



World Book Day!

DTA Newsletter

Theme of the Week:

World Book Day

How do books enhance our lives?

Friday 2nd March

Safeguarding Tip:

If you are bringing your child into school or collecting your child from school please do so via the main entrance.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great start to new half term despite the snowy weather. Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring the pupils got into school. There has been real high quality learning this week in preparation for the tests in the next few weeks which start on Monday. Year 7 tests next week and Year 8 and Year 9 the following week. Please encourage your child to revise at home and to use the before and after school homework clubs for additional support and revision.

We ended last half term with the Debate Club. It is fantastic to see so many pupils involved in the club and how articulate they are with a wide variety of subjects, speaking with such passion and insight.

We are now a licensed centre for the Duke of Edinburgh Award! Some of our Year 9 pupils are due to start the Bronze Award shortly and I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy the wide variety of activities and expeditions that are planned.

Read on to find out more about our activities for World Book Day. Please note that Coffee Morning is on next Friday again, together with our very first 'Headteacher's Drop-in' for parents next week.

Enjoy the newsletter

Yours sincerely

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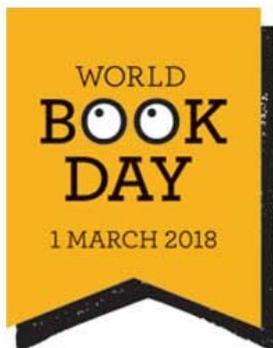
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Year 7 News

Welcome back to all Year 7 after hopefully a restful and fun filled half term break. Thursday 1st March was World book day. All Year 7 have received a £1 World Book Day voucher. Please encourage your child to use the voucher to purchase books. Look out for participating book stores who are offering special deals in support of World Book Day. Due to the severe weather conditions Parents' Evening was cancelled. However this will be rearranged for Thursday 15th March. I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible.



Year 8 News

This week the Year 8s have been issued with their second week's revision timetable in preparation for their up and coming assessments. Their revision should be in full swing! We have also had our group of boys who participate in the Diane Modahl Sports Foundation each Monday out braving the cold weather to complete another session on leadership development with their coach. They had an excellent attitude and worked really well.



Year 9 News

This week, Year 9s have been thinking about their next steps into Year 10 and beyond. As part of their continued Careers, Advice and Guidance curriculum our pupils will be taking part in a weekly workshop aimed at promoting resilience, achievement and independence linked to conduct, effort and attitude. The sessions will be delivered by a trained careers advisor who uses motivational techniques to engage and develop thinking. Please can I ask that you discuss these sessions with your child and ask them how they are going. Also this week, myself and senior leaders within the school have been meeting with the pupils to discuss their options, finalising what they are going to be studying for their GCSEs. Year 9s who have been met with so far, have found these to be very helpful in offering them support through their choices. All of the pupils will be seen over the coming weeks. A great return to school after the break.



World Book Day

Happy World Book Day. We celebrated in school with special Assemblies and by talking about our favourite books. All pupils have been asked to write about their favourite book and the best reviews will be given a £1 Book Token. If you have not received one and would like a book token, please come and see Mrs Bond in the Library. You can spend your token in book shops or at Asda and you can either buy a special World Book Day book, or any other book that you like. If we don't have your favourite book in the Library, please tell Mrs Bond about it so that she can buy it for everyone to enjoy.



