



DTA Newsletter

Theme of the Week:

I Matter

Friday 28th April
2017

And the DTA Bake off winner is....

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am amazed at how much we can pack into one week!

This week, the school has been learning about what safeguarding means and what advice and help we can provide for pupils. Mr Platt, our new Assistant Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead delivered assemblies to all pupils about this topic. Our library and website provide pupils with information and guidance, and all our staff are committed to ensuring that our school is a safe place to be, and that we shall deal promptly with any concerns or problems if we know about them.

On this note, we are delighted to have launched our School Buddy system this week. Please read on to find out more about this important and exciting new leadership role we have created.

This week Year 8 pupils have watched a French play delivered by a professional theatre company which meant they had to concentrate hard to keep up with the play. It was great! Read further to find out more.

Our show piece of the week has to be the final round of our DTA Bake Off! Turn the pages to find out more!

Finally this week, thanks to those parents from our English class who visited school to speak to staff during one of our CPD sessions.

Enjoy our newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher



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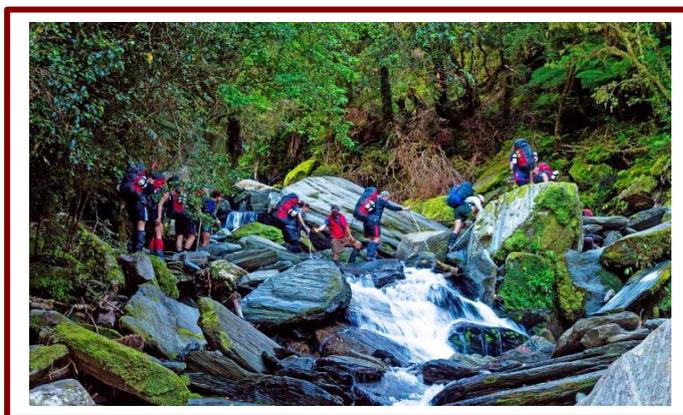
On Thursday a group of Year 7 boys attended the Manchester United v Anderlecht game at Old Trafford. All staff and pupils had a fantastic evening and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and atmosphere within the ground. A huge thank you to Matt Lawlor, our Manchester United Hub lead for providing the tickets. All boys were fantastic representatives for DTA.

Some Year 7 pupils have been given the opportunity to take part in an Outward Bound residential at Ullswater in the Lake District. If your child has received the invitation reply slips must be returned as soon as possible. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to enhance their independence and sense of responsibility through water sports and team building activities.



Year 8 News

Thank you so much to the parents and pupils that attended the Outward Bound Trust presentation on Wednesday evening in preparation for our trip to the Lake District next weekend. As you know, the Outward Bound Trust is an educational charity, founded in 1941. They work with young people (aged 9-25) and take them out into the mountains, lakes and wild places of the UK, where they give them BIG outdoor adventures, designed to test them and expand their comfort zones. In doing so, they develop key skills and qualities - such as confidence, optimism, and resilience – that can help in their future. By understanding more about their capabilities, they are able to unlock their full potential. I am sure your child is looking forward to the trip; I can definitely tell you that the staff are!



Safeguarding



A safeguarding overview was delivered to all pupils this week during assembly time. We discussed how Dean Trust Ardwick keeps pupils safe within school and signposted pupils to accessible information services, internally and externally, to help with any issues they may encounter. We also highlighted how they can access further details for any concerns. Safeguarding is a very important part of school life and as a school we ensure pupils are safe, cared for and looked after in school.

School Buddies

This week brought the return of the School Buddy System. 16 pupils (8 from Year 7 and 8 from Year 8) have completed their training course facilitated by the Manchester United Foundation. The pupils worked hard and are set up to be great ambassadors for the school. They are now seen out on duty every lunch time in their orange high visibility waistcoats supporting pupils and taking on responsibilities around the school. The roll of the School Buddy is to help ensure pupils feel safe and happy around school by being a point of contact and pro-actively speaking and socialising with new and lonely pupils in the school.

