

Youth Buzz Awards Runners Up!

DTA Newsletter

Theme of the Week:

Remembrance

Friday 10th November

Safeguarding Tip: The evenings are becoming darker. Please discuss the arrangements for your child travelling to and from school to ensure they are safe.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking all 60 parents who attended our second Coffee Morning today. Our monthly meetings are really starting to take shape now and it is really useful to hear your questions, suggestions and views. This morning we discussed suggestions raised last time about lockers and purchasing school uniform, and then we took a tour around the website where we found how to access lots of useful information. Thank you for all your great suggestions today! Next month we shall share with you all about British Values and what we are teaching your children.

It is an exciting day for us as we launch our first DTA's Got Talent Show this afternoon in aid of our chosen charity this term, the Manchester Deaf Centre. We shall let you know next week how much money we raised.

We look forward to our Year 9 Options Evening next week where pupils will consider what subjects they take for GCSE next year. This is an exciting next step in the of the school's development and we trust parents and pupils will attend this important event.

Heads are down now for test week revision. Year 7 end of terms tests begin on 27th November, followed the next week by Years 8 and 9 tests. Good luck to all pupils!

Enjoy the rest or our articles in this week's edition.

Yours sincerely

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Theme of the Week

Armistice Day & Remembrance Day

- Armistice Day is celebrated across the world on 11th November at 11:00am, this
 year that falls on Saturday 11th.
- Armistice Day commemorates the signing of the armistice between the Allied Forces
 containing amongst others: Britain, America, Russia and France, and the Central
 Powers including: Germany and Austria-Hungary, at Compiegne.
- The signing of the Armistice signified the end of World War I and all the fighting occurring across the world.
- Remembrance Sunday is commemorated in Britain and the Commonwealth countries, it always falls on the second Sunday of November, this year it is Sunday 12th.
- Remembrance Day is a day in which the nation remembers and honours all those who
 have sacrificed themselves to protect our country and defend our peace and freedom.



When the bell rings please stand silently behind your chairs until the second bell signifies the end of the two minutes



Year 7 News

On Tuesday 7th November four Year 7 pupils were selected to attend an event ran by the Manchester United Foundation in partnership with the WWE. The 'Be a Star' anti-bullying event took place at Old Trafford Stadium and was constructed to empower and inspire those for whom bullying has a particular resonance. All of the pupils represented the school fantastically, engaging excellently and enjoying the opportunity to speak with WWE stars Dolph Ziggler and Natalya Neidhart.



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Year 8 News

Year 8s this week have been extremely active! From taking part in a girls football tournament, hosting a live debate at lunchtime and performing in DTA's got talent. Year 8s have also continued to attend ReachOut group sessions on a Thursday evening that helps improve the literacy and numeracy skills through a mentoring system. All pupils are thoroughly enjoying their evening sessions. Next week sees the start of the Year 8 revision in preparation for their test in just 3 weeks.



Year 9 News

Year 9 pupils have continued to conduct themselves in a polite and respectful manner around school. The year council has now met to discuss issues that the pupils feel strongly about- these range from lunchtime arrangements to fundraising ideas. Next week is an important week in the life of a Y9 pupil as the GCSE options process begins. Mr Worthington will be running the assembly on Monday which will introduce the options process to pupils. On Thursday we will be running an options evening from 4pm-6pm. Pupils and parents will have the opportunity to speak to staff about the numerous subjects available at GCSE. In addition to this there will be a number of local college and apprenticeship providers available to offer advice and guidance.



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Youth Buzz Awards

The DTA School Council was shortlisted for the Most Effective School Council 2017 as part of the inaugural Manchester Council Youth Buzz Awards. A group of pupils and staff attended the prestigious event in the Great Hall of Manchester Town Hall, and we were delighted to receive the runners-up award. The pupils attending were treated to a fantastic meal, as well as speeches and performance from inspirational young people from across Manchester. They were all hugely motivated to make an even bigger difference this year, and to try and come away with the winner's trophy next time.



