



Eid Celebrations start with a song!

DTA Newsletter

Theme of the Week:

Your digital footprint:

*What does it say
about you?*

Friday 7th July

Dear Parents and Carers

I have just crept out of a packed hall of parents and pupils talking part in our Eid Celebration afternoon to write to you. I am overwhelmed by the quality of performances and the generosity of pupils and parents in providing what I can only describe as a banquet (intended to be light refreshments)! Please read on to find out more, and hopefully you will join us next time if you didn't manage to come along today.

In addition to this spectacular event, it was an important occasion for 240 Year 6 pupils and parents who visited us earlier in the week for their Transition Day and Parents' Information Evening. Pupils were introduced to the ways of Dean Trust Ardwick and gained a good taste of what it will be like with us. They enjoyed their day and we were delighted when one pupil said 'it's like a mini university.' We can live with that!

With two more weeks to go, pupils are working hard, and school continues just as normal. We look forward to next week's Awards Evening on Thursday and Sports Day on Friday.

Yours sincerely

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Theme of the Week

This week's 'Theme of the Week' was "How long does your Digital Footprint online last?" and quite simply the answer is: forever. A Digital Footprint is left behind whenever you create a social media profile, post a picture of yourself or write comments and blogs online. To demonstrate the implications of a negative Digital Footprint, five pupils from 7T Bridgewater performed a piece of drama to show how a silly picture sent over snapchat, which should only have existed for 10 seconds, was shared online over many social networking sites and lasted for many years. A Digital Footprint, however, can and should be positive. As pupils, parents and staff, we all have a role to ensure that we stay safe online and I have put forward the 5 P's to do so:

Profile - Only use your first name

Privacy - Keep your passwords secret

Protect - Keep evidence and do not bully back

Permission - Ask when you post about someone else

Positive: Post any awards or charity work that you do.



Year 7 News

After a fantastic assembly from 7 Bridgewater and Mr Taylor Johnson this week, Year 7 have been considering their digital footprint. We had some fabulous drama from the girls in Bridgewater during the assembly. A very confident performance. We also celebrated the success of 6 Year 7 girls who participated in the first Dean Trust Challenge 2k run. Well done to Kaya, Maryam, Aryan, Nainawa, Halimah and Shakeira. Miss Bostock presented Gaskell with the fundraising champions award for their excellent contribution to super hero day. What a great week! Well done to everyone involved.



Year 8 News

Last week the University of Manchester hosted the ReachOut graduation to celebrate the progress and achievements made by every one of the Dean Trust Ardwick mentees. The event recognised their success in character and attainment as well as their commitment to a ReachOut programme throughout the year. Furthermore, you will also be pleased to know that a number of our pupils won a number of awards. These include: **Outstanding Character Award winner** - Shaqil . **ROA Attendance of the Year** - Dean Trust Ardwick Year 8 Girls. **Winner of the Zurich aspirations Fair Quiz** – Malaika. **DTA School Mentee of the Year 2017** – Azaan. **Well done Year 8!**



Manchester United Foundation Youth Choir

On Monday evening, I had the pleasure of taking two pupils to Old Trafford Stadium for a night of musical entertainment. Noah and Imaan were chosen to attend due to their keen interest and ability in Music. Manchester United Foundation Youth Choir hosted the event and performed a selection of powerful and moving contemporary pieces. It is our hope to have Dean Trust Ardwick pupils in the Youth Choir and we will be working with the Manchester United Foundation to organise auditions next year. We also had the delight of listening to two internationally award winning choirs from South Africa; The Michaelhouse Chapel Choir and The KawZulu-Natal Youth Choir. The intensity of their voices and stage presence has inspired us to bring the essence of South Africa to Dean Trust and we will now be working on a African choral piece to perform at the end of year awards ceremony. We look forward to telling you more about the music and voices emerging from our pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick soon.

