



Secondary School Weekly Update

13th October 2023

Dear Parents,

Today we had our end of term celebration assemblies for key stage 3 and 4 students where we celebrated students who have perfect behaviour records, perfect attendance records and some new awards for star learners (KS3) and students of the month (KS4). We also recognised our top merit earners for Term 1 and you can see the winners on the next page We also announced the members of the Junior and Senior student councils, and we are looking forward to working with them over the coming academic year. Congratulations to all students who were recognised this morning and a special well done to our new council members whose pictures you can see later in the update. See below for upcoming key dates and please read on for notices from around the secondary school.

I hope all our students have a restful break and we look forward to welcoming them back to school in a week's time.

Kind regards

Jon Pennock

Upcoming key dates

- Please remember the school is closed next week for the half term break. We will welcome students back on Monday 23rd October to a **Week 2** timetable.
- Monday 23rd October - Geography IGCSE Fieldwork trip (Y11 Geographers)
- Monday 23rd October – Rehearsals for The Mixtape Factory begin.
- Monday 23rd October @5pm – Information and meet and greet with Lauren Noble from Collab Company
- Tuesday 24th October - We accept the 30x30 challenge with a whole school photo on the astro. Students will
- Wednesday 25 October - Year 11 Options Evening
- Friday 27th October – Dubai 30x30 opening ceremony. Students to wear sports kit if they wish.
- Please note that Assessment Week 1 is scheduled for w/b Monday 30 October
- The next coffee morning for the secondary school will be held on Thursday 2nd November on the topic of Careers at SVS with our Careers and University guidance counsellor Ms Scouller



Merit award winners

Year 7

Joint winners

Thaina Roveratti 7C
Anastasiia Samoilova 7C

Second place

Yassin Fahmy 7E

Third place

Leona Pavic 7C

Year 8

Winner

Hanin Taha 8B

Second place

Jana Ahmed 8B

Third place

Sam McGow 8C

Year 9

Winner

Saman Hasan 9B

Second place

Kai Abad 9B

Third place

Hamzeh Albayyaa 9A

Year 10

Winner

Noor El-Bassyouni 10C

Second place

Tessa Wessel-Tolvig 10B

Joint third place

Zia Jooma Abbajee 10C
Leah Womersley 10C

Year 11

Winner

Angelina Rayyan 11B

Second place

Leonardo Piccozzi 11B

Third place

Julia Anna Rajeev 11B

Congratulations also to 7C and 10C who won the coveted class merit prizes for their respective key stages

Junior Student Council

Year 7 Student Council Members 2023/24



Mafalda Correia
7A



Talya Gouda
7E



Aamnah Hassan
7A



Amaya Haroon
7A



Hiya Nagarkar
7C

Year 8 Student Council Members 2023/24



Sam McGow
8C



Hanin Taha
8B



Layan Hassan
8C



Ninah Kapou
8A



Sarah Bachnakova
8A



Mohammed Adnan
8B

Year 9 Student Council Members 2023/24



Alyaa Mahgoub
9B



Saman Hassan
9A



Amy Lloyd
9C



Emma Dilbert
9A



Kai Abad
9B



Keila Jordaan
9B



Lainie Barlow
9B

Senior Student Council

Year 10 Student Council Members 2023/24



Zia Abbajee
10C



Diya Mulani
10A



Mia Shatila
10A



Tessa Wessel Tolvig
10B



Rachel Loughran
10B



Imanya Abeyratne
10C



Arda Gok
10C

Year 11 Student Council Members 2023/24



Marthinus Le Roux
(Year 11 Class Rep)
11A



Deima Ali
11B



Julia Anna Rajeev
11B



Leonardo Piccozzi
11B



Trips and ECAs Update from Mr Sanguigni

ECAs

Secondary ECAs are now underway for term 1 and can be viewed using this link.

[SVS Secondary ECA 2023-24 Term 1.pdf](#)

ECA Enrolment Procedure

Enrolment will be direct with the teacher running the ECA. Students should enrol directly with the teacher for lunch time ECAs and should collect a permission slip for after-school ECAs.

Residentials

Year 7 ,8 and 9 residentials are now available for booking and will take place from 29th January to 1st February 2024.

