



Romeo and Juliet in full swing!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We come to the end of the Spring term which has been packed full of activities and school events, all of which you can read about in our newsletters on our website.

Our highlights of the term must be our superb Fundraising Fair and our stunning Romeo and Juliet play this week. The audience were totally captivated by the talent of our years 7 and 8 pupils. A first class performance!

All pupils have worked hard towards their Spring term tests and you should now have their Spring Term Reports.

We are very busy planning for next year and are delighted to appoint more talented teachers to the school.

I hope that in the next two weeks, pupils can unwind and enjoy some 'time out' with family and friends and return to school with renewed enthusiasm and energy for the Summer Term.

Enjoy a good read!

Yours sincerely

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DTA Newsletter

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Taking Stock

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Year 7 News

On Wednesday the Year 7s received their Spring Term test results during a formal results afternoon. They excitedly (and perhaps a little nervously) entered the hall to see the waiting white envelopes for the first time. It was a delight to see the joy on their faces as they opened their results to see how all of their hard work and revision had paid off. It was a pleasure as always to present the termly rewards on Tuesday in the Year 7 celebration assembly. It is fantastic to recognise all of the achievements across the year group from subject prizes, 100% attendance, the best BfL scores and Form Tutor prizes. I hope all of Year 7 have a restful half term break and I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed and ready for the Summer Term.



Year 8 News

The end of the term is now upon us and I must say what a great term it has been! There have been so many successes over the last few months including a school trip for Women's Independence Day, the school production of Romeo and Juliet, the Dean Trust Ardwick Fundraising Fair and so many more fantastic achievements. Thank you so much for your support. It is greatly appreciated and I hope you and your family have a good rest and are ready for the new term ahead on Tuesday 18th April.



Romeo and Juliet

We welcomed St Luke's, St Chrysostom's and Plymouth Grove primary schools to watch a shortened version of our school production Romeo and Juliet on Wednesday morning. The audience were Year 5 pupils, with one group of 20 Year 6s who make up the Plymouth Grove Drama Club. Our cast performed a selection of scenes, and Mr Tyrell narrated parts of the plot. After the performance, the audience gave positive reviews; some were very emotional during the final scene but everyone agreed on the high standard of acting from our cast. On Wednesday evening, our wonderful cast of actors performed this year's school production of Romeo and Juliet, by William Shakespeare. They performed for an audience of 200 friends and family members. Both audiences were amazed by the quality of the production. There were lots of laughs – and lots of tears! We are so proud of our talented pupils and teachers, who have worked incredibly hard from the beginning of the year to create a truly stunning show.



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DTA Bake Off

After an intense 8 weeks, the final three pupils are preparing to compete in the DTA Bake Off final! Ahead of revealing our DTA Bake Off winner after the 1st week back, below is a summary of each round pupils have completed in to keep you up to date.

Round 1 started off with three separate groups creating cookies. There were that many enthusiastic pupils wanting to participate that it had to be completed over a three-week period to fit everyone in. Pupils were required to demonstrate outstanding health and safety, food hygiene and an ability to produce a scrumptious cookie on time. Many pupils struggled to meet these high standards and after 3 rounds we had narrowed the group down to the top 15 in Years 7 and 8!

Round 2 pupils were given an open brief of any type of fruit muffins. Just like round 1, everyone put 100% effort into their choices of ingredients. We had lemon drizzle muffins to mixed fruit and even white chocolate and raspberries. Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to a Year 7 contestant!

Round 3 saw the DTA Bake Off asking pupils to produce a pastry dish of their choice; it could be sweet or savoury. Like the Great British Bake Off, pupils found using pastry very challenging. However, after a stressful hour, Mr Worthington (our round 3 judge) had the pleasure of tasting a range of delicious pastries. This week **Billie** was awarded Star Baker with her brilliant sausage rolls and we had to say goodbye to Nancy.

A biscuit Technical Challenge was introduced during round 4 where pupils needed to make six perfect shortbread. Each contestant was provided with a basic method that contained many missing details. All pupils found the challenge very difficult but remained resilient and in true Bake Off style watched each other intently to see what they needed to do next. This week we sadly said goodbye to Keanu, a brilliant baker but unfortunately just missed out on a place in round 5!

Round 5 brought another challenge of Brownies! Pupils were allowed to make any flavour brownie they liked, all pupils put 100% into experimenting with different flavours such as mint and peanut butter. Mr Worthington, Miss Jones and Mr Hennessy were judging all Brownies based on taste, appearance and bake – the correct balance between a gooey Brownie and cake texture; all three were extremely impressed with the standard of work. However, we said goodbye to Billie, our previous Star Baker.

The semi-finals saw pupils battling for a place in the finals by completing another difficult Easter inspired Technical Challenge, Hot Cross Buns. Pupils' time management skills were certainly put to the test to finish this intense and demanding product to a high standard on time. All pupils rose to the challenge with **Amina** being awarded star baker and Timmy and Abigail leaving, both pupils have been brilliant and produced commercially viable products each week.

I can't wait until the final, all three contestants have been asked to bake and decorate a cake that represents Dean Trust Ardwick's values and vision of excellence.



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Youth Parliament Elections

On Monday, six pupils attended the Manchester Town Hall to cast our school's votes for the Youth Parliament. The pupils listened to speeches from the 8 candidates and took part in workshops discussing the role of young people in society and how the Youth Council can work more closely with schools to help to get the voices of young people heard. It was a fascinating and inspiring day, and hopefully we will see some of our pupils running for the Youth Parliament in the years to come.