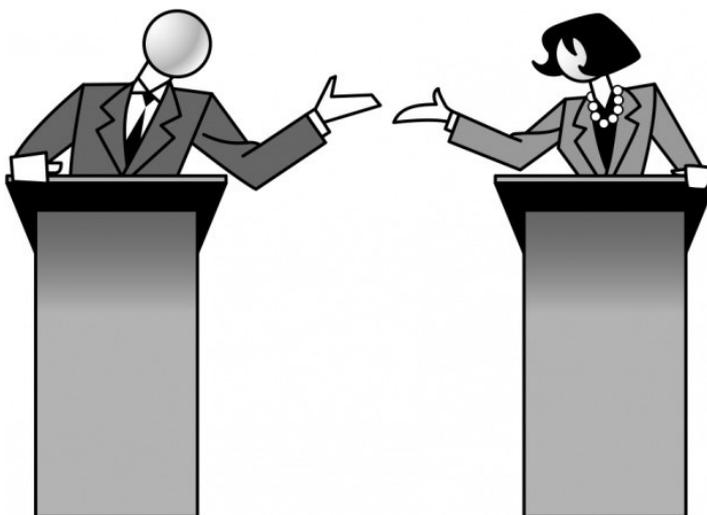
Duke of Edinburgh Award

This week Dean Trust Ardwick received our Duke of Edinburgh Award Licence. 41 of our Year 9 pupils have now started working towards gaining their Bronze award. This will entail 6 months of learning a skill, volunteering and doing physical activity. As well as this they will be taking part in two camping expeditions, hopefully in better weather than we have seen this week! We are very excited to be running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and cannot wait to get started on this adventure.



DTA Debate Club

The DTA Debate Club ran another successful Big Debate on the final Friday of half-term, debating the motion *This House believes that **technology is going to stop us going outside***. Everyone involved spoke passionately and eloquently, and all members of the debate club are making fabulous progress in their debating skills. Next on the agenda is a collaboration with Plymouth Grove primary school, so watch this space!



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Train to Teach with the Dean Trust

Did you know you could train to teach within the Dean Trust at our Teacher Training Centre based at Ashton on Mersey School in Trafford?

Ashton on Mersey Teacher Training aims to develop the outstanding teachers of the future, those who will make a difference in the lives of the pupils they teach and to the colleagues with whom they work.

We are currently recruiting for our 2018/19 Primary and Secondary PGCE programmes.

If you are interested in teaching and would like further information on Teacher Training or to speak to a member of the Ashton SCITT team then please contact Karen Craven, the SCITT administrator karencraven@thedeantrust.co.uk for more details.



Spotlight

Dean Trust Ardwick is embarking on an exciting new Challenge. We are putting on a huge Performing Arts Showcase called 'Spotlight' in the Summer Term, and rehearsals will begin very soon. If any pupil wishes to be involved in the show, they should attend a meeting on Wednesday 3-4pm in the Main Hall. This is set to be a fantastic and exciting project and there are lots of different performance styles to get involved in. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

DTA presents....
'SPOTLIGHT'
Performing Arts Summer Show
DTA are putting on a **BIG SUMMER SHOW!!!**
We need as many performers as possible to take part in a range of extracts from well know plays and musicals, as well dance pieces, chart songs and much more!!
AUDITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH 3PM in the Hall.
See next slide for more info...

What will be included in
'SPOTLIGHT'
Yr 9 performance of.....
WILLY RUSSELL'S **BLOOD Brothers**
Choir pieces...
Yr 7 performance of...
Romeo & Julie
Boys street dance led by professional dancers...
COMPANY CHAMELEON
Various dance pieces of different styles
Songs and dances from...
Matilda
An extract from...
Annie
Acting opportunities – Monologues and group pieces.

PLUS MANY MANY MORE!!!

MFL

Half Term 4 is the shortest term of the year and that means the End of Term Tests are fast approaching. The MFL tests will consist of two translation tasks: English to Spanish and Spanish to English. Make sure you revise by using your Knowledge Organisers, Vocabulary Booklets and Memrise!



Another great website to help with revision is "Linguascope" Make sure you get a Linguascope Pass from your teachers and come to "Linguascope Club" on Tuesday lunchtimes.

Wednesday saw the visit of two Manchester University pupils who have begun to teach German to some of our Year 8s. These taster classes will be over 4 weeks and pupils will learn how to introduce themselves, count to 12 and they will learn about German culture.

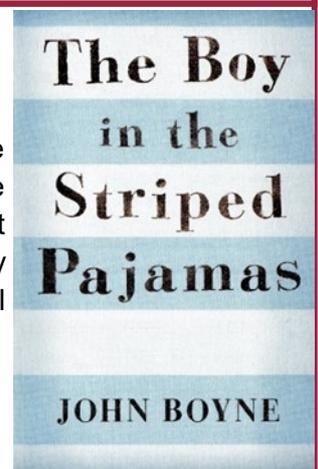
Finally, this week's Stars of the Week are:

Y7:- Alana Flowers: Achieved highest grade in both French and Spanish Speaking Assessments in HT3, well done! **Y8:- Sahend Dinali:** An outstanding effort in Spanish Speaking Assessment in HT3, great work! **Y9:- Malikah Shahbaz:** Outstanding dedication in preparations for oral examination.

