



# The VOICE

Newsletter for Malet Lambert pupils and parents



## Rugby Champions!

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Neurodiversity Week

A collage of various hand-drawn illustrations related to neurodiversity, including a brain, a person with a speech bubble, a person with a gear, and various symbols.

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A graphic for National Careers Week featuring the acronym 'NCW' in large green letters.

Prison Me No Way

A photograph of a man in a blue shirt standing at the front of a classroom, addressing a group of students.

## Welcome from our Headteacher

As we all go into the Easter break I reflect upon another successful term here at Malet Lambert.

As I write, I am feeling very proud of the Year 8 girls who retained their Yorkshire Rugby League crown last night. I am also looking forward to going to watch the Year 7 and 9 girls in their Yorkshire finals later this week.



Since the last time I introduced 'The Voice' we have celebrated Red Nose Day, with lots of happy children getting the opportunity to throw sponges at both of the Deputy Headteachers. To mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week, our pupils have been getting creative with artwork representing the conditions associated with neurodiversity. This is very important work.

Our Careers Fair as part of National Careers week was well attended in terms of providers and pupils and also included a number of speakers and workshops. Year 11 pupils are now on countdown to their examination period.

Many of them will be attending Easter revision sessions, which once again shows their commitment and that of their wonderful teachers. I wish them all the best in the coming weeks and months.

Wishing you and your families a pleasant Easter break.

Best wishes,

Patrick Sprakes

## Term Dates...

### Summer Term

Monday 17th April 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

### Summer Half Term Break

Monday 29th May 2023

Friday 2nd June 2023

### May Day

Monday 1st May 2023

### Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023



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## Red Nose Day



Pupils and staff banded together to raise money for Comic Relief this term. During both lunch breaks on Friday 17th March, for a small donation, pupils were allowed to pelt the willing staff member with wet sponges.

Both Mr Logan and Mr Fenna volunteered to be soaked, and their efforts contributed greatly to the grand total that the school was able to raise for Comic Relief; £125.55.

## Pupil Chess Group

It is the school's hope that club members may be able to pit their skills in future tournaments locally. Recently, the school was contacted by the HDCA junior Chess Development, a part of the Hull and District Chess Association.



Pupils across all year groups have taken part and played in the recently established Malet Lambert Chess Club.

The club runs across breaks and lunchtimes in the LRC and allows pupils to test each other's chess skill and ability through friendly matches.

With this relationship with the association, we look forward to potential future support and opportunities for our pupils in the club to enhance their play and enjoyment of the game.

The chess club is open to all pupils. For more information, pupils can speak to Mrs Hutchinson.

## Design & Technology



Year 8 pupils have made great progress this term in Design and Technology, having produced their own pewter keyrings. As well as the keyrings, pupils have also managed to create a presentation box, complete with a laser-engraved school house logo.

The creation of both these products form part of two units that Year 8 pupils have been completing this year, which introduces pupils to a number of manufacturing processes.

# Pupil Leadership Team

Updates and messages from Malet Lambert's PLT and Head Pupils



Head Pupils Ashby C, Sadie M, Rosie-Lee J and Sam M

## Term Summary

I can say with certainty that this last term has been full of excitement! I am ecstatic to announce that myself and Sam have been promoted to Head Pupils in light of our work as Deputy Head Pupils; on behalf of us both I'll say that we are both looking-forward to working alongside Ashby and Sadie in the Head Pupil role.

Earlier in March, Miss Ridley welcomed back the Prison Me No Way team to educate Year 9 pupils (as well as the Year 11 sociology groups) on risk-taking and the consequences of poor decisions.

Miss Ridley said, *"It was an excellent day for all involved. All pupils also had the opportunity to listen to the stories of the two serving prisoners, and to consider the impacts of dangerous driving and getting involved in county lines on people's lives, among other things. The Prison Me No Way team said they were very impressed with the attitude, politeness and intelligence of Malet Lambert pupils. We look forward to seeing them again next year."*

Similarly, Miss Ridley and Miss Genter led an enlightening meeting with parents to discuss Malet Lambert's anti-bullying policies. I had the pleasure of attending this and I found it interesting to listen to a parent's point of view as well as adding a pupil's point of view myself.

