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Garforth's only centenarian, **Maurice Norman**, has lived in Garforth since the 1960s. He celebrated his 100th birthday on the 4th February with numerous parties and events over a 2 week period. Maurice is very active in Garforth serving on various committees and taking part in community events and has led an eventful and varied life. He has written poems about his life which has been picked up by a poetry group who have asked permission to read it at their events.

Maurice spoke to Year 8 and gave a great insight into life across the 1930s and 40s and then held a very interesting question and answer session. A big thank you to Maurice for sharing his wisdom and experience with our students.



A better night for our Year 9 girls, who marched on in the Leeds Schools Cup, thanks to an 8-3 victory at home to Morley! Megan I x4, Affy M x3 and Mila J on the scoresheet. Well done Team!

On Saturday 21st February, **Amalie M**, Y8, competed in the English Nationals Cross Country race in Sedgfield, County Durham. She represented Leeds City Athletics club and ran very well through tough terrain - mud and hills - and very windy conditions.

Well done Amalie, we're very proud of you!



Year 7's were tasked with designing a family coat of arms in History. After trawling through hundreds of entries we arrived at our winners.

The scores for each winner was then added together for our house competition. Kirkstall and Lotherton both scored 80 points, Oakwell scored 97, Harewood scored 100 and Newsome scored a massive 121 points! Well done to everyone who took part.



19 Garforth students took part in the National Indoor Rowing Championships in Leeds, last Friday, with Freya L, Year 11, winning gold! Well done to Freya and to everyone who took part!



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## **Proud Thursday**

Proud Thursday were awarded to: Thomas D, Poppy C, Ryan C, Daisy C, Rosemary S, Seth B, Phoebe A, Isobel S, Dante A and Seth M in Year 7. Skye B in Year 8 and Egypt P in Year 10. Congratulations to all our Proud Thursday students.

## **Principal Commendation**

Three Principal commendations were given out in the last two weeks - Mason B, Y9, Ameila M, Y10 and Joshua M, Y11. Congratulations!

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Leeds Legend **Lucas Radebe** visited the Academy this week to speak to students, hold a Q&A session as well as a football skills session. Huge thanks to Leeds United for their help in organising and to Lucas for giving his time and sharing his experiences. I think staff were just as excited, if not more so, than the students!



**Prince O-K**, in Year 8, has been busy again, holding a pop-up shop in Leeds Kirkgate Market as part of the Fab Feb Half Term events. Prince sold fidget toys and sensory support products and his younger sister, Verity, aged 8. Prince's products are available online and he will also have another pop-up shop at Leeds Playhouse on 21st March. Keep up the great work Prince!



Our amazing staff bringing their favourite characters to life for World Book Day!

Groups included:

Maths: 101 Dalmatian

English: Peter Pan

History: Goldilocks and other fairytale characters

Science: Lord of the Rings

SEND: Various

Well done everyone, lovely to see so many take part and encourage a love of reading!



Mrs Brabb's Cooking Club is still going strong! Look at these beautiful jam shorties from Jovie P, Charlie K and Ocean W in Year 7. Well done everyone, did you save any to share at home?



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## **Dates to remember**

17th March - Year 7 Parents' Evening

26th March - Year 11 Good Luck Evening

30th March - Exam Stress Support for Parents

2nd April - School closes for Easter holidays

3rd April - Bank Holiday: Good Friday