Debate Club

The DTA Debate Club took part in its first competitive debate on Tuesday, against Ashton on Mersey school. The format of the debate was a series of individual presentations on important youth issues, followed by a vote to decide which issue had received the most support. Articulate and passionate arguments were made by all the pupils involved on a wide range of subjects such as the **importance of a curriculum for life, stopping cuts to the NHS and raising awareness of sexual harassment in schools.** After the vote, the most supported issue was to raise awareness of mental health issues in society.

EAL

Our EAL pupils have made significant progress this term, be it language acquisition or cognitive learning. Their social skills have developed very well and they are now helping other new arrivals to settle in. The pupils also did an amazing job sharing hand drawings to celebrate the ethnic diversity we have in our class! EAL Parents' English lessons are running successfully every Wednesday, making great impact on their interest in their children's enthusiasm and learning.



English

Over the past few weeks, small groups of Year 7 pupils have been benefitting from our 'Intensive Literacy' programme run by our Literacy Assistants Miss Burton and Miss Alam. The pupils have been using their discussion and oral communication skills in pre-writing activities as well as exploring where words come from and the history behind them. All of the pupils' work has been very impressive and we look forward to their enthusiasm continuing into the next term.



Mathematics

This week **Steven in 7D Rylands** produced the most amazing homework the Mathematics department have ever seen! It is a revision board game based on a combination of rock, paper scissors and the movie "The Hunger Games"! Well done Steven, you really have laid down the gauntlet for everyone else in the school. Well done to those you answered last week's puzzle correctly. Answers to this weeks' puzzle to be submitted to Miss Reynolds in G05 by lunch on Wednesday 20th April.

**THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE:
HOW MANY THREE-DIGIT
PRIME NUMBERS CAN
FORM CUBE NUMBERS BY
CHANGING THE ORDER OF
THE DIGITS IN TWO
DIFFERENT WAYS?**



Physical Education

As the second term comes to an end pupils are finishing participating in their eighth sport. As a faculty, we can see pupils have made heaps of progress throughout this year so far, as they are beginning to transfer skills from one sport to another. Doing this shows a high level of ability. We are looking forward to the new term and introducing the last four sports to the pupils. The girls' football team played in a Manchester United Hub tournament last week and did very well. They showed determination and team spirit but unfortunately narrowly missed progressing to the final stages of the tournament. We are very happy with how the girls conducted themselves on and off the pitch; they represented Dean Trust Ardwick in the best way possible. Well done girls! Extra-curricular clubs will resume as normal from the first Tuesday back after the Easter break. We encourage pupils to attend at least one of the clubs and maybe try a new sport.

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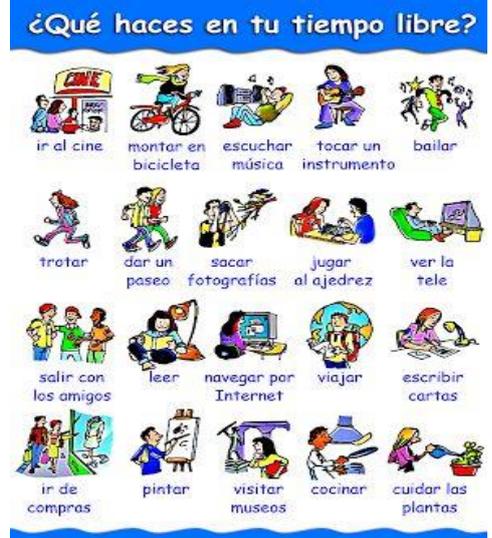
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MFL

Year 7 pupils have continued learning about free time activities and hobbies this week; however, we have extended our learning to speaking in the *near future tense*, by saying what **we are going to do** in our spare time. Pupils have explored the differences between the *present tense* and *near future tense*, creating some great examples of work. We have also had a strong focus on speaking this week. Pupils have been involved in having conversations in Spanish to reinforce this core skill further.



Year 8 pupils have learned about clothes and discussing fashion in Spanish. This week pupils have been consolidating their learning by speaking about what they are going to wear on holiday to Argentina. Pupils have revisited the *present*, *near future tenses*, and together with recent learning are beginning to create some excellent work! We have also had a strong focus on speaking, with having conversations in Spanish to reinforce this core skill further.



Art

Art Lessons: This week we have been working on using the fine liner and water technique. We are revisiting mark making skills and showing developments in our understanding of tone.

Art Club: We have worked tirelessly and we are finally getting ready for our unveiling ceremony! Get ready to save the date!

Set Design: The team behind the scenes have completed their first production! Our fabulous props and scenery helped bring Romeo and Juliet to life. The children have given up lunch times and time after school to produce some truly stunning work. They should be proud of themselves and have earned huge thanks from the Romeo and Juliet team and myself.



Year 7 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Term

BfL Form of the Term Winners:
Bridgewater – 1041 Grade 1s

BfL Grade 1 Top Five Pupils of the Week

BfL Grade 1 winners are:
Timi Adesalu
Omar Farooq
Millie Lapatrie
Rhea Thopson
Aman Sheraz

Form of the Term Attendance

Rylands – 98.7%

Year 8 Awards

BfL Grade 1 Form of the Term

BfL Form of the Term Winners:
Lowry – 712 Grade 1s

BfL Grade 1 Top Pupils of the Week

BfL Grade 1 winners are:
Omar Almuaili
Illes Boignor
Alicia Boss
Mehak Bukhari
Aaliyah Cargill Ward

Form of the Week Attendance

Rylands – 97.5%

Congratulations!

Whole School Attendance

This week's full school attendance is
96.5%