



# NEWSLETTER

Half Term 4

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another positive and calm week in school. It is a delight to walk around and see pupils really engaged in their lessons. It is also a pleasure to see pupils enjoying their free time together at breaks and lunches; we have given our outdoor spaces a little facelift with extra table tennis tables, basketball and footballs, and a new food pod. All of these additions are very popular!

It is excellent to see such high levels of attendance from each year group at after school activities. Please encourage your child to attend and to seize the opportunities we offer for their enjoyment, well-being, and personal development.

As you will know we have now finished our three Lateral Flow Device tests for all pupils, and they will have received their home testing kits today. There is a letter and instructions on the website about the use of the home kits.

Enjoy the photographs in this week's edition.

With best wishes,

Ms. S. Finlay



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

**Safeguarding Tip:** *If your child has any worries or concerns please encourage them to speak to school.*

### Extra-Curricular Days

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 10	Year 8	Year 9	Year 7 & Year 11



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### **Year 7 - Mrs Rashford** *Home testing kits will be distributed to pupils in due course...*

Over the last few days, we have been re-establishing old habits and introducing new ones to keep all members of our school community safe. I have been really pleased to see pupils accepting these necessary measures, showing consideration for each other and school staff and demonstrating the resilience we have seen throughout the last year. I would like to thank parents and carers who have given permission for their child to take part in lateral flow testing. These are now completed for Year 7 and home testing kits will be distributed to pupils in due course. Pupils will have had the appropriate training to now carry out the tests with the support and supervision of parents/carers at home. This is the first week for Year 7 enrichment and we had over 200 pupils selecting an activity they wish to take part in. This is fantastic! I look forward to joining Year 7 by taking part in some of the activities organised.



### **Year 8 - Mr Diaz** *We encourage all pupils to attend an extra-curricular club!*

It has been a positive week for Year 8 considering we have only been back for a week since lockdown. Pupils have really shown their maturity with their level of response, gratitude and engagement in and around school. We have also started our extra-curricular activities this week, which we encourage all pupils to attend. This will not only support pupils to continue developing relationships with their peers and teachers, but also support with their mental health and well-being, given that as of late we have not been able to be as active. This week we also celebrate Stars of the Week for Year 8, it is wonderful being in a position to praise pupils for their continued hard work!



### **Year 9 - Mr Chetwyn** *Our resilience and eagerness to learn has been refreshing!*

Hello again Year 9 and welcome back to your first full week back in school! It's so great to see you all back in school and re-adjusting to school-life so positively. Overall, Year 9s conduct and application upon our return has been exemplary! Our resilience and eagerness to learn has been refreshing, and I am keen for that to continue. Our after-school enrichment evening will take place every Wednesday until the end of term, and our aim is for every single pupil to take part in at least one club per week! Keep it up Year 9 – Superb!



### **Year 10 - Mr Hull** *The Mancunian spirit and defiance to obstacles was evident this week.*

A super week from Year 10 with an outstanding turnout at our enrichment event on Tuesday. It was brilliant to see almost half the pupils staying behind after school to take part in extra-curricular activities such as football, board games, performing arts and artwork. After the disruption of school closure, the Mancunian spirit and defiance to obstacles was evident and it was clear that so many pupils were enjoying spending quality time with their friends and taking part in an activity they could relish. Likewise, it was great to see pupils being rewarded for demonstrating high standards – Elongliken and Vijay were in the top five pupils for behaviour this week for the first time, and Almeerah and Deniro showed sustained improvements - this has meant that along with eleven other pupils they were rewarded with queue-jumping privileges at break and lunchtime!