One Manchester

This week a group of pupils took part in a consultation with a representative from One Manchester about what it is like to live in Ardwick. One Manchester are speaking to as many different sections of the community as possible as they prepare a plan for Ardwick; they hope to generate funding to make improvements to the local area. Our pupils did us proud with their honest and articulate comments and mature ideas about improving their environment.

Debate Club

The DTA Debate Club is hosting another Big Debate this week, focused on one of our key values, Individual Liberty. The Big Debate is taking place on Friday. Also, keep your eyes out for information about our first cross-Trust debate, which is taking place at DTA on Friday 24 November.

Inclusion

This week we have started more even more clubs to support pupils, this include Games club and handwriting club. Any pupil that would like to attend any of these clubs please come and speak to a member of staff in Inclusion after school.

<u>Sign Language club</u> was full this week and we hope this continues, it's great to learn a universal language that is used all around the world.

<u>Handwriting club</u> has been started this week, there are sessions for all year groups. It's very important that pupils handwriting is the best it can be.

Games club is on a Wednesday lunchtime in G02. It's a great place to make new friends.

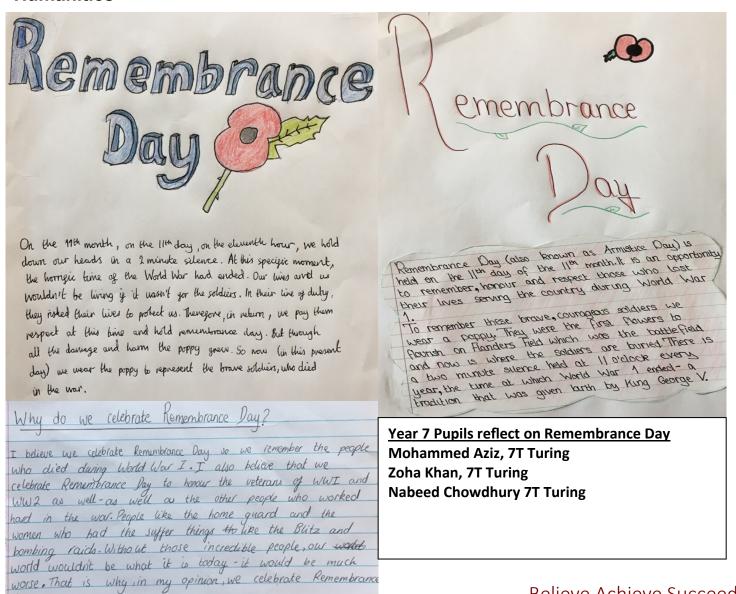
<u>Homework club</u> it is brilliant to see how many pupils are coming down for support with their homework.

MU Foundation

On Wednesday 8th November, regular female participants to Girls Football Development sessions run by Manchester United Foundation at Dean Trust Ardwick celebrated National Girls' Football week by participating in a session based upon leadership and friendship. They were joined by pupils from St Luke's Primary School and took part in a variety of fun activities. Footage from this session is set to be broadcast on MUTV as part of a special programme celebrating and promoting girls' football. Well done girls!



Humanities



MFL



Last week, the MFL faculty celebrated "El día de los muertos" (The Day of The Dead) This is a Mexican Tradition, similar to Halloween, in which people celebrate the lives and memories of their deceased loved ones. As part of our celebrations, we held a competition of who could create the best "calavera" (skull). The winners were: Fatima Munawar - 7T Piccadilly (left) and Zaha Jan – 7D Deansgate (right). Congratulations to you both!





On Tuesday at lunch, pupils can go to "Linguascope Club" which is open to all year groups. This club is a great way for pupils to practice vocabulary they have learnt in lesson or even learn new words. If you want to come, don't forget to ask your MFL teacher for a "Linguascope Pass"!!!