For more information, please use the following links

Year 7 & 8: [svs-year-7-8-outdoor-education-program.pdf](#)

Year 9: [svs-year-9-outdoor-education-program.pdf](#)

Please contact dario.sanguigni@southview.ae if you have any questions regarding ECAs or trips.



Academic Update from Mrs Stevens

Key Academic Dates:

Year 11 Options Evening Wednesday 25
October

Assessment Week 1 – w/b 30 October

[Revision techniques from BBC Bitesize](#)

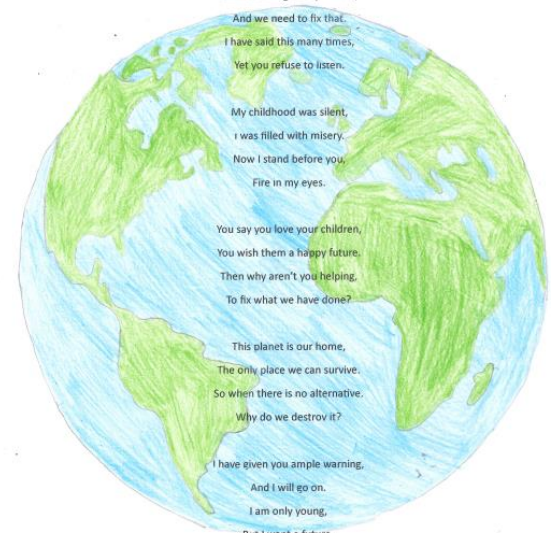


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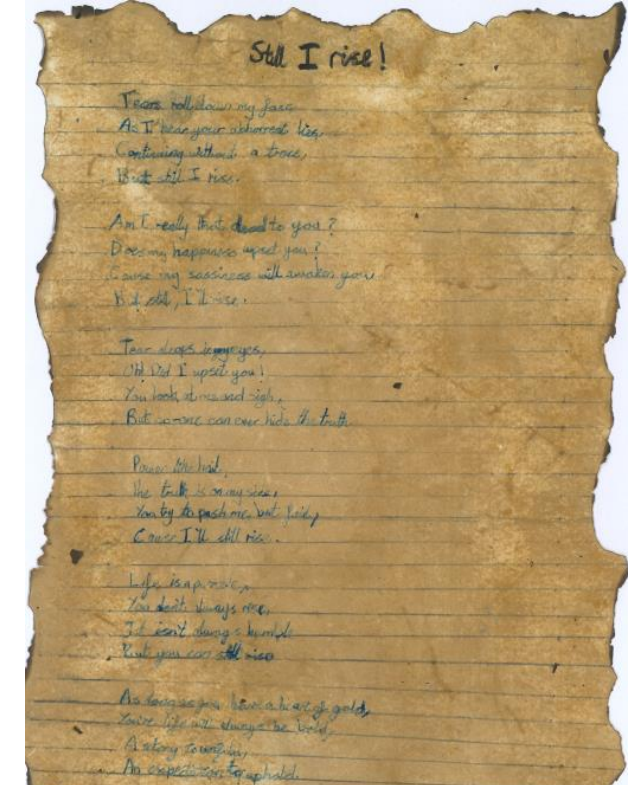


Still I Rise

From Greta Thunberg's perspective



Lana M



Layan E

English Update from Mr. Archibald

Over the last five weeks, students across Years 7, 8, and 9 have been focusing on different aspects of poetry. Students have been rewriting existing texts from other people's perspectives, creating concrete poetry, as well as learning about different poetic styles. Some of the great work our students do can be seen here.



Strange Town Writing Competition

Over the past few weeks, we have been running a story writing competition here at SVS. Students have been fiercely engaged and motivated to take part and we are excited to announce the winners. They are:

First place:

Lana Marsh (Year 7)

Runners up:

Sarah Bachnakova (Year 8)

Sinethi Abeyratne (Year 9)

Alula Marsh (Year 10)

Thank you to all the phenomenal entries we have received and a well done to the winner and runners up. Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to Ms. Lynch for all her hard work in organising this competition.

STRANGE TOWN WRITING COMPETITION!



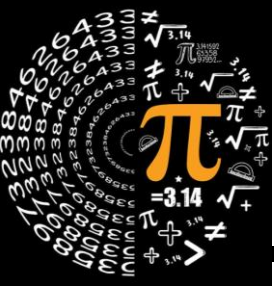
"IT WAS AN ORDINARY NIGHT BUT THIS WAS NO ORDINARY TOWN. THIS WAS STRANGE TOWN."