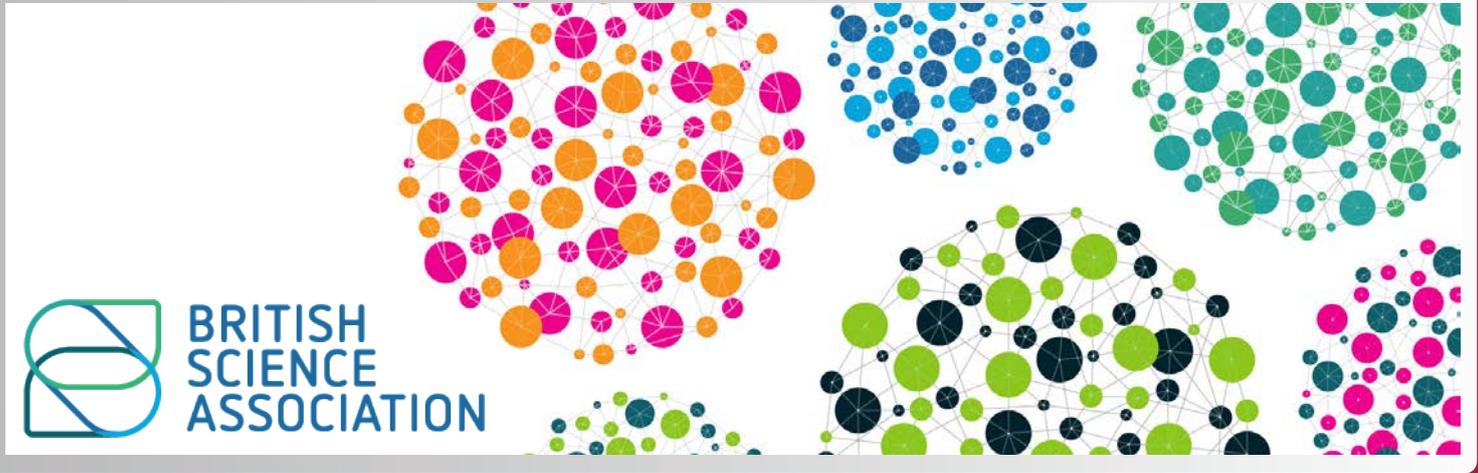
### **Year 11 - Mr Smith** *Year 11 have shown maturity and a positive attitude with their studies this week.*

The Year 11 pupils have shown a real positivity to the various interventions that have started this week. We have had booster sessions, external online tutoring for maths and English along with launching our new revision podcasts! It was also great to see so many Year 11 pupils taking part in the extra-curricular activities on offer, which we hope is a bit of light relief from the studies they are experiencing at the moment.

## British Science Week

*Fantastic World Book Day posters created by Year 7 pupils*

Thank you to all pupils who have handed in their poster for British Science Week. We are looking through the work that has been handed in and winners will be announced next week! The work produced has been to a very high standard so thank you to all those that have taken part. Look out for next week's newsletter in which we will share photographs of the entries.

