



DTA Newsletter

Theme of the Week:

Fundraising Week

Friday 3rd March
2017

Caught 'Read' Handed for World Book Day!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting return to school after the half term break with preparation for our Fundraising even next week, World Book Day, and our Ardwick litter picking event! Read on to find out more.

Pupils have returned to school in a positive frame of mind; they are eager to borrow books from our Library – at last!

We also welcome our two new Reading and Literacy Assistants; Mrs Alam and Mrs Burton.

We are busy preparing for our Spring term tests which will take place in the school hall week commencing 13th March.

We hope you are finding our new app useful following the letter we sent out to you recently, if you have any queries, please contact us.

Enjoy a good read!

Yours sincerely

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Year 7 News

Two Year 7 forms had the pleasure of joining Mrs Wiseman and their Form Tutors for a free breakfast in the dining hall to celebrate their excellent attendance and BFL grades. Mrs Connaughton with Gaskell and Mr Breen with Piccadilly feasted on waffles, croissants, cheesy bagels and toast to get Wednesday morning off to a great start! Congratulations to both forms. Mrs Wiseman would like to remind all Year 7s that the top 50 pupils with the best attendance and BFL grades this half term will be rewarded with a movie afternoon at the end of the term!



Year 8 News

Dean Trust Ardwick is delighted to be joining the Eco-Schools programme providing a simple framework to help make sustainability an integral part of school life. Ms Ashraf and Mr Lawlor took seven pupils to represent Dean Trust Ardwick and take part in an event tackling litter in our local area. The event brought together, Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean campaign and Wayne & Koda – the man and his dog walking the UK coastline litter-picking as they go. Taking part in the Big Tidy Up was a great way to teach young pupils about the problem of litter. The simple act of picking up litter as a group acted as a catalyst for huge change inspiring pupils to make real and lasting changes in their neighbourhoods and to come together to work on other initiatives to improve their local environment and school. Pupils said:

*“Very inspirational and made me motivated to keep our City Green”- **Kashif***

*“I loved the trip! It was a great opportunity to meet Wayne and Koda learning all about his journey and keeping Britain clean” – **Aisha***

*“The trip helped me to understand why picking litter is really important and I really enjoyed the trip because we cleaned at least a percentage of the world and at least that helped some animals or other people” - **Kameliya***



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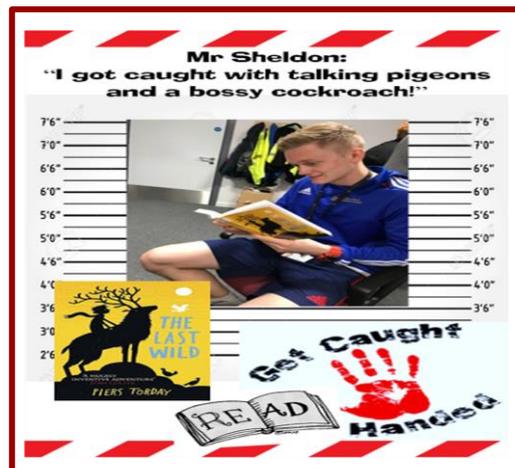
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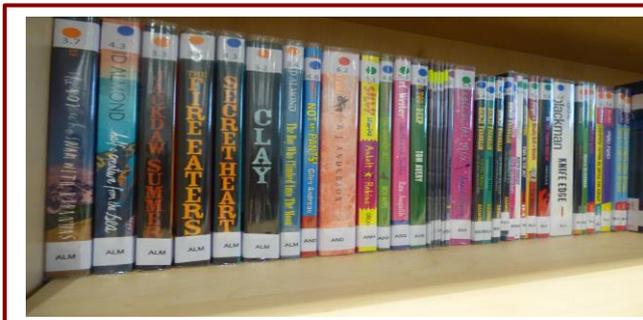
World Book Day