This term we have also celebrated Red Nose Day at Malet Lambert. I'm sure Mr Fenna greatly enjoyed having wads of soaking sponges thrown his way in the name of a charitable cause! Now at the end of this term, many pupils are packing their suitcases for Malet Lambert's annual Madrid Trip led by Mr Thompson. I am personally very excited to embark on this trip and would like to thank all the staff members involved. For anyone interested, I will be including a detailed account of this trip in the next issue of this newsletter; I hope you all enjoy!

## International Women's Day

Each summer, a new cohort of Head Pupils are elected to represent Feminism: the advocacy and empowerment of women on the basis of gender equality. Our society, this school, and our future is overflowing with passionate, inspiring and flourishing feminists.

At Malet Lambert, pupils are encouraged to express their beliefs and in light of international Women's Day, it is only fitting that we celebrate all the strong women in our lives.

Our history is rich in noteworthy women who have fought for freedom and liberation for every gender. So, let's go back to when it all began in Great Britain, women's suffrage really took off in the late 1800s, specifically, the WSPU was founded by the infamous Emily Pankhurst and continued into the 1900s as women fought for their right to vote.

This is not to say influential women didn't come before the suffrage movement, strong women even arose in ancient Greek mythology. Take the great goddess of war, Athena for example. Whether it was through peaceful protests or by causing utter anarchy, these women demanded to be heard! Emily Davidson even threw herself under the king's horse at the Epsom Derby in 1913 to make a public challenge to the patriarchy.

Emily Pankhurst once said, *"You must make women count as much as men. You must have an equal standard of morals; and the only way to enforce that is through giving women political power so that you can get that equal moral of standard registered in the laws of the country. It is the only way."*

I think it's important that we continue this legacy so that women can thrive no matter how they choose to live. Equally, many influential women across the world followed in the footsteps of the suffrage movement. Like Marie Curie, of Polish-French descent, who was a twice Nobel prize winner for her career in STEM. Perhaps more recently, Emma Watson, first seen on the big screen playing the clever, witty and eternally fierce Hermione Granger is now known for her excellent feminist speeches as a prominent female activist of the modern day.

This term we celebrated international Women's Day, and this month we celebrate National Black Women's history month. For me, international Women's Day celebrates, praises and empowers all women. International Women's Day praises our role in society, it advocates for a woman's right to choice in all areas of her life. Although it is a celebration, International Women's Day shines light upon how society fails women and how the patriarchy benefits nobody, not even men. In a society that has become reliant on female oppression, women decide to disassociate themselves with feminism because it can become synonymous with 'man-hating'. This isn't the case at all.

The empowerment of females doesn't mean the weakening of males. Feminism is the fight against gender inequality and gender stereotypes. It says women deserve equal pay whilst allowing men to have the freedom to be vulnerable. Feminism is an essential organ in our society, the lack of feminism would be the lack of kindness, fairness, equality, it would be repression.

I think it is important to address that a feminist doesn't wear a uniform, some wear suits and briefcases, others wear maternity dresses and carry around nappies, some are uncaring and others are full compassion.

In an interview, Serena Williams (American tennis legend) said, *"Since I was a little girl, I've dreamed of being the best tennis player in the world. . . but I also dreamed of having a family. The dream was not divided- it was to be successful in both arenas"*.

This quote embodies the essence of International Women's day; women shouldn't have to work twice as hard as a man to earn a pay cheque, the same way shouldn't be viewed as 'weak' for having feelings.

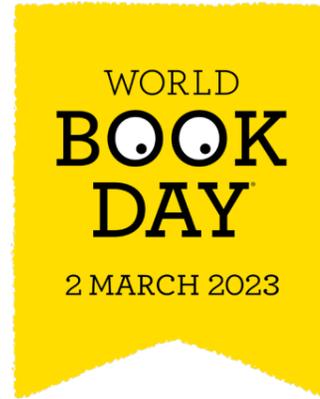
## World Book Day

Malet Lambert marked world book day with a week-long schedule of literacy and reading related activities and competitions.

Across the week, pupils from all year groups were invited to submit a short story. There was no restriction on subject, with the only rule being that the story had to be no longer than 100 words.