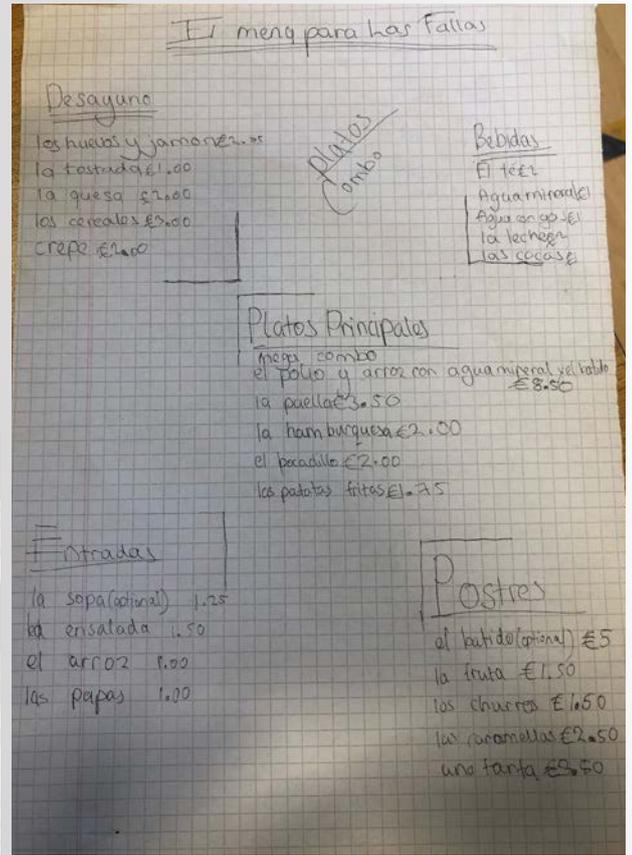


## Modern Foreign Languages

*Pupils discover Las Fallas, a traditional festival in Valencia!*

This week pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 have been learning about *Las Fallas*. *Las Fallas* is a traditional festival which is celebrated in Valencia from the 15<sup>th</sup> March to the 19<sup>th</sup> March every year to commemorate St Joseph. A number of different events take place throughout the city during this week, one of them is the creation and burning of the *Ninots* (statues). Please see below some examples of *Ninots*. Furthermore, there are a number of firework displays, street parties and food stalls, selling traditional Valencia.

Please see below some examples of pupils work as well as some pictures representing *Las Fallas*.



HAPPY  
**Saint Patrick's Day**  
- MARCH 17 -

Miss Martin and Miss Baird would also like to wish a Happy St Patrick's Day to all who celebrate it!



## Effects of Social Media

*Pupils write about their defining moments...*

Social media can be an amazing way to empower, learn, socialise and share news with friends, family and people from around the world. However, social media can also display a very negative, unrealistic view of peoples' lives and impact on future face to face relationships with people.

Social media is a very common tool used to upset people, spread rumours and be unkind. It can also be the platform where inappropriate or private images, messages, stories and memes are shared without consent from the people involved in them.

Social media is also becoming a popular tool to share negative events such as arguments and fights – again without consent and therefore implicating themselves into such situations.

Therefore, it is extremely important before your child posts anything on social media that you encourage them to THINK...

BEFORE YOU POST...

# THINK

T - is it TRUE?

H - is it HELPFUL?

I - is it INSPIRING?

N - is it NECESSARY?

K - is it KIND?

## Mathematics

*Pupils complete their Hegarty Maths tasks...*

Each of these pupils have demonstrated their ambition to obtain academic excellence in their refusal to accept anything less than 100%. The images below show how these pupils have persevered with a Hegarty Maths task, repeating it until they scored 100%!

They really do want to become the best mathematician they can be!



## Manchester United Foundation - 'Play Safe'

*A guide to football drills and training during the return to school...*

Following the return of schools, Manchester United Foundation has relaunched its Play Safe initiative. The programme provides activities to give coaches, teachers, parents and children ideas for different football drills that they can play at a safe distance.

Play Safe includes a full coaching document, worksheets and videos to ensure coaches and teachers can allow their participants to engage in physical activity and continue to develop their skills as we transition into a new normal.

You can find all the Play Safe activities, and more information about the programme, by visiting our website:

<https://www.mufoundation.org/en/Play-Safe>

# Play ↔ Safe



**Extra-Curricular Activities Return!**

*There was lots of excitement as pupils took part in sports, games, reading and art!*

It has been an enjoyable week for pupils and staff as extra-curricular activities made a return! The aim of re-introducing enrichment activities is to support pupils' well-being on their return to school life. Pupils are encouraged to participate in at least one club on their dedicated day after school.

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**STARTING THIS WEEK!**

**MUSIC - ARTS AND CRAFTS - FILM CLUB - DRAMA - FOOTBALL - NETBALL - FUN CHALLENGES -  
BOOK CLUB - INDIVIDUAL READS - COMPUTER GAME DESIGN - CONNECT FOUR - LEGO -  
CHESS - YU GI OH! - PUZZLES - CARD - UNO**

**SIGN UP NOW!**

**YEAR 10 - TUESDAY  
YEAR 9 - WEDNESDAY  
YEAR 8 - THURSDAY  
YEAR 7 & 11 - FRIDAY**



# SCHOOL MESSAGES

## Physical Education

Great engagement in lessons this week!