We are all getting caught 'read' handed: Thursday 2nd March was World Book Day and we took the opportunity to launch our new campaign with the pupils to highlight the pleasure and importance of reading. The campaign has the slogan '**Get Caught 'Read' Handed**' and kicked off with all members of staff being 'caught' on camera doing something they would not normally be able to do without the aid of the imaginary worlds we can enter through books. The staff were doing an innumerate amount of things like being caught getting advice from a monster (Miss Whittington reading *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness); being caught in a boat with a tiger (Miss Reynolds reading *Life of Pi*); and even being caught with talking pigeons and a bossy cockroach (Mr. Sheldon reading *The Last Wild* by Piers Today). Our pupils have now been challenged to 'get caught' as many times as possible by submitting their moments to Miss Bond our librarian and a draw will be made each half term with big prizes to be won. To celebrate World Book Day, we also took the opportunity to spend some quality time in English lessons sharing the books we love and the pupils took it in turns to 'sell' their favourite ones to the class. The **Dean Trust Ardwick Big World Book Day Quiz** was overflowing with entries (the winners will be announced soon) and to end the day, all of our pupils were given a free book to take home and enjoy. As the organisers of World Book Day wanted – we all did something booky!



Library News

Just in time for our World Book Day celebrations, the school library is now open for borrowing books. We issue books for two weeks and have a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction titles to choose from and we are constantly adding new titles to our collection. Pupils can log onto our 'Reading Cloud' either in school or at home and choose what they would like to read next, write book reviews and even reserve books if they are out on loan to somebody else. Reading Cloud can also offer suggestions of other authors you might enjoy reading. This term Mrs Bond is offering a merit to everyone who uses Reading Cloud to write a book review. Say what you did (or did not) like about the book, tell us how the characters made you feel, share what it was like to spend time inside that book and why your friends should read (or avoid) it. Remember, you are responsible for any books you borrow. Lost or damaged books may have to be paid for. If you have any questions about the library, Mrs Bond is available throughout the school day.



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Our EAL parents and carers will be running a delicious food stall at our Fundraising Fair.
All Parents and Carers welcome

Dean Trust Ardwick's Fundraising Fair

Dean Trust Ardwick would like to invite all family members to our Fundraising Fair, **Friday 10th March 2.15-3.00pm**. There will be a variety of stalls, all organised by the pupils themselves, raising money to support the charity Water Aid.

In celebration of our fundraising event, our Year 7 Poet Laureate has written a poem to explain what we are doing and why...

Those Who Care

Close your eyes
And imagine
A life with no water
And no way to get it.

Now open your eyes:
Taps, bottles, glasses, jugs,
Mouthfuls, bath-fulls, river-fulls.

But that imaginary world is real.
Millions have not a clean splash.
Millions are dying.

That is why we are making stalls,
Full of our small treasures to sell,
For Water Aid to help
Those less lucky than us.

We can help and share
We are those who care.

By Mustafa Imam
Dean Trust Ardwick
Poet Laureate

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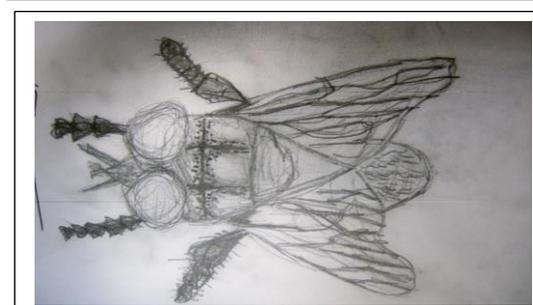
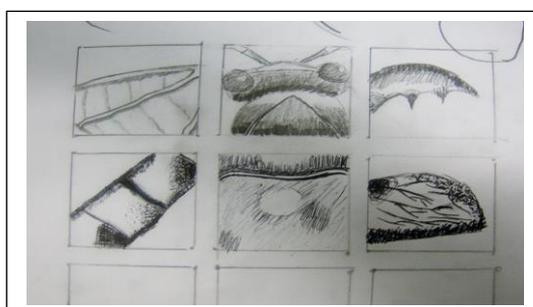
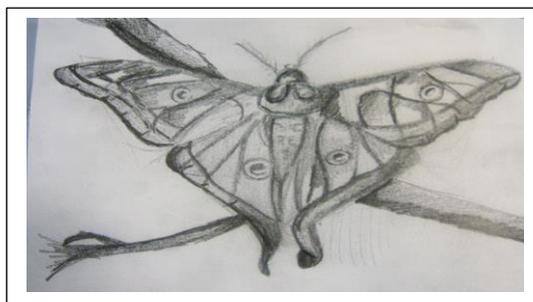
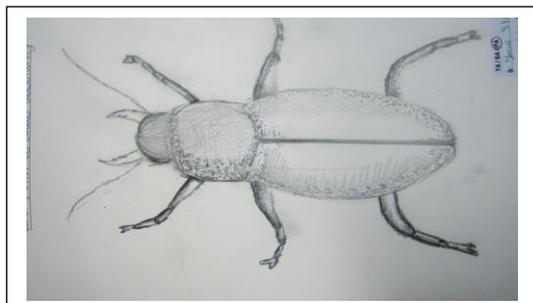
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Art Lessons: in art this week, we have been looking at our observational drawing skills and using our mark making from last week to apply tone to our work. These are some wonderful examples from the Art Room this week.