In Mrs Connaughton's MFL Club, which is every Wednesday after school, pupils finished watching "The Book of Life" which is a cartoon film based on "El día de los muertos." Here are some reviews:

"I liked this film because it was interesting and it has made the Day of the Dead seem more fun and crazy."-Zainab Nazir (8T Bridgewater) "I recommend this film because it teaches us that love never ends."-Taksane Mambou (7T Gaskell)



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

Year 7: Lynn Liju for fantastic French revision tool

Year 8: Taezyah Kiana Coleman – best decorated skull in Year 8

Year 9: Arooj Zulfiqar – excellent effort on Day of the Dead homework



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Technology

Design and Technology

This week in Design and Technology the wait is over for the Year 8 pupils who have finally begun putting together their desk lights. The Year 8s have been using the soldering irons to solder together the USB cables and LED components to form the main part of their desk light. Pupils have demonstrated excellent skills when using the soldering iron and they have been using their knowledge and understanding of the basic circuit to make sure they remember which wires are positive and negative! Year 9 pupils have started to solder their speaker circuits together on the PCBs, pupils have been demonstrating brilliant quality control and accuracy when applying the solder to the allocated spaces.

Food and Nutrition

This week in food and nutrition, in Year 8 we have continued to develop our knowledge and understanding of food provenance by looking closely into how flour is milled. In practical lessons we will be making scones!

In year 9 this week we have looked at a number of moral and ethical issues which could impact our food choices. In our practical lessons we will be making cheese straws.

Cooking club has started again after a break over half term, pupils worked independently to complete chocolate chip cookies; the outcomes were brilliant! If you would like to join, come and see Mrs Pendlebury.

Art and Design

This week Year 7 have started worked and completed some beautiful fine liner and water creepy crawlies. Their mark making skills and ability to use tone has improved very quickly. Year 8 have just started their fine liner and water shoe drawings, they have started working into them with pen and biro. Year 9 pupils have completed some stunning sketchbook pages for their mechanical parts project including backgrounds for their artist's research page, well done!

Set Design: The set pieces are coming along beautifully and starting to look very atmospheric.

Art Enrichment: This week we have completed working on our abstract acrylic paintings with some interesting textural outcomes.



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Physical Education

P.E's extracurricular has been very busy this week! The Year 8 girls football team played against William Hulme Grammar and won 3-2, meaning they proceed to the next round of the cup. The year 7 girls have also recently played, however they will not proceed to the next round of the cup, but the girls attitude and effort was amazing throughout the match. The Year 8 boys won another match during the week and keeping their winning streak going. Finally, a mixture of Year 8 and 9 pupils recently attended an athletics event at sports city. The pupils did amazingly well with loads of 1st and 2nd place finishes. We are awaiting other schools results to see if we qualify for the athletics final.







Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Bridgewater—155 Grade 1s

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Xanta Dunn	13
Inmal Ishtiaq	13
Rayany Mendes	13
Arman Rehman	13
Kristaps Velavs	13

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Form of the Week Attendance

Gaskell -100%

Stars of the Week

Yuhang Cai
Jerone Simon
Inmal Ishtiaq
Madalynne Brogan
Amin Amin
Madalynne Brogan
Lynn Liju
Jack Moorhouse
Lynn Liju
Antwon Tulloch
Nhocshan Lui

Year 8 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Gaskell -100%

Form of the Week Attendance

Turing- 114 Grade 1s

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Mahir Ali Khan	13
Halima Bushra	12
Fatima Mahboob	12
Christina Rosta	12
Kassim Motin	11

Stars of the Week

English	Tahir Choudhury	
Maths	Ahmet Yagli	
Science	Tyreese Smith	
Humanities	Yasir Yusuf	
Technology	Luke Mitcalf	
PE	Jaydon Martinez	
RE	Hamsa Ahmed	
Art	Vitu Kanyenda	
MFL	Taezyah Kiana Coleman	
Computer Science	Taezyah-Kiarnah Coleman	
Performing Arts	Tina Nguven	

Year 9 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Whitworth - 74 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth - 99%

BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

Aram Baez	7
Zarah Batool	7
Mellissa Atkhar	6
Rafee Ahmed	5
Haseeb Ahmed	5

Stars of the Week

English	Debbie Balogun
Maths	Aneesha Riley
Science	Melissa Akar
Humanities	Aysha Khalid
Technology	Lauren-Lee Thompson
PE	Haseeb Ahmed
RE	James Hennessy
Art	Neha Benny
MFL	Arooj Zulfiqar
Computer Science	Illes Bognar
Performing Arts	Alan Baez

Whole School Attendance 97.6%

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