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World Book Day is a page turner for staff and pupils

Staff and pupils at each of our sites got into the spirit of World Book Day this month - to help encourage reading and a love of books. The day is an annual charity event held on the first Thursday of March every year to provide each child in full-time education with a voucher to be spent on a book of their choosing.

World Book Day aims to encourage reading for pleasure amongst children and is promoted in more than 100 countries around the globe.



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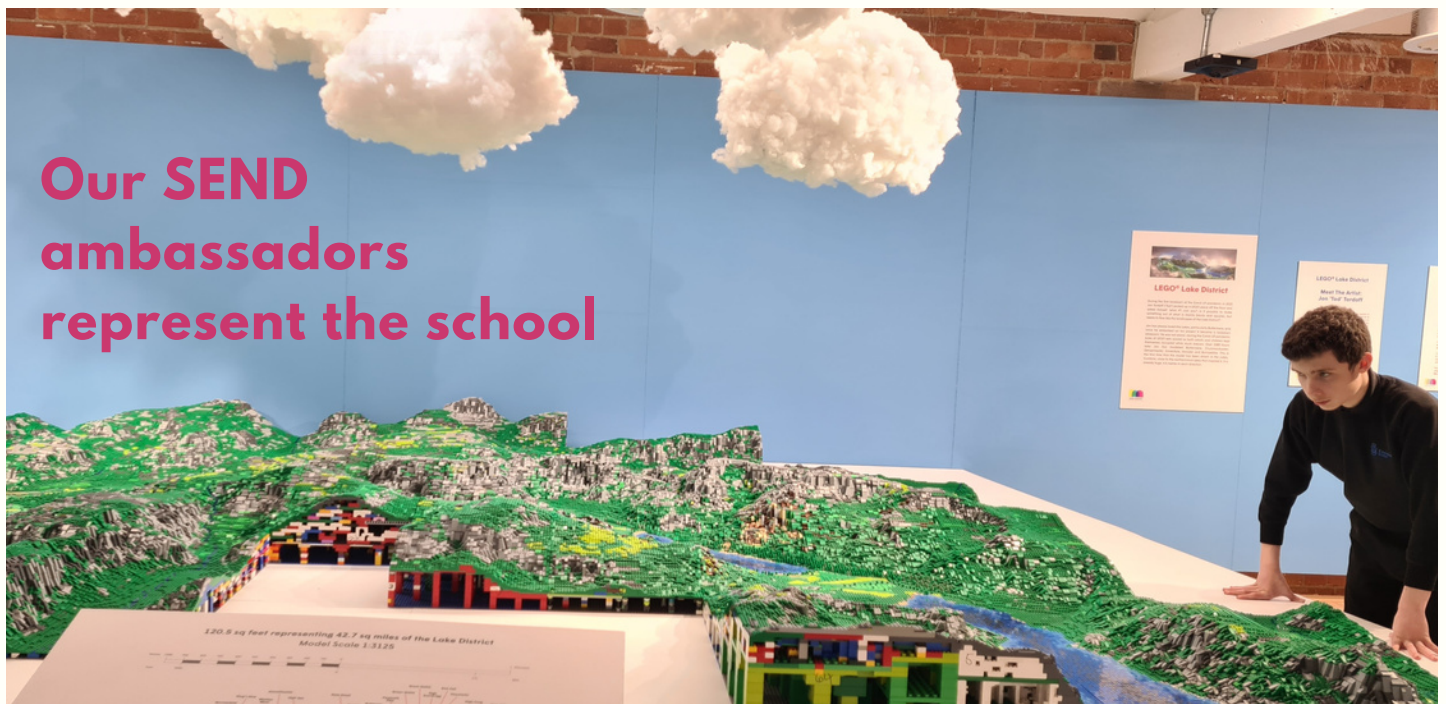
**SEND AMBASSADORS
REPRESENT SCHOOL
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Our SEND ambassadors represent the school



Students in Y10 Nurture represented Kingsmead School at the SEND ambassadors meeting in the Museum of Making which included a range of schools from around the city.

Pupils took part in a range of activities to have their say about the local SEND strategy and what is important to them.

The pupils were described as brilliant and acted as fantastic ambassadors for the school and all the staff were impressed with their conduct.

After the meeting they also had chance to see the sights at the Museum including the Lego exhibition which they particularly enjoyed.

They even managed some time to enjoy the spring sunshine!





Teamwork makes the dream work in Peaks

Year 11 pupils enjoyed three days in the Peak District ahead of their Prince's Trust qualification: Teamwork, communication, resilience, confidence, problem solving, independence and leadership. Well done to all involved.





Pupils reaching for success as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award

Pupils from Bridge Street School, working towards their DofE Bronze Award, embarked on their most challenging adventure yet – attempting to reach the summit of Higger Tor overlooking the Burbage Valley. Developing navigation skills along the route, pupils came up against winding and boggy paths, challenging inclines and uneven ground. Although the summit was not reached this time, the summit of the nearby Carl Wark fort was! A challenging but rewarding day for all those involved – onwards and upwards!



Mock interviews are a recipe for confidence building

During National Careers Week we held mock interviews so pupils could speak with industry specialists and practice their interview skills.

Students conducted themselves maturely and professionally, seeing the benefit of this exercise to grow their confidence and experience, ready for their future.

Huge thanks to those who helped out including representatives from Derby County Community Trust, Derby College and Rolls-Royce.





A beautiful opportunity to find out about future careers

Some of our Year 11 pupils who are interested in hair, health and beauty as a Post 16 option, had the opportunity to visit a local salon based in Friar Gate to meet the owner Jodie Amber and her team.

Our pupils gained knowledge about different areas of training and the associated accreditation they would need. They were able to have a taster of a live training session for students that were participating in a four-day training course in the area of aesthetics at the studio.

Jodie spoke about her career pathway – from training as a nurse and gaining her NMC registered nurse pin, to entering the world of aesthetics, opening two clinics in the UK and one clinic in Dubai. Our pupils were inspired by Jodie's story and shared this experience with their parents and peers.



Pupils immersed in the world of art

Six students from Castle School attended an exhibition in Leicester called 'Van Gogh – The Immersive Experience'.

The exhibition included a three-dimensional representation of Van Gogh's painting entitled 'Bedroom in Arles', which the students could experience by walking inside it.

The final part of the exhibition was a Virtual Reality experience where the students were able to walk inside some of Van Gogh's paintings, which students really enjoyed.

