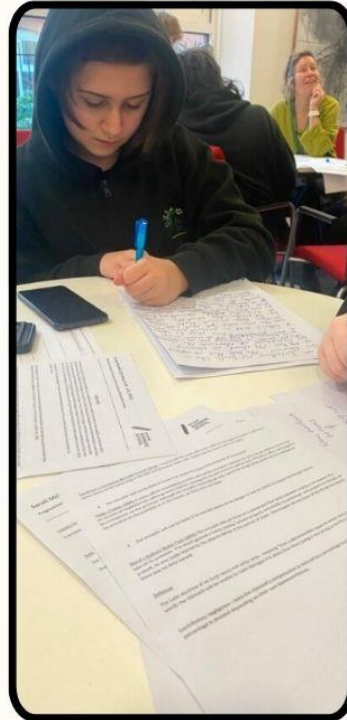


Tales from the

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Spring 2024

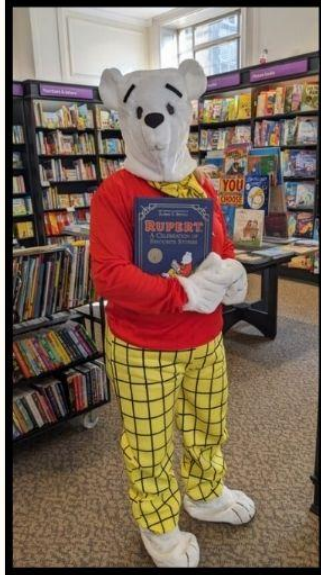
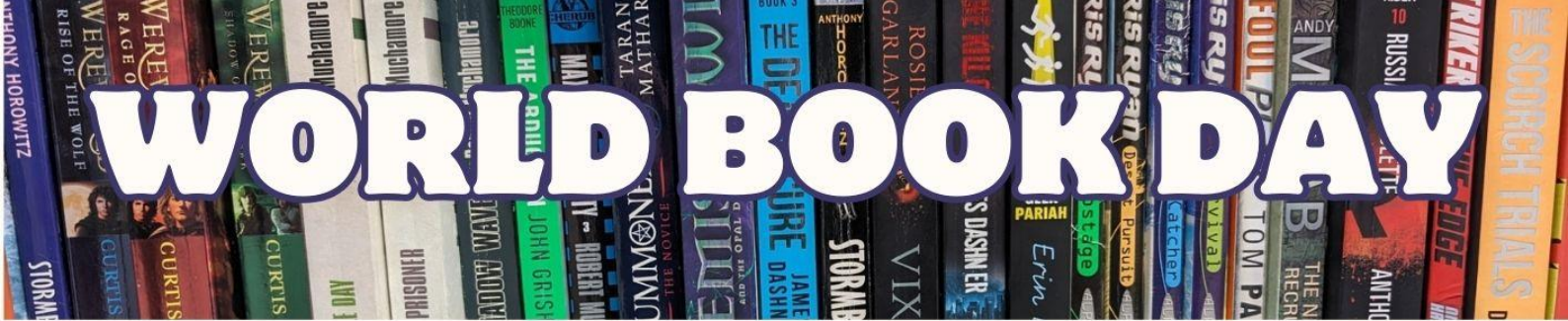
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Welcome to the spring edition of the Arbour Academy newsletter! As the season of renewal unfolds, we're thrilled to embrace the spirit of growth and learning here at Arbour.

We have been adventuring at Whitehall, learning about Power and Authority alongside the Law department at Salford University, continuing our quest to encourage reading by celebrating World Book Day in typical Arbour style and walking with alpacas through the moors of Bolton.

All these learning opportunities, alongside our academic lessons, aim to develop our students holistically, offering experiences beyond the ordinary. At Arbour, we believe in providing a well-rounded education that nurtures curiosity and fosters personal growth.

