



**Tough Runner for Sport Relief!**

# DTA Newsletter

*Theme of the Week:*

*Achievement  
Assemblies*

**Thursday 29th March**

## **Safeguarding Tip:**

If you have any concerns regarding your child over the Easter holiday please refer to our DTA website for help and contact numbers.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to end the Spring term celebrating so many pupils' achievements in school. This week we have held a Reward Afternoon where those who had done well 'all round' watched a film with popcorn, we also held Achievement Assemblies. Our ever popular Rewards Shop was open for business on Wednesday after school where pupils could spend their well-earned merits on items of their choice (Easter eggs were popular!)

I survived the Tough Runner Obstacle Course (only just though as I have limped around with a sore foot this week!) Over 100 pupils and staff took part in this event for Sport Relief. We have raised over £200. Well done to all who took part and thank you to the PE faculty for all their hard work in organising the events.

We held a Coffee Evening on Wednesday. 17 parents attended and it was nice to be able to see other parents here who can't normally attend the morning sessions. We intend to run a Saturday Coffee Morning next term so watch this space for further details.

We are looking closely at punctuality next term so please ensure your children are in school on time. Gates close at 8.35am promptly and children arriving after they have closed will receive a lunchtime detention so please make sure they get here on time. Please also remember the uniform policy and ensure no extreme haircuts or styles occur over the holidays. Details of the uniform policy are on the website, in your parent handbook and pupil planner.

Enjoy the rest of the articles in this week's edition, and I wish you and your families a happy Easter break. School opens again to pupils on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely

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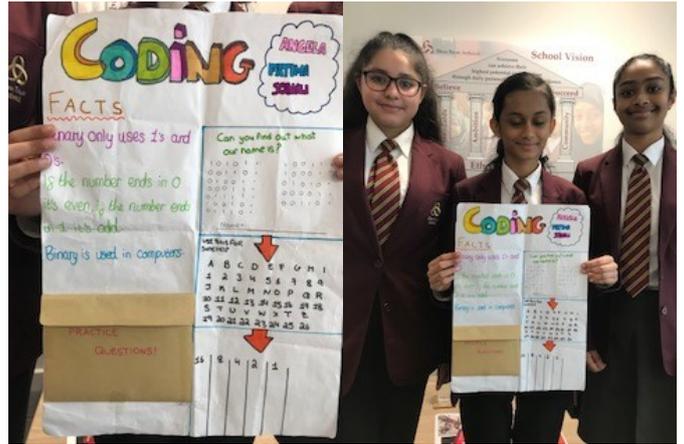
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## Headteacher Commendations



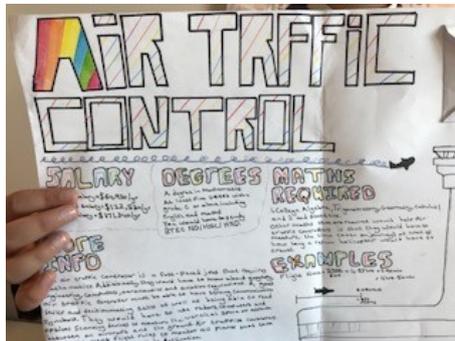
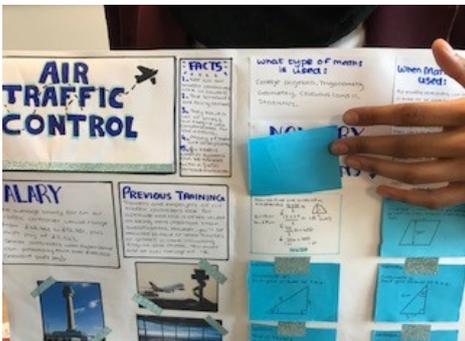
Tyler uses skill and patience to make a butterfly's body from papier mache.

Fatima, Sonali and Angela from Year 7 set a difficult coding task using the binary system!



Rueben's artwork is selected to be displayed in the Headteacher's office. Miss Finlay has a good eye for great art work!

Mariea and Sameer from Year 8 research how maths is relevant to air traffic control.