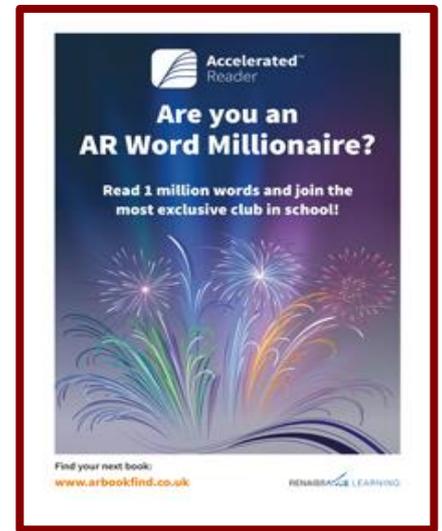


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Accelerated Reader

This week pupils from English sets 2 and 3 have come to the Library to be STAR tested ready to use the Accelerated Reader programme. Accelerated Reader encourages reading, helps pupils progress and improve by setting an individual Reading Level that they can use to choose books. Readers take a short quiz every time they finish a book and pupils who have used the programme before have said that it is good fun and helpful to them. The STAR test gives us the information we use to work out an individual reading level which pupils will be given next week. Accelerated Reader is designed to be enjoyable and easy to use and so ties in well with the Library's aim of building a love of reading. There will be prizes and rewards for pupils who meet their achievement targets and exceed them. Look out for our very first Word Millionaire!



Onatti Productions

Onatti Productions is a touring company in the UK that performs plays and other productions in Foreign Languages. They visited Year 8 French pupils yesterday and performed a play in French based on 'Le Café', it was Colette's first day at work in a cafeteria and everything that could possibly go wrong, went wrong. It was a very interactive and entertaining play, pupils were asked to speak in French and volunteers were picked to participate in the play. Y8 pupils were motivated to use their language skills throughout in a challenging and engaging way.

This was a brand new and exciting experience for all involved, pupils left the Assembly Hall buzzing about the play and how 'fun', 'entertaining' and 'hilarious' it was.

Onatti Productions will be visiting again in May to perform a play in Spanish for all Y8 pupils.

Romeo and Juliet Cast Party

This week, the actors and directors behind our wonderful 'Romeo and Juliet' production gathered for one final celebration of all of their successes. It was a great event, including a photo slideshow and an exciting award ceremony, and everyone left feeling proud of themselves – and excited for next year's show!

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EAL

This term our Absolute Beginners are learning about Prepositions of Place. They are working hard on it. Their hard work is reflected by the quality of the work they have produced; here are some examples.



Mathematics

This week Year 8 set 1 and 2 and Year 7 set 1 have taken part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This is a competition that pupils all across the country enter and it challenges people to really think outside the box. Everybody who took part gave it their all, so 'well done' and we will look forward to receiving the results in roughly 6 weeks' time!



Art

In lessons this week we have been finishing off our fine liner and water drawings working on our mark making and tone. Pupils have had to be very careful not to use too much water on their drawings.



Art Club

We are nearly there! Our bright and colourful mural is looking incredibly impressive thanks to our hard working, dedicated and talented pupils!



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HUMANITIES NEWS



The Dean Trust Times

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR HAS BEGUN!!!

On the 19th April 1775, the American Revolutionary war began. It was a war fought between Great Britain and the original thirteen colonies in North America. The war started after years of problems between the British Empire and the thirteen colonies of North America. The Americans disliked the actions of the British government. On the 3rd September, 1783, the war ended, America won and the thirteen colonies became the first thirteen states of a new country called the United States of America. In Paris, France, a peace treaty was signed when the war ended. The treaty also said more land was given to the United States eventually and this led to the creation of the thirty-five new states.

By Jun (Year 8)

Performing Arts

Year 7 pupils Ajia and Aman absolutely wowed Mr Hennessy with the amount of effort they put into their recent homework! Well done to both!