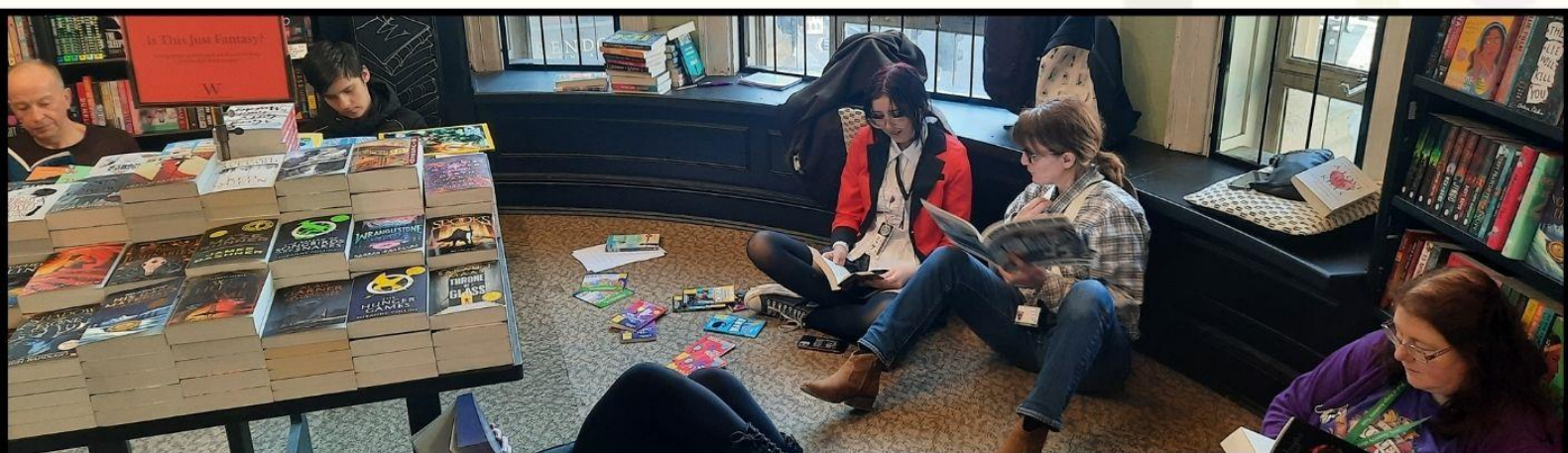


Would you expect to see Ms. Trunchbull walking through Salford, Eccles? Well you would have on March 7th as it was World Book Day! Students and staff from Arbour Academy were dressed up and you would have seen Harley Quinn, George and Lennie from *Of Mice and Men*, Sayaka Iganashi, Rupert the Bear and a butterfly from the *Hungry Caterpillar*.

Then Arbour students went on a trip to Waterstones in Manchester, the biggest book shop in the North West. It has a vast array of books. An Arbour student in Key Stage 3, who was dressed as Sayaka Iganashi said, " It was very calm and peaceful, it was a great day, I loved it!"

At the end of the visit, the students all gathered books together to buy for the school library including *You I/2/3*, *Hood Feminism*, *The British are coming* and *Greg the Sausage Roll*.

by JK



COURTROOM *Drama*



Our students had a unique and educational experience for our Power and Authority Day hosted by Salford University. Engaging in a mock trial, our pupils delved into the intricacies of a real case, passionately presenting their arguments in a mock court setting. The event not only allowed them to understand legal proceedings but also provided a hands-on experience of the legal profession. Dressed in wigs and gowns, they embraced the formality of the courtroom, gaining valuable insights into the world of law. Such experiential learning opportunities contribute immensely to their personal and academic development.



WHITEHALL



Arbour Academy students embarked on a thrilling adventure to Whitehall in Buxton, brimming with excitement for a day of adrenaline-pumping activities. The picturesque setting provided a perfect backdrop for their outdoor escapades. With harnesses secured and nerves tingling, students eagerly embraced the challenge of abseiling from a long retired railway bridge, their screams echoing through the surrounding countryside.



Next, they ventured deep into the earth's belly, navigating through mysterious caves, their headlamps illuminating hidden wonders. With each twist and turn, students discovered new formations, marvelling at nature's intricate artwork.

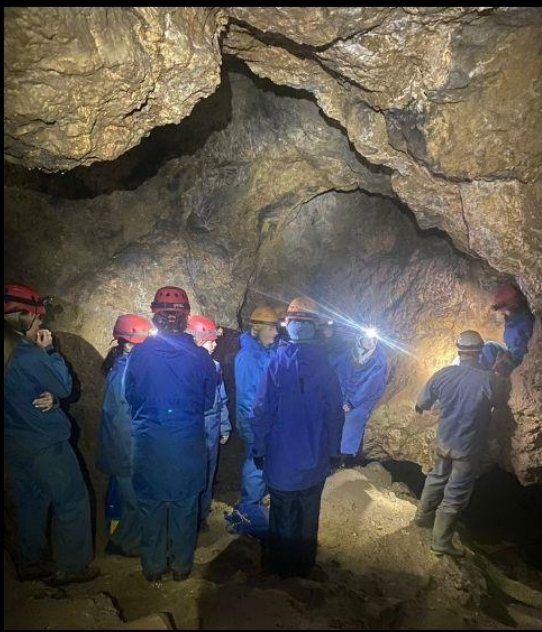
But the excitement didn't end there; the brave souls scaled towering climbing walls, conquering fears and pushing personal boundaries. Amidst cheers of encouragement and triumphant shouts, bonds were forged, and memories made.