CREATE EITHER A SHORT STORY OR A POEM THAT INVOLVES A STRANGE TOWN.

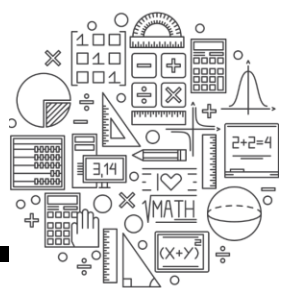
FINAL SUBMISSION DATE: 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023
MAXIMUM WORD COUNT: 500 WORDS

ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO MISS LYNCH





Maths Puzzle Competition



Y7 and 8 Winners

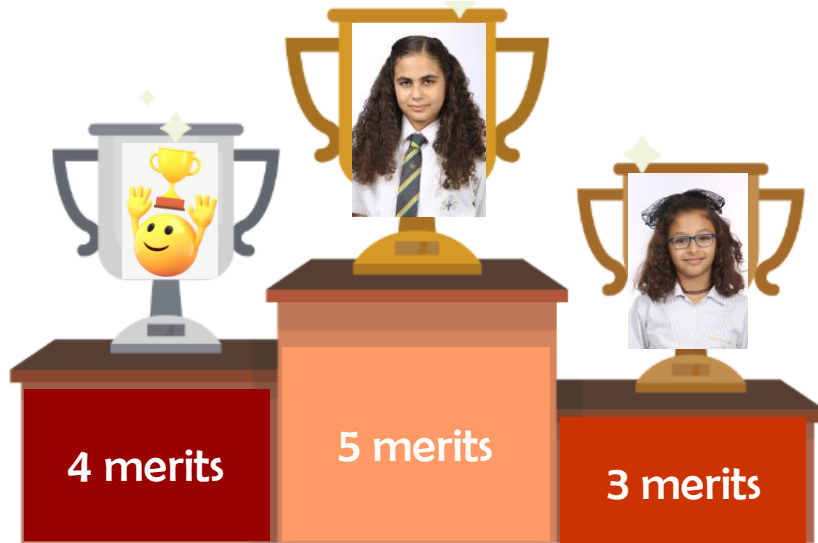
Congratulations to Jana Ahmed in 8B for winning the KS3 maths puzzle 3!!

Second
Franco, 7B

Third
Farida, 7A

Fourth
Layan, 8C

Correct entry
Lillia, 7A



PUZZLE 3:

Think of any number. Add five; multiply by two; add ten; divide by two; subtract your original number; add three. What is the resulting number?

- A 10 B 11 C 12 **D 13** E 14

Y9, 10 and 11 Winners

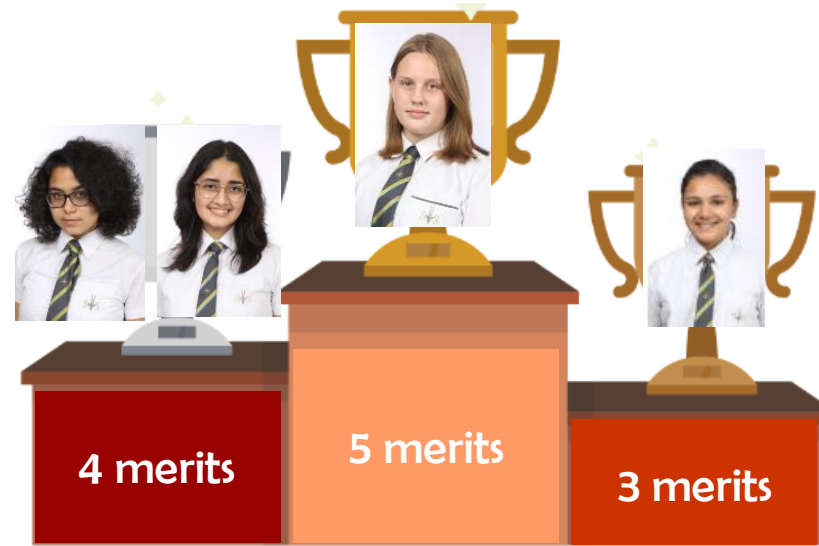
Congratulations to Tessa in 10B for winning the KS4 maths puzzle 3!!

