and we're delighted to once again be hosting a Schools & Grassroots match.

Our Schools & Grassroots fixtures have provided some great stories so far this season – with the young fans helping the team to a 1-0 win against Coventry City in December and a 3-1 win over Huddersfield Town back in October.

For clubs and schools that are signed up, tickets available for just £1 for kids aged 12 & Under and discounts available for all age-groups as part of the scheme. We want to see the stadium packed to the rafters again.

Please share the below with all your children, friends, family and staff and let me know if you require any further information.

Reading Football Club's 3rd School and Grassroots Fixture of 2022-23!

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 3rd School and Grassroots fixture of 2022-23!
When?

Reading vs Blackpool
Saturday 25 February, 3pm

Where?
Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 3rd schools and grassroots fixture of 2022-23. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: #DenefieldSchool in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk or call 0118 968 1313.

We hope to see you all on Saturday 25 February 2023!

Come on URRZZZ!

West Berkshire Heritage

Please click [here](#) for details of what's on in Spring 2023