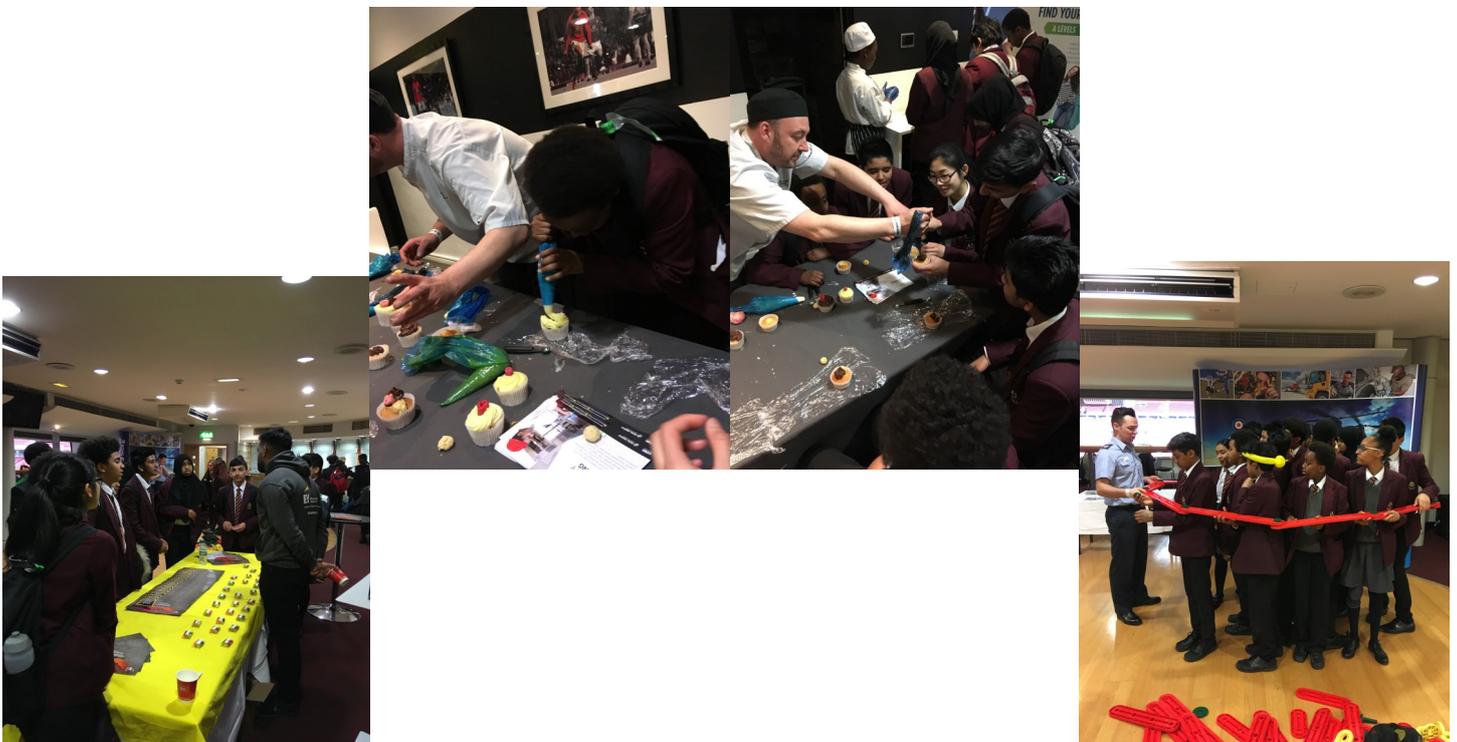
## Year 8 News

This week saw the end of term Achievement Assembly to reward pupils for their excellent achievements throughout the term. From best form attendance winners – Lowry (to the delight of Mrs Pendlebury) and the top form for BfL grade 1s: Deansgate (Mr Sheldon's drive and encouragement is having definite impact!) a great atmosphere was shared by all on Tuesday morning. We have the top 80 pupils in Year 8 enjoying a Reward Afternoon on Wednesday to celebrate their achievements and improvements this term.



## Year 9 News

On Friday 23rd March fifteen Year 9 pupils took part in a Next Move Employability event at Old Trafford Stadium. During the day, the pupils took part in eleven different interactive workshops designed to show the range of careers options available to them in the future. Representatives from The Manchester College, Salford City College, Wates Construction, RAF, Army and NHS were all present, offering advice and sharing their experiences. Those who participated represented the school excellently on the day, showing real enthusiasm and ambition. Well done Year 9!



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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](mailto:karencraven@thedeantrust.co.uk) for more details.



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## Duke of Edinburgh

This weekend some of the staff who will be supporting the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions went to Edale to plan some routes. Unfortunately it rained all night so it ended up being a very muddy day. However it was a successful trip and we are now looking forward to taking the pupils out for their first Practice Day on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018**. The DofE participants have been busy organising their skills, volunteering and physical sessions and will now be spending their Easter Holidays preparing for our expeditions. We have a very exciting term ahead.