The restricting word count proved trickier than anticipated with pupils, nevertheless a number of impressive and imaginative entries were received.

A winner and runner up for chosen from both Key Stages. From Key Stage 3, the runner up was Tobias B and the winner was Isabelle C. For Key Stage 4 the runner up was Vyte M and the winner was Jack M.



Honourable mention was also made to entries submitted by Scarlett H and Emily A. Another daily activity that took place throughout the week was the readings from staff. Each day, a member of staff read a short extract of their choice and sharing why they have chosen their book.

Rounding off our World Book Day celebrations was our Literacy themed bake sale, where pupils entered their homemade cakes and buns, decorated to the theme of books and reading. Proceeds made from the bake sale were donated to the school's chosen charities.

## National Careers Week

This term saw the return of National Careers Week. Every year, Malet Lambert marks the week with a series of activities, talks and workshops to further our pupils careers education.

Among the events that took place during the week was a talk and workshop delivered by last year's The Apprentice finalist, Kathryn Burn.

For our Year 8 pupils, the organisation 'For Entrepreneurs Only' paid a visit to host an enterprise workshop and competition.

Rounding off NCW was our careers fair, where we invited further education/training providers and businesses to showcase what there was on offer for our pupils to pursue after they have completed their GCSEs.

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Kathryn Burn, last year's Finalist from 'The Apprentice' visited Malet Lambert during National Careers Week.

## Neurodiversity Week

To mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week our pupils have been getting creative with artwork representing the conditions associated with neurodiversity.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week aims to challenge stereotypes and misconceptions about neurodiversity and promote inclusion in schools and workplaces.



The artwork produced by our pupils during Neurodiversity Week have been entered into a city-wide competition

Our pupils work has also been entered into the Neurodiversity Image competition, a locally held competition.

By entering, our pupils have chance to have their artwork exhibited and to have afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor. Good luck to all our pupil who have entered.

## Prison Me No Way

This term, the team from the charity group Prison Me No Way delivered an informative and important workshop to Year 9 and our GCSE Sociology pupils.

The group aims to raise awareness amongst young people, about the causes, consequences, penalties and impact of crime. Other talks that took place during the day covered important topics such as railway safety, knife crime and the ability to make the best decisions and choices in pressured scenarios.

Pupils were also invited to look around a recreation of a prison cell, to gain an understanding on what day to day life inside of prison is like. Workshops and visiting groups such as these help our pupils with their personal development, an area of their education that is also addressed and built upon in their regular Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education (PSHE) lessons.



# Cup Final Victory for Malet

On 17th March, our Year 8 girls rugby team to play their postponed Yorkshire Cup matches in Castleford.

The first match saw the girls come up against Farnley, who our team also played in last year's Yorkshire cup final and national semi-final. In a very close game Malet, Lambert won out 10-4 with tries from Lilly B and Anya J.

In the 2nd game the team played against Archbishop Holgate where they were the comfortable winners, scoring 24-4 with tries from Lilly B, Maria E and three tries from Caitlin M.

In the final group game against Brooksbank and the team once again secured victory, winning 20-0, with tries from Ava S, Maria E and Lilly B.

These results meant that the girls went on to play the Castleford High in the semi-finals, with Malet coming out on top, winning 20-4 in the end.

These amazing victories meant that the team moved on to the Yorkshire final. On the 28th March, the team competed in this years Yorkshire Final against Trinity Academy Leeds at Featherstone rovers stadium.

While the weather conditions were less than favourable, with wind and rain pouring down, the team open an early lead with Maria E scoring the first try with Caitlin M securing the conversion.

Malet scored the next points through Emily F scoring in the corner and Caitlin M, once again, making the conversion.

After some push back from Trinity Academy, the score going into half time was 18 - 10 to Malet Lambert.

The second half saw Trinity Academy equalise with Malet Lambert, bringing the score to 18 - 18, but thanks to a final try in the last half of extra time from Lily B, Malet Lambert managed to retain the trophy and keep the title of Yorkshire champions for the second year in a row.

Overall, the final was an immense display of rugby skill from our Year 8s, who overcame the poor weather and last minute substitutions to prove, once again, that they are champions.