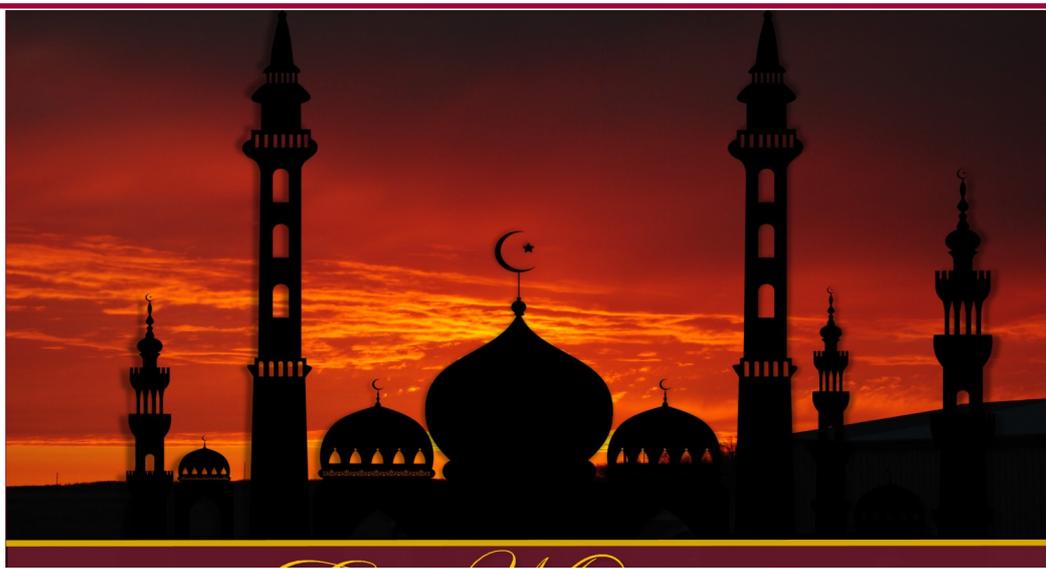
Noah *"My favourite bit was when they were using a whole bunch of instruments and we were dancing to it. It was spectacular!"*

Imaan *"It has inspired me to use a wider range of African instruments."*



Eid Celebration

Today we had our third Eid Celebration. This year's celebration was based upon diversity and equality. All pupils participated with great passion sharing and showing their views and beliefs were respected. Year 7 and Year 8 pupils confidently performed a variety of things to a packed audience including, singing, reading recitations from the Quran and expressing their views on British values.

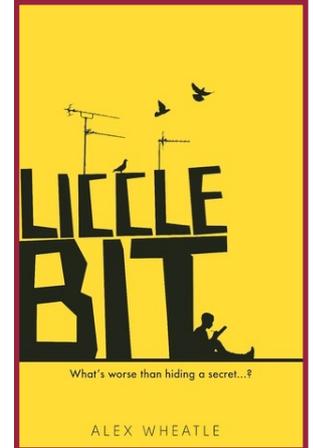
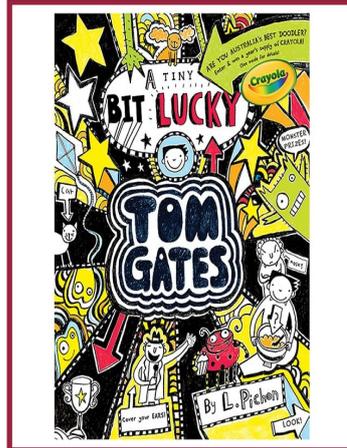
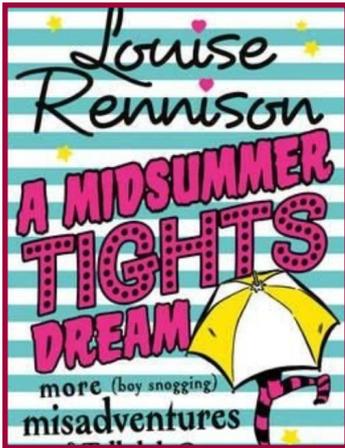


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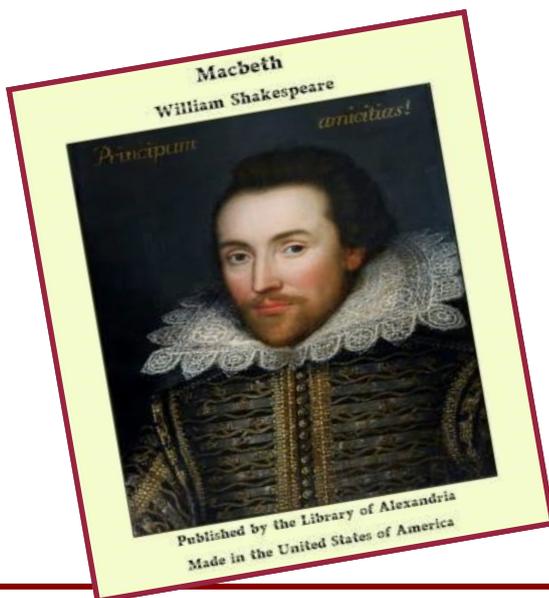
Library News