Joint second
Deima, 11B
Julia, 11B

Third
Saman, 9B

Fourth
Angelina, 11B

Correct entry
Kieron, 10A



PUZZLE 3:

In the Caribbean, loggerhead turtles lay three million eggs in twenty thousand nests. On average, how many eggs are in each nest?

- A 15 **B 150** C 1500 D 15000 E 150000



Arabic Update from Mr Kerba

Earlier this week, Mr. Flint wrote to families explaining the departure of Mr. Hassan and the plans of the school, moving forward. [You can read that letter here.](#)

Dear Parents of Year 9 and 10,
I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the Year 9 parents for your attendance at yesterday's options meeting. If you are interested in obtaining further information regarding our Arabic course, kindly click on the following link. [GCSE Arabic Language Year 9 Options 2023.pdf](#)

I extend my sincere appreciation to the winners of the "Read and Win" competition. Your tremendous efforts and dedication to secure victory in this competition are truly commendable. Congratulations to all of you, and I encourage you to continue your exemplary work.

We would like to encourage our Arabic reading inside and outside school this links will help our students to read on daily bases. Parents are welcome to read and share their reading on your child team. You can use the below links to access wide range of books to read.

<https://books-library.net/t-2811-download>

<https://mbrf.ae/ar/children-library>

<https://t.me/joinchat/AAAAAFfibenzenIAv0KceNw>

To access
MOE Arabic
A Books
Please press
[Here.](#)

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS IN READ AND WIN COMPETITION

Lillia Aboueldahab Y7-A
6 merits

Fatima Shetiah Y7-D
6 merits

Yassin Fahmy Y7-E
6 merits

Layan Hassan Y8-C
6 merits

الرابحون في مسابقة اقرأ واربع هذا الأسبوع

Malika Elemary Y7-A
6 merits

Rugia Shetiah Y7-D
6 merits

Hanin Taha Y8-B
6 merits

Jana Ragheb Y9-A
6 merits

Islamic Update Mr Kerba

Dear Respected Parents,

Al Salam Alukom Wa Rahmat Allah.

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We are pleased to share with you some important updates regarding your child's progress in Islamic studies. It is our privilege to keep you informed about the remarkable achievements of our students.

We are delighted to inform you that your child has shown remarkable progress in their Islamic studies. Their dedication and hard work have been truly inspiring. They have demonstrated a strong commitment to their spiritual development and have excelled in their understanding of Islamic teachings. We commend their achievements and the effort they have put into this important aspect of their education.

Engagement with Islamic Treasure App: Our school has witnessed a significant increase in student engagement with the Islamic Treasure App, which has been a valuable resource for enhancing Islamic knowledge. We have noticed that many students have been actively participating in interactive lessons, quizzes, and other features offered by the app. We appreciate your continuous support in encouraging your child to interact with this beneficial platform.

However, we would like to kindly request your assistance in motivating those students who have not been actively engaging with the Islamic Treasure App. To maximize the benefits of this valuable resource, we encourage all students to log in and complete the tasks regularly. This will not only strengthen their Islamic knowledge but also enhance their overall educational experience.

Quran and Hadith Targets on Islamic Treasure App: As part of our commitment to fostering a deeper understanding of the Quran and Hadith, specific targets have been assigned on the Islamic Treasure App. These targets are designed to help your child achieve a comprehensive understanding of these essential Islamic texts. We encourage your child to actively participate in these assignments and take full advantage of the resources available.

We believe that these updates reflect the importance we place on your child's Islamic education and spiritual development. Your continued support and encouragement at home are invaluable in helping them achieve their full potential in this important area of their studies.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress in Islamic studies or their interaction with the Islamic Treasure App, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to assist you in any way we can.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and spiritual growth. We look forward to witnessing their continued success in their Islamic studies.

May Allah's blessings be with you and your family.

Congratulations to Ms. Ghaya, our Arabic and Islamic Secretary, on her graduation!