End of Year Musical

There will be an exciting announcement coming soon about the end of term Musical Celebration which will allow pupils to showcase their acting, singing and dance skills. Rehearsals will be taking place after school with Mr Hennessy on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3pm - 4pm. Please speak to Mr Hennessy if you are interested in being involved.

Music Technology Club

Music Technology club will still run on Wednesdays after school and there are now a limited number of places available for pupils who haven't yet experienced using the fantastic iMacs and MacBooks to create their own music. If you are interested please speak to Mr Hennessy.



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MFL

Year 7

¿Qué hay en Manchester?

COMPETITION: Merits for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Year 7 pupils are challenged to create a leaflet about places to visit in Manchester as a tourist using recent vocabulary from lessons; your leaflet must be in Spanish and will be displayed in your MFL classroom. All entrants to hand in their leaflets to Mr Diaz, room 106, by **Friday 5th May**. ¡Buena Suerte!



Year 8

TIP OF THE WEEK

Learning vocabulary is difficult if you struggle with remembering words, right? Why don't you ask a friend to QUIZyou? It's simple, quick, easy and fun!



COMPETITION

Merits for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Can you remember all of Half Term 4's vocabulary for Spanish / French, **including** spelling? We challenge you to see your MFL Teacher by **Friday 5th May** and test your memory! ¡Buena Suerte!

Physical Education

Pupils are beginning to look deeper into the skills they are performing in their sports. Pupils are being asked "What they are doing?" and "Why they are doing it?" in order to develop a deeper understanding to why a skill is performed in a particular way and how the skill affects the body. Moreover, pupils are developing skills at a faster than anticipated rate pace meaning skills are now being advanced so that pupils can be the best athlete they possibly can. We encourage pupils to keep their high enthusiasm in lessons, as this is creating an ideal learning environment.



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Technology: Bake off Final

On Thursday afterschool, the DTA Bake Off final took place, all three pupils worked incredibly hard to produce amazing showstoppers! Pupils were given the challenge to design and make a decorated cake that represented the school's values and vision; all of the finalists presented a menu to our judges which is show below:

Elita Harper

Values and Visions All in One Cake

A layered, multi-coloured vanilla sponge with creamy buttercream icing and strawberry jam in-between.

My cake represents Dean Trust Ardwick's vision and values because of the colours and subject signs. The colours show us that everyone is different and everyone has different cultures and beliefs. The subject signs show that you should work hard and if you push yourself to be the best you can be, you will be successful, just like the school motto 'Believe, Achieve, Succeed'.

Aahad Imaan

Pistachio Stripe Cake

A nutty sponge, sandwiched together with chocolate ganache to compliment the bitter dark chocolate.

My cake represents Dean Trust Ardwick's vision and values because our school has lots of sweet people. My cake it shaped like a pupil's shirt, very neat and well presented. My cake has been coloured in green to go with the dining hall where we eat our food, the heart of the school.

Amina Mariebe Mfelam

Lemon Temple

A light, fluffy lemon meringue cake layered with a creamy lemon buttercream icing.

My cake represents Dean Trust Ardwick's vision and values as it describes the school's values temple. The inspiration for my cake has come from Ms Finlay's assembly on our values, expectations and how we must always try our best. Something I have done in Bake Off.

The judges spent a long time discussing who should win; the competition was very close however, the winner of the 2017 DTA Bake Off is....**Elita Congratulations!**

All participants should be extremely proud of themselves. We are already looking forward to next year's Bake Off!



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Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

BfL Form of the Week Winners:

Deansgate – 92 Grade 1s

Form of the Week Attendance

Bridgewater – 100%

BfL Grade 1 Top Five Pupils of the Week

BfL Grade 1 winners will return next week.

Year 8 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

BfL Form of the Week Winners:
Whitworth – 40 Grade 1s

BfL Grade 1 Top Pupils of the Week

BfL Grade 1 winners will return next week.

Form of the Week Attendance

Bridgewater – 98.2%

Congratulations!

Whole School Attendance

This week's full school attendance is

96.5%

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