It has been a busy year in Dean Trust School Library; every pupil in school is able to use the Library to borrow books or do their homework. Over 1600 books have been purchased and 2000 issues made. 83.2% of pupils have borrowed a book this year. The Accelerated Reader programme has been launched and is already having an impact on how well and how often our children read. It is no surprise that the most frequently borrowed books this year have been the ever-popular Louise Rennison and Liz Pinchon ... however launching the new school library has been an opportunity to introduce pupils to a range of new authors and newer authors such as Alex Wheatle (Little Bit and Crongton Knights) have also proved popular. Now it is the end of term it is time to make sure that you have all returned any books you have borrowed to the Library. No more books will be issued after **Friday 7th July** and the Library will be closed for stock-taking and tidying up from **Friday 14th July**. Please check your bags, cupboards and under-the-beds for any stray books which may be hiding there and Mrs Bond will be chasing overdue items this week. Don't forget that you can use your local public library throughout the summer holidays and Mrs Bond will look forward to hearing what you have been reading. There will be merits for any book



Macbeth Rehearsals

This week, a full schedule of rehearsals began for next year's school Shakespeare production of Macbeth. Even now, only a week into rehearsals, the huge potential of the cast is clear. Those parents and pupils who have been lucky enough to be invited to next week's Awards Evening will see some of our star performers in action – after only two weeks of rehearsal! As always, we are challenging our pupils to aspire to achieve amazing things.



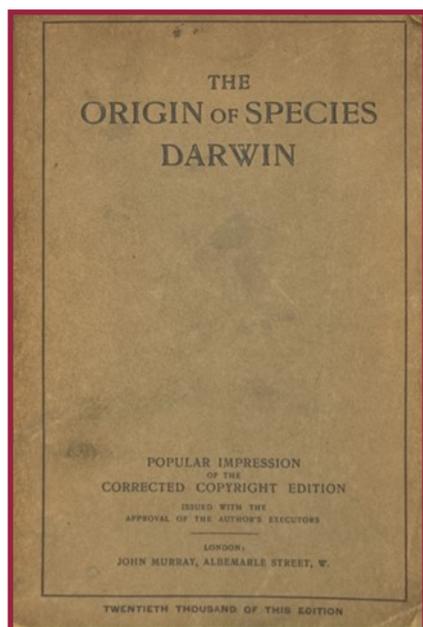
Sally Carr MBE

On Wednesday, Sally Carr MBE, a director of the Proud Trust, visited DTA and joined a Year 7 lesson. Sally has worked for many years in youth community programmes, and was awarded the MBE for services to the LGBT+ community. She saw 7TA1 debate: *This House believes that our society is too influenced by the media* and took questions from the class about her work and her life in politics. She gave our pupils some valuable guidance on public speaking and developing their understanding of the world beyond school, as well as answering some challenging questions from our pupils. Thank you for 7TA1 and especially to Sally for taking the time to visit us.

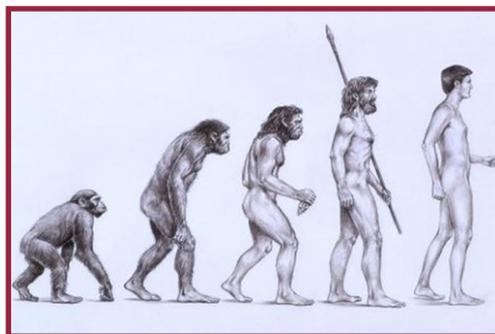


Humanities: Charles Darwin and Evolution

Charles Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection made us consider who we are, how we got here and where we will go next. Darwin's thinking centred on the idea that humans share a common ancestor with apes. Darwin kept silent for 20 years before going public and described writing his book, 'On the Origin of Species' as like "confessing a murder." When he released it on July 1st 1838.



Born 12th February 1809 Charles Darwin grew up in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and fifth child of a wealthy and well-connected family. The young Charles had a quiet Christian upbringing, though his family had often been at the forefront of thinking, his grandfather's Josiah Wedgwood had been an anti-slavery campaigner and Erasmus Darwin the theory Zoonomia, which had stated that one species could change into another.