Humanities Update from Ms Coy

Alula and Lana Marsh in Year 7 and Year 10 are two incredibly talented sisters who are passionate youth conservationists. They both participated in a workshop learning with padiaware about coral - what it is, how important it is to our planets and how we can protect it for future generations. The girls will be joining a team of local divers working on a project out in Dibba - transplanting and rehabilitating coral Reefs. What amazing work these ladies are doing. We are very proud of them here at SVS They created awareness posters and have kindly shared and put up in our school.



BUSINESS

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Year 12 Business Achievement

Humanities Update from Ms Coy

Congratulations to our Year 12 students Alaa, Ava, Jad, Kamal and Sofiya on their outstanding work in Mr Bacon's BTEC Business class over the last month. Their coursework as part of their assignment has been excellent and they are worthy recipients of these Student Achievement Awards for their effort and attainment.



Humanities Update from Ms Coy

Feed the mammoth - green your future came into speak with the sustainability group on Tuesday to discuss how we can reduce our carbon footprint. They spoke about how much food waste each human creates in a day. Students then, using recycled paper, created posters on how they see the environment in the future.





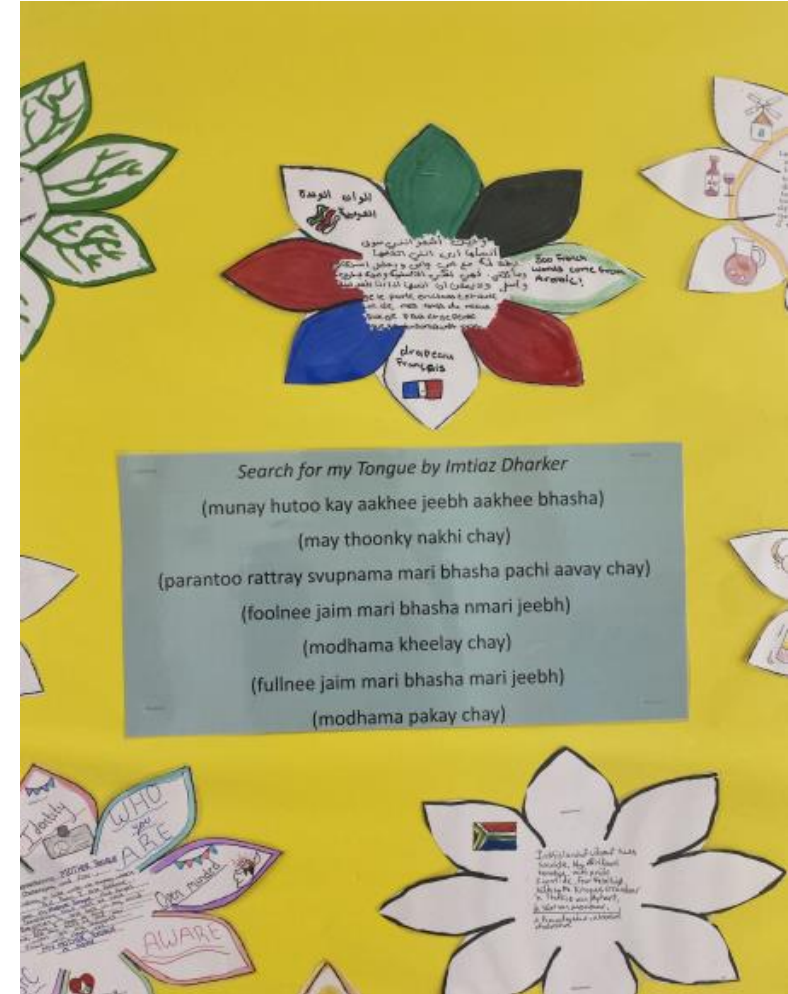
MFL Update from Ms O'Sullivan

Recently, the MFL and English department teamed up for an exciting cross-curricular poetry project with our Year 9 students.

The Year 9 students have studied the poem called 'Search for my Tongue' by Imtiaz Dharker. The poem deals with the topic of identity and culture and both the struggles and joys of being bilingual.

After studying the context and meaning of the poem, some students chose to write a stanza in their native language, whilst others wrote in English to describe the challenges and joys of learning new languages.

The MFL and English team have been very impressed with the creativity and passion shown by our students.





The Arts update from Mrs Rock

Thanks to everyone who came on our theatre trips last week to see Macbeth and Matilda. We hope you enjoyed the shows!

Look out for more trips coming soon...



