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Famous children's author visits school

Recently we were visited by Mark Walden, the author of the HIVE series of books. He spoke to all the Year 7 and Year 8 boys about being an author, his love of villains and his series of books about Otto, a thirteen year old boy who is abducted and kept prisoner at the Higher Institute of Villainous Education.



Mark Walden, children's author

Famous villains

Mr Walden kept the students interested for an hour without the aid of projected images, videos or explosive experiments but with the power of words alone. We were treated to an amusing description of some of the most famous villains from films, comics and books, ranging from Mark's personal favourite, Darth Vader, to Willy Wonka (a man who lures children to his factory and then seems not to care when they are subjected to a series of unfortunate accidents – surely a villain!).

Enthusiastic Students

After demonstrating his encyclopaedic knowledge of the world's villains, Mark went on to read an exciting passage from the first HIVE book and finished off by signing books for a queue of enthusiastic students.

Many thanks to Mark for an engaging and entertaining talk.

The HIVE books are available to borrow from the school library.



See the back page for a review of *Zero Hour*, one of Mark Walden's HIVE books

Cake decorating goes down a treat!

Mrs Welsford organised a cake decorating workshop for Year 9 and 10 students recently. The students were taught how to make and use icing and other ingredients to make their cakes look interesting.



A whole variety of D&T workshops have been arranged for this year including using the laser cutter, making cushions and using Lego Mindstorms. The next workshop is for cross-stitch in January. See more information on the D&T department web page!



Anaesthetist gives pain-free careers advice

Staff from the University of Bristol Hospital Trust came into school recently and worked with Year 10 and some Year 9 students. The two doctors (an anaesthetist and a paediatrician) and a Theatre Nursing Sister wanted students to consider the many varied careers within the health service, as well as science careers generally.

The visitors demonstrated the monitoring of patients using pulse-meters and oxymeters and explained issues regarding getting life-saving fluids into patients and all about resuscitation.

Hands on

The students thoroughly **enjoyed their "hands on"** experience. They were all enthusiastic and some were very keen to learn how they should treat patients for shock,

monitor their vital signs and look after the patient until surgery was possible.

The doctors and nurse answered questions on the procedures and on possible routes to having a career in the NHS. They also explained to the students how they could apply for work-experience in Southmead Hospital or at the Bristol Royal Infirmary.



Booked up books arrive

The Booked Up books have arrived and were given out to students.

'Snot Green', by former Natural History Museum scientist Glenn Murphy.

Most popular

The most popular book was 'Big Nate: The Boy with the Biggest Head in the World' by Lincoln Peirce, followed by 'Mortlock' by John Mayhew and a factual book, entitled 'Why is

Free book

Booked Up has been running since 2007 and has gone from strength to strength. This year over 650,000 children in 5,000 schools will have received a free book.



Mrs Wells is looking forward to receiving some really good reviews of the Booked Up books and hopes to feature some in forthcoming editions of the Newsletter.



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Dates for your Diary

Fri 2 December	Year 10 BS Trip to Bristol Zoo
Mon 5 December	Year 12 Geography Trip to Slapton
Tue 6 December	Year 12/13 Academic Review, 4.00 pm-7.00 pm
Mon 12 December	Year 11/13 Certificate Evening, 7.30 pm
Wed 14 December	Christmas Concert, 7.30 pm
Thu 15 December	Year 11 Reward Trip
Fri 16 December	Last day of term (return Tuesday 3 January)



Year 7 Book Review

This week's winner:
Kayde Garland-Luscombe (7.5)

Zero Hour

By Mark Walden

I would definitely recommend this book to a friend, it is futuristic and somehow persuades you to keep reading.

What happened: The book is about a boy who is called Otto and he is training to become a super villain, he is doing all of these advanced technology practice trials but is getting virtually killed in most of them, whilst Overlord is taking over bodies and communicating with some of his followers that are also planning some sort of twisted scheme and that is why they are training up the alphas to go and hunt them down and do some not very

nice stuff to him but also Overlord is desperately trying to find out the top secret location of H.I.V.E but is being very unsuccessful.

Why I like this book: It is full of thrilling adventures and is very

futuristic, they run, shoot and boast about who won the computerised practice trials but it is funny in its own ways. I think it's like Marmite; you like it or you don't... I know I do.



See more book reviews on the school website.

Hand in a book review to Mrs Wells in the LRC and you might win a £5 book token!

Lunchbreak Supervisors

Do you know anyone who would like to help supervise our students for one hour per day at lunchtime?

We are seeking two reliable people for the post of Lunchbreak Supervisor. Previous experience would be an advantage but is not essential. Please telephone the HR Office on 01454 862 740 for further details.



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