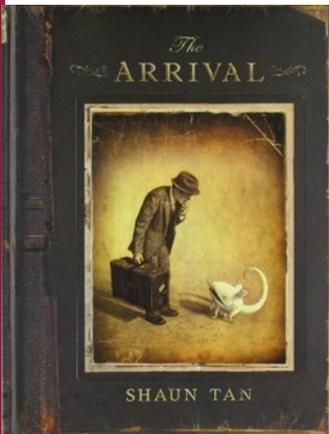
Humanities

History

The story of 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' is very difficult to describe. Usually we give some clues about the book on the cover, but in this case we think that would spoil the reading of the book. We think it is important that you start to read without knowing what it is about. If you do start to read this book, you will go on a journey with a nine-year-old boy called Bruno. (Though this isn't a book for nine-year-olds.) And sooner or later you will arrive with Bruno at a fence. We hope you never have to cross such a fence.



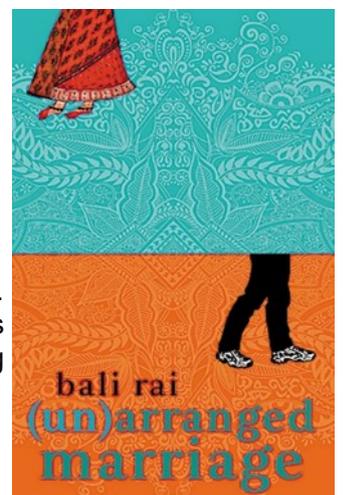
Geography



The Arrival, by Shaun Tan. "Chronicles the alienation and strangeness of migration, all through pictures. Absolutely gorgeous. A man leaves his wife and child in an impoverished town, seeking better prospects in an unknown country on the other side of a vast ocean. He eventually finds himself in a bewildering city of foreign customs, peculiar animals, curious floating objects, and indecipherable languages

R.E

Manny is furious when his father arranges his marriage to a Sikh girl he has never met. He rebels by skipping school, smoking and shoplifting, but his determined family takes drastic action. Set in Leicester and India, this is a compelling account of one young man's struggle to escape his controlling Punjabi family.



Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Palace-113 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Palace-98.8%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Zoha Riaz	7D Dean	12
Tirna Bell-Porter	7D Lowry	11
He, Amanda	7D Palace	11
Amrita Varshini Kumbla	7D Dean	11
Oluwafeyiremi Adeyo	7D Lowry	10

Stars of the Week

English	Orlando Thompson
Maths	
Science	Bilal Munawar
Humanities	Zanyar Saleh
Technology	Lisandra Bondereva
PE	Mohammed Takoori
RE	Xanta Dunn
Art	Ayah Saleh
MFL	Shereese Weaver
Computer Science	Setareh Ahkami
Performing Arts	Danyal Raja

Year 8 Awards

Form of the Week Attendance

Deansgate-127 Grade 1s

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Palace-96.4%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Duhaa Dokhane	8T Picc	17
Tahir Choudhury	8T Bridge	16
Yonis Dattilo	8T Gaskell	15
Fatiha Hossain	8D MOSI	15
Sumayah Ahmed	8T Vic	14

Stars of the Week

English	Nela Gaborova
Maths	
Science	Safoora Nawaz
Humanities	Yidian Liu
Technology	Hanad Muse
PE	Ruhale Abraham
RE	Kian Duffy
Art	Hadeeka Khan
MFL	Kofi Nsiah
Computer Science	Tina Nguyen
Performing Arts	Kamran Shinwara

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Whitworth-87 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Bridgewater-96.5%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Rebecca Caminito	9D Whit	9
Nimra Mohammad	9D Whit	9
Alicia Boss	9T Picc	8
Kameliya	9T Bridge	8
Klimasevskaya		
Nancy Appiah	9D Whit	7

Stars of the Week

English	Mozammel Akbari
Maths	
Science	Alyza Shakoor
Humanities	Jun Shen
Technology	Malikah Shabaz
PE	Fatima Bukhari
RE	Gracie Henry
Art	Naveedul Alam
MFL	Arooj Zulfiqar
Computer Science	Tyrell Morrison
Performing Arts	Emi Sam

Whole School Attendance

96.9%