

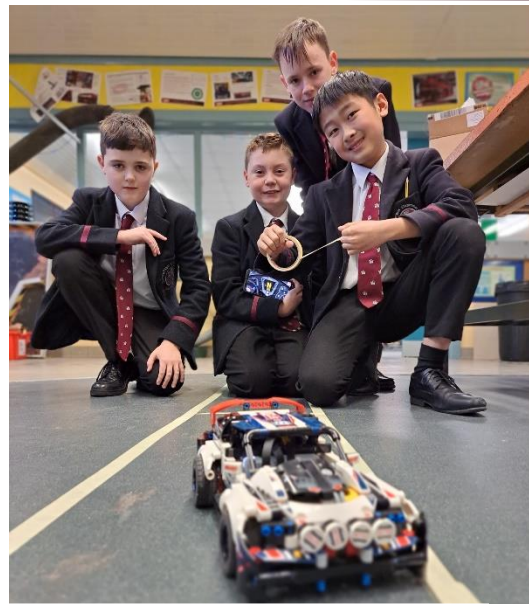


# CGS NEWS

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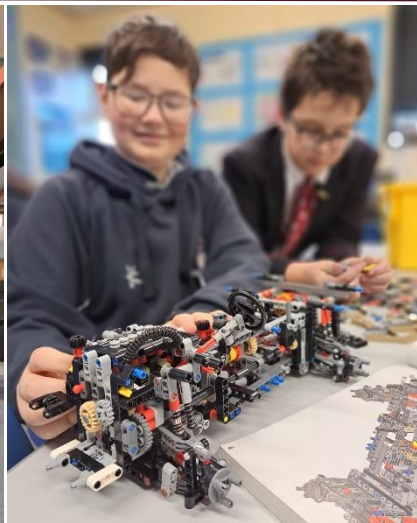
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## STEM work latest

Our STEM club have been working very hard over the past few weeks building elaborate Lego technic designs. Here we can see the fruits of their labour. Some excellent skills on show. Well done to the team! #LEGO #TEAMWORK #STEMHEROES



## STEM HEROES

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATHEMATICS



CARRICKFERGUS GRAMMAR SCHOOL & C.G.S PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

# SPRING FAIR

APRIL 22ND | 11AM TO 2PM

COME AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FOR STALL BOOKINGS OR GENERAL ENQUIRIES  
EMAIL: CGSPTA@HOTMAIL.CO.UK  
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## Sponsorship News



We are delighted to officially announce that Like Architects have kindly sponsored our 2XI shirts. The Like Architects logo has taken pride of place on the front of the 2XI shirt.

We would like to thank Mr Michael Martin for supporting us, and we are delighted to have seen him on the sidelines supporting! Thank you to @likearchitectsbelfast for your support.

*"Like Architects were awarded Architectural Practice of the Year (Residential) and Architectural Practice of the Year (Commercial) at the Belfast Telegraph Property Awards 2022".*

## A Royal Appointment



As one of his final duties as Commanderies Cadet of the Year, Year 13 pupil William Somerville attended an Achievers' Event at Buckingham Palace. William has been delivering Assemblies to our pupils in Years 8-11 on the benefits of participation in the St. John Ambulance Schemes. From us all at CGS, many congratulations, William.

*"It was an honour meeting Princess Anne at the St John Ambulance Young Achievers Reception in Buckingham Palace on the 7th of February. this was a personal highlight for me." -William Somerville*



# Literacy latest at CGS

To celebrate World Book Day 2023, many of our KS3 classes took part in a Book Swap. Classes recommended and swapped books to get new reading material for their reading for pleasure lessons in English. World Book Day tokens have been shared with parents via ParentMail. Your digital token can be used to get a free book from your nearest bookseller. Your local bookseller might be on the high street (The Secret Bookshelf located in the Courtyard in Carrickfergus is taking part) or it could be a supermarket. *The book tokens are valid from Thursday 16 February to Sunday 26 March 2023.*



**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
2 MARCH 2023

At the end of February, nine local primary school literacy leaders met with Mrs Taylor at CGS to explore how to further improve our pupils' literacy. Lots of tea and delicious tray bakes were consumed and some exciting new primary



school links were formed. Pupils from Year 8 and Year 14 presented on our school's Tutor Reading Programme and knowledge-rich English curriculum. *Well done to Jamie Andrews (Pictured, 8P), Emma Boyd (8P), Grace Delucchi (14R) and Georgia Hall (14S) for delivering excellent presentations!*

Come along to Creative Writing Club, every Friday Week 1 in Room 39 at lunchtime. Over the next couple of months, we will be drinking lots of hot chocolate and working on our entries to Ulster University's new writing competition 'An Open Door'.



Ulster University, Department of English, would like to invite Year 8-14 pupils to participate in our Poetry Competition.

**BRIEF - 'AN OPEN DOOR'**

Drawn figures prominently within Heaney's work as he alludes to new possibilities. What does the concept of 'An Open Door' mean to you?

Is it a new opportunity, new pathway, a building or location, where does the doorway lead you to? Is it a physical door or a memory of one, is it a

**SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY**

The competition is open to Year 8-14 pupils in schools and colleges across Northern Ireland and will be judged by a panel from the Ulster University English Literature department.

The closing date is midnight 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We recommend all entrants read the rules carefully before entering. Entries should be emailed to [schools@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:schools@ulster.ac.uk). All entries will be published at Ulster University.



Our Director of Research, Mr Roberts, travelled to London recently to officially recognise Carrickfergus Grammar School's position as the first Research School in Northern Ireland. At a conference of all 11 leading schools from across the UK, Mr Roberts was greeted by Bradley Busch, author of the Science of Learning and Director of InnerDrive, one of the UK's leading institutions supporting teachers.

Research recognition



A great result for the U17 Squad beating Wellington 29-12!

Tries scored by Ellis Branagh x2, Joshua Oluwatula x2 & Adam Magill. 2 Conversions from Ellis Branagh.



Well done to all that played, especially the medallion players who are stepping up and doing great!

#proud

## Charity Work update



Oxfam appeal for Turkey/Syria. Thank you to all who donated towards the appeal for help for victims of the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. £527 was raised, and with Gift Aid donations, Oxfam will receive over £640.



## Dates for your diary

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's Day. School closed.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Staff training morning / Year 9 parental consultations via SchoolCloud 1.00-3.25pm.
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 14 Year Group, Music & Sports photographs.
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Spring Concert. 
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - School closes at midday for Easter holidays. Year 11 parental consultations via SchoolCloud 12.45-3.15pm.

## Gold medal success

Congratulations to our very own Mark Todd in Year 8, who was competing in the English Wrestling Championships this weekend. Mark won five matches out of five to take the gold medal. *Well done, Mark!*



Many congratulations to our very own Jessica Carlisle in Year 12 who danced in Carrickfergus and came first in the championship, making her the Age 16 North Coast Champion! *Well done, Jessica!*

North Coast Champion