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## Library News

The Library hosted the inaugural Carnegie Shadowing Group when a group of specially selected Year 9 pupils were introduced to the books they will be reading and discussing next term.

The Carnegie Award is the UK's oldest and most prestigious book award. It is voted for by childrens' librarians and represents the gold standard of children's literature. Authors often describe this award as 'the one they want to win'. Past winners include: Arthur Ransome, C.S. Lewis, Terry Pratchett, Philip Pullman, Noel Streatfeild, Sally Gardner and Penelope Lively. Have you read any books by these authors?



The shadowing group will read this year's shortlist in its entirety before voting for their favourite book and watching the final award ceremony in June. Reading the entire shortlist is a big ask but our pupils are up for the challenge. Find the shortlist here. <http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/carnegie-current-shortlist.php>

## Physical Education—Sports Relief

Pupils have made fantastic progress in their units of sport over the past few weeks. Last week was a busy week with a number of different activities going on in aid of Sport Relief. During lessons pupils completed the 'Run to Russia' where collectively we ran 1,200 miles from Dean Trust Ardwick to Russia. 'Beat the Goalie' was another activity that the sports leaders ran, pupils were able to take 3 shots against Mr Fuller, Mr Buckley and Mr Sheldon. Thursday after school we saw pupil and staff teams complete a 10 mile challenge run between them. Friday, over 100 pupils and staff participated in the 'Tough runner' obstacle course completed around the school. All activities and donations raised a fantastic total Over £200.

Well done to the Year 8 Netball team that made it through to the semi-final and played Wright Robinson College. They finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of all of the 14 teams that entered. The Year 8/9 girls football team played extremely well against Trinity College this week but it ended on an unfortunate loss. Well done to the Year 8 boys football team who played Royton and Crompton School and won 4-1. Year 9 boys football team played Wright Robinson College in the league and ended the game on 3-3.



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## Mathematics in careers



This week in maths we have been looking at different careers and how they use mathematics in their profession. Stage 5 pupils were looking at car designer, Stage 6 pupils looked at computer game programmers, Stage 7 studied pilots, Stage 8 looked at air traffic controllers and Stage 9 pupils studied mathematics in architecture.

In 8TA1 we used an app called Sector 33 to explore the role of an air traffic controller. Pupils had to use their problem solving to navigate planes on a simulator and successfully guide them to their final location without crashing and in the correct time limit. They discovered just how many calculations and careful plans it took to successfully get all planes safely to their location. This was a really engaging and activity and pupils worked extremely hard on this task.

## MFL

During this term, Year 7 French have been learning how to talk about what is in Paris. As part of this topic, pupils created a Travel Guide in French. Here are some of the guides...

Next term we have new topics to study such as Madagascar in French for Year 7 and 8 and Environmental Issues in Year 9 Spanish.

Don't forget to keep on top of your vocabulary by practising using Linguascope and Memrise!

Our Spring Stars of the Term are:

Year 7: Ifra Mir. Year 8: John Mathew. Year 9: Naveedul Alam



## UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award

This term, Dean Trust Ardwick has embarked on a journey to achieve the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Award. The project will last for a number of years, and it is all about making the school a more positive place for everyone in the community. Pupils from every year group have teamed up with a range of members of staff to form a steering group for the project. We have sought feedback from everyone in the school, and next term we will be taking a number of actions, listening to the feedback we have received, to make a positive impact on school life! More information will follow shortly...

## Spotlight: Romeo and Juliet Performance

Over the last month, Mr. Tyrrell has been working with a team of Year 7 pupils on a 15 minute performance of Romeo and Juliet. The performance will be a part of the Spotlight performing arts show in June. Mr. Tyrrell has been extremely impressed with the performances that he has seen in rehearsal, and photos will follow in the summer term!

## Year 7 Awards

### **BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week**

Palace-46 Grade 1s

### **Form of the Week Attendance**

Deansgate, Lowry, Whitworth &  
Bridgewater– 100%

### **BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week**

**Will return next term.**

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## Year 8 Awards

### **BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week**

Deansgate-53 Grade 1s

### **Form of the Week Attendance**

Turing & MOSI– 100%

### **BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week**

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## Year 9 Awards

### BfL Grade 1 Form of the Week

Piccadilly– 33 Grade 1s

### Form of the Week Attendance

Whitworth– 98.5%

### BfL Grade 1 Stars of the Week

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### Whole School Attendance

97%