In November 1859, having studied at Edinburgh University and have travelled the world as a scientist, Darwin published 'On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection. Darwin compared writing it to 'living in hell'; as it not only risked his reputation for the radical thinking, but also clashed with his Christian values and beliefs. Charles drew fierce criticism from the Church and the press, primarily for the implication that humans had evolved from apes,

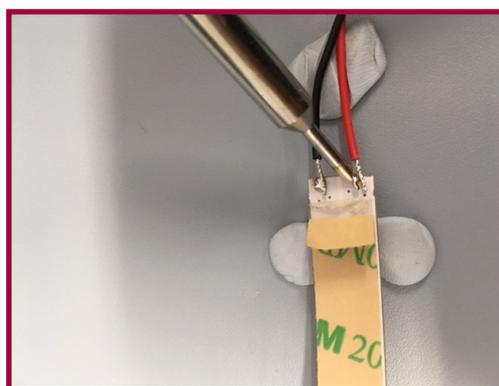
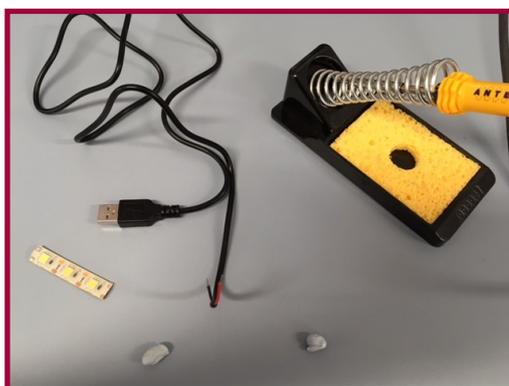
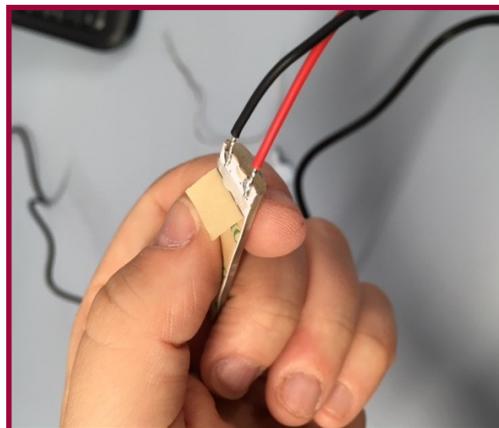
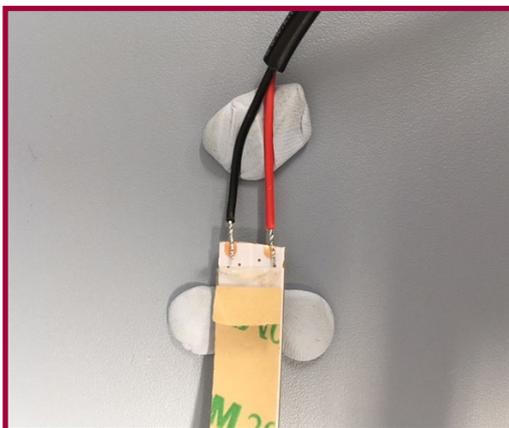
Physical Education

This week in P.E pupils have been participating in a range of athletics events in preparation for sports day next week. Pupils have taken part in events such as javelin, the 1500m, sprinting and long jump. There are some real talents starting to shine in these athletics events and we are looking forward to seeing these pupils perform in competition at sports day.



Technology

This week Year 8 pupils have been working hard to complete their soldering for the Desk Light, this is the first time pupils will have used these pieces of equipment and everyone completed each task to the highest standard. Well done, pictured are some of the steps pupils completed for this practical task.



Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

BfL Form of the Week Winners:
Bridgewater - 515 Grade 1's

Well Done!

BfL Grade 1 Top Five Pupils of the Week

BfL Grade 1 winners are:

Iqra Akhlaq
Mohammed Anwar
Eman Shafi
Francis Kamara
Taezyah Coleman

Form of the Week Attendance

Piccadilly—100%

Year 8 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

BfL Form of the Week Winners:
Piccadilly - 53 Grade 1's

Well done

BfL Grade 1 Top Pupils of the Week

BfL Grade 1 winners are:

Alishair Shah
Tazmin Begum
Alicia Boss
Faired Butt
Alan Baez

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Congratulations!

Whole School Attendance

This week's full school attendance is
96.5%