The trip to Whitehall wasn't just about conquering physical obstacles; it was about teamwork, resilience, and the sheer joy of exploration, leaving Arbour Academy students with tales of adventure to cherish for a lifetime.







Notes of Praise



This half term we have launched our new reward system. Pupils can receive 'Notes of Praise' in every lesson and for general positive behaviour within the academy. The notes are linked to our values.

Learning: We enjoy learning and are inspired to learn.

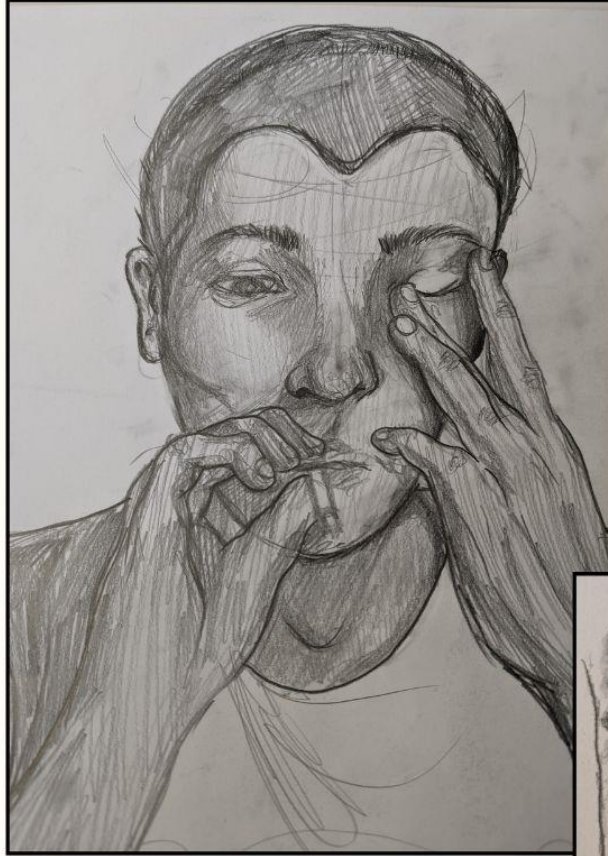
Compassion: We care about ourselves and each other.

Engaging: We make the most of every opportunity.

Belonging: We can succeed together.

Students can earn rewards for demonstrating the academy values of Learning, Belonging, Engagement and Compassion. Staff will be looking for excellent pieces of work and examples of our students being kind to each other and really getting stuck into their lessons. Making new students feel welcome and contributing to academy life can also help build up those reward points. There will an exciting array of rewards to be enjoyed, chosen by the students themselves. They have chosen gaming vouchers, escape room experiences and book tokens as just some of the treats on offer. We are always open to new suggestions, so let us know what you want and start collecting those reward stickers!

Art





Arbour Academy redefines learning outside the classroom with an alpaca trek in Bolton, blending adventure and education. Amidst mud and laughter, students navigated trails led by gentle alpacas, fostering teamwork and resilience. Through hands-on experiences, they grasp ecology and animal care, forging lasting memories while cultivating a love for learning beyond traditional classrooms.



Information



Our students have recently heard input from Action for Conservation about their free summer camps for 12-16 year olds in the Peak District. These fully catered holidays have a nature conservation theme and involve activities such as star-gazing and monitoring wildlife. Aurianna from the AFC was on a zoom call with us to answer the young people's questions. She explained that young people can apply together and that the accommodation is for the exclusive use of the AFC group. The application form can be found at the website link and if students need help, staff here can support them.

<https://www.actionforconservation.org/camp>



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News



Mrs Peart has acquired another pet for Arbour Academy.

Next years uniform is going down a storm with Year II.



The Arbour entry to the Red Bull Soapbox Race is looking a bit dodgy.



Chester is enjoying our literature focus.