Art Club: We are getting there! Our mural is getting closer to its finish line.

Set Design: We have been working on our poster designs for the Romeo and Juliet play as the show creeps closer and closer. Costumes have been in full swing this week.



Physical Education

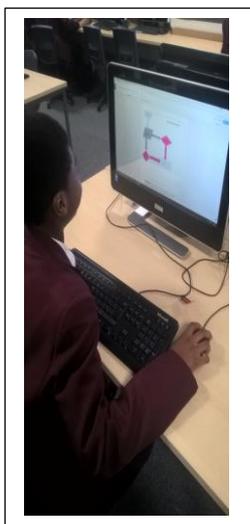
Pupils have made a fantastic start to the new half term in P.E. In lessons pupils have been focusing on developing the last few skills before their practical assessment lesson next week, pupils are making real noticeable progress in their sports and are impressing the entire P.E department. We encourage pupils to continue revising the muscles in the body and components of fitness in preparation for the written exam in two weeks' time. Revision guides can be found in the P.E section on Moodle.

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Science

It's been a busy week in Science and Computer Science this week, as all pupils prepare for their tests. They should be busily revising the topics they have covered so far and using the online resources available to them.



MFL The MFL Department would like to congratulate the following pupils for going that extra mile in their MFL lessons this week.

Year 7 Spanish



Madiha Safdar
Cameron Murray
Amina Qausar
Haider Hayat

7D Deansgate
7D Palace
7T Piccadilly
7T Pankhurst

Year 8 Spanish



Tallat Ghafoor
Nimra Mohammad
Sakariya Sheikh

8D Rylands
8D Whitworth
8D Whitworth

Year 8 French



Arooj Zulfigar
Tallat Ghafoor
Lauren-Lee Thompson

8D Rylands
8D Rylands
8T Bridgewater

MFL Extra-Curricular Activities have resumed this week with great attendance! Don't miss out and join us next week!

Film Club: Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Miss Connaughton in G74 at 3pm.

Linguascope Club: Wednesdays lunch time with Mr Taylor-Johnson in G72 at 12:35pm.

Italian: Wednesdays lunch time with Mr Diaz in 106 at 12:35pm.

Arabic: Fridays with Mr Stroud in 104 at 3pm.

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Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

BfL Form of the Week Winners:
Bridgewater and MOSI – 91 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Victoria and Pankhurst – 99.1%

BfL Grade 1 Top Five Pupils of the Week

BfL Grade 1 winners are:
Haider Hayat
Syed Hussain Farwa
Francis Kamara
Neringa Mataityte
Morgan Noonan

Year 8 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

BfL Form of the Week Winners:
Lowry – 106 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Piccadilly - 98.95%

BfL Grade 1 Top Pupils of the Week

BfL Grade 1 winners are:
Isaac Durbin
Illes Bognar
Oways Sherif
Simon Pramod
Neha Benny

Congratulations!

Whole School Attendance

This week's full school attendance is
96.6%