“How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world.” William Shakespeare

Last week, our school commemorated (honoured) 400 years since William Shakespeare’s death which occurred on 23rd April 1616. No-one really knows his birth date, although we do know he was baptised on 23rd April 1564, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwickshire, England. He produced most of his work during 1589 to 1613. Originally, he was an actor before becoming a playwright and poet in London. Some of his tragedies (serious plays) include Hamlet and McBeth and tragic romances such as Romeo and Juliet. Many of his plays were performed at the Globe theatre, London, 1599. Unfortunately, it burned down in 1613. However, it was re-built but it was closed down in 1642. Finally, a third Globe was built and re-opened in 1997 so people can now experience an Elizabethan theatre. Why is he so famous? Probably because his plays are seen and still read today. Also, he invented over 1,700 new words to us including ‘gloomy’, ‘green-eyed’ and ‘amazement!’ Check out our school’s website to find out how each class highlighted the anniversary of his death.

G Taylor, K Fairhurst, E Simpson, D Kohova, D Wiedemann

Everton football club was founded in 1878 and started at St.Domingo’s as a church team. Later, their name was changed to Everton FC in 1879. Their moto, “nil sati nisi optimum” is Latin and means “nothing but the best is good enough.” Everton’s first manager was Theo Kelly in 1939. However, the stadium, Goodison Park, was opened in 1892 and was the first football stadium in England. In 1957, it was the first club to install floodlights. Today, the stadium has a capacity of 78,299 fans. Everton in the Community is it’s official charity and helps over 2000 local charities a year.

W Gallagher
Dive In!

Wigan swimming club - WASPS, train at the Wigan Life centre and is a great club if you would like to take part in competitive swimming. Dasha and Leila talked to Diana Weidemann about her experiences with the club.

“When did you start swimming with the club?”
“I started about 3 months ago. I felt nervous, excited and scared all at the same time. Nevermind the butterflies, I had the whole zoo!”

“Why did you want to join the WASPS?”
“I’ve been swimming in Skelmersdale for 1 year but I wanted to do more so I researched swimming teams and found the WASPS.”

“How often do you swim?”
“I swim five times a week, 3 times in Wigan.”

“What is your favourite swimming stroke?”
“Swimming is my favourite sport and I enjoy the breaststroke best.”

“When you were a beginner, what did you find hard?”
“At first, I found it hard to keep up with the group but I am now faster”.

“What would be your tips for amateur swimmers?”
“I think you should start as soon as you can, practise at least an hour a week, push yourself, use perseverance and don’t give up.”

If you are interested in taking up swimming as a sport, check out the clubs on offer in Skelmersdale, Wigan and Ormskirk.

D Kohova, L Ujlab and D Weidemann

It’s All Mine!

Minecraft won the ‘Kids Choice Award for Favourite Videogame’ in 2015 and I would definitely recommend it. It was created in 2009 by Swedish programmer Markus Persson. In 2014, it had over 5.4 million users so it must be good! Minecraft is a ’lego-style’ adventure game. It is all about the player digging (mining) and building (crafting) different kinds of 3D blocks within a world of varying habitats (places) to explore. You can build amazing things from homes to castles. You can craft armour or weapons to fend off moving creatures (mobs) which can include: zombies, giant spiders and even cows! It can be played on desktops (windows), consoles (Xbox, Playstation) and devices (I-phone). There are four books you can buy to help you play and learn more about the characters. Any person, who is 7 years old and above can play. I really like it because you can build anything your heart desires! I would give it 10/10!

K Grace

I said to the waiter “How long will my spaghetti be?”
He said, “I don’t know, we don’t measure it!”

I got a birthday card, when I opened it a Yorkshire pudding fell out ... it was from Aunt Bessie!

D Simpson

Today, a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards a swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water!

“Knock! Knock!”
“Who is there?”
“Boo!”
“Boo who?”
“Please don’t cry!”

D Simpson