The wait is finally over! The cast and crew list for our 2024 Secondary School show has now been released to students on teams and on the drama and music noticeboard. Parents of the students involved will receive an email detailing everything you need to know about rehearsals, payments, show dates and exam opportunities!

Those who are interested in sitting the Trinity Performance Grade exams, will have a chance to meet Lauren Noble from Collab Company on Monday 23rd October at 5pm in the Drama Studio. There will need to be a minimum of 10 students in order to run the exam.

Rehearsals will begin the week beginning Monday 23rd of October and main rehearsals will be at the following times:

Mondays - 3:40pm – 4:40pm

Thursdays – 3:40pm – 4:40pm

We are so excited and cannot wait to begin rehearsing with you!



Macbeth at the QE2






The Arts update from Mrs Rock

Choir

Well done to our Choir for performing at the Year 9 options evening and at our celebration assemblies. Choir will continue Tuesday lunchtime at 1:20pm to 1:40pm and Thursday Morning from 7:10am to 7:40am. Please try your best to be there and let Ms Noelle know if you cannot make practice.

Band

Well done on our first band session this week, band practice will continue in the Secondary Music Room on Wednesday and Thursdays at 1:20pm.



Musical Mondays

If you would like to test out your Musical skills, the Music room will be open to all students every Monday from 1:20pm-1:40pm

Young Talented Musician competition

The first round of our Young Talented Musician competition will take place on Sunday November 5th, can those involved please meet with Ms Noelle for practice sessions

ROALD DAHF
Matilda
THE MUSICAL



Matilda @ Dubai Opera





PE Update from Mr Bladen

A tough week of fixtures for our sporting teams with the following results:

- U16 Boys Football 0-7 GEMS Metropole
- U16 Girls Football 0-2 DESC
- U12 Boys Football 0-3 Safa Community
- U12 Girls Football 0-1 DIA Al Barsha
- U16 Girls Basketball 22-17 Safa Community
- U14 Girls Football 0-8 Arbour
- U16 Boys Basketball 38-46 EIS Meadows

We are straight back into fixtures after half term. Please see below:

- Monday 23rd October - U16 Boys Football vs Jebel Ali
- Monday 23rd October - U16 Girls Football @ Fairgreen
- Tuesday 24th October - U12 Girls Football vs EIS Meadows
- Wednesday 25th October - U16 Girls Basketball @ Arbour
- Thursday 26th October - U14 Boys Football @ GEMS Metropole
- Thursday 26th October - U16 Boys Basketball @ DBS Jumeirah Park

All details have been sent to parents and available on our school SOCS website: <https://www.schoolssports.com/school/Default.asp?id=29779>





Join us every lunchtime in the SMPH for your 30 minutes of physical activity during this years DFC challenge.

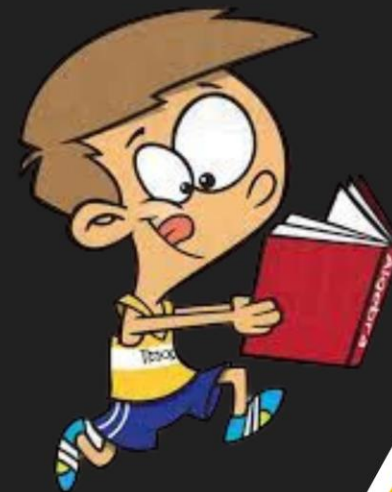
Lunchtime SMPH			
Monday 30 th Year 7 Football	Tuesday 31 st Yoga	Wednesday 1 st Girls Basketball	Thursday 2 nd Netball
Monday 6 th Year 8 Football	Tuesday 7 th HIIT	Wednesday 8 th Girls Basketball	Thursday 9 th Netball
Monday 13 th Year 9 Football	Tuesday 14 th Circuits	Wednesday 15 th Girls Basketball	Thursday 16 th Netball
Monday 20 th Year 10/11 Football	Tuesday 21 st Kick Boxing	Wednesday 22 nd Girls Basketball	Thursday 23 rd Netball

28th October - 26th November 2023

STARTING
27TH OCTOBER
2023



READ AND RUN MARATHON 2023



**READ 26 BOOKS
AND RUN 26 MILES**

Read any accelerated reader book or short story and run 26 miles over the DFC month