The engagement in PE this week has been excellent from all year groups. All Key Stage 3 pupils took part in inter form football. A huge congratulations to our winners from each year group:

Year 7

Turing

Year 8

Gaskell

Year 9

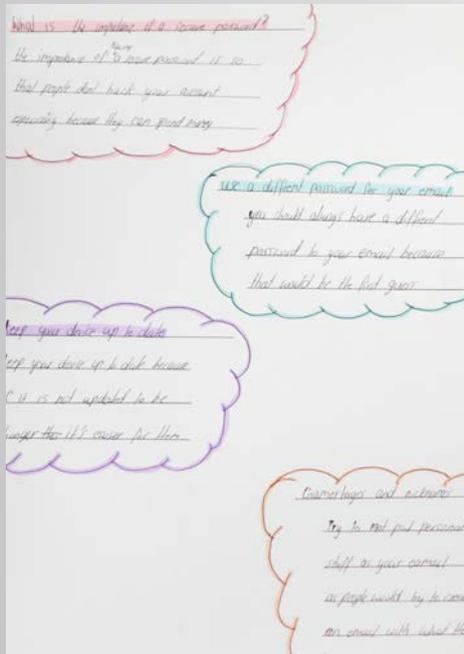
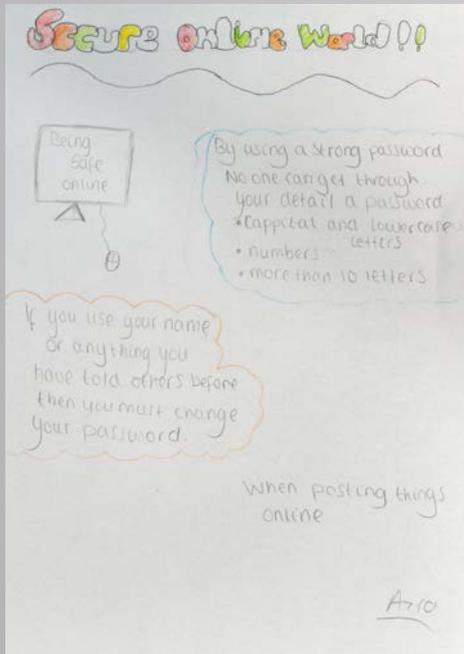
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## Computer Science

Staying safe online.

During the first full week back pupils have been looking at the importance of a safe online environment. Pupils were tasked with making a poster that could go up in a computing classroom. These are the winning entries! Well done!!



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## Mathematics

*Our future statisticians!*

In mathematics this week, pupils have started to look at the importance and application of the Census. Pupils have found it an interesting insight into where, and how, mathematics is used outside of the classroom. Not to mention some discussions around how problematic data collection can be. I can assure you we have some great statisticians in the making here at Dean Trust Ardwick!



## My Brain and I

*A podcast made by pupils, for pupils.*

We filmed the latest episode of our mental health podcast this week. The panel discussed the effects of the lockdown on mental health, how they coped and how they feel about the effects it has had on their exams. Be sure to check it out!



## SIS: School Infection Survey

*Help keep schools open!*

Dean Trust Ardwick is taking part in the [COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey \(SIS\)](https://www.oc-meridian.com/Desktop/Portal/signup?id=cisschools&referralcode=141884), this is a national study that aims to help experts better understand the virus, and how it is transmitted. By being a part of this vital national study, your child's participation is not only helping experts, but is also helping us to protect school pupils, staff and their families. This in turn, can help reduce school closures and further lockdowns and help keep everyone safe from the virus. The next round of SIS testing of pupils and staff is happening on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021, it's not too late to sign up, just follow this link:

[www.oc-meridian.com/Desktop/Portal/signup?id=cisschools&referralcode=141884](https://www.oc-meridian.com/Desktop/Portal/signup?id=cisschools&referralcode=141884)

Please use the code: 141884

## Your school needs you!

COVID-19 SIS Schools Infection Survey

Office for National Statistics  
Public Health England  
LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE & TROPICAL MEDICINE  
NHS Test and Trace

### Join the SIS Squad of volunteers

- Join your classmates and teachers in the SIS Squad
- Your parent/carer will need to fill in an online permission form and questionnaire
- Details on how to do this are in the letter given to them
- Once completed, you will be enrolled in the SIS study
- You do not have to take part if you don't want to
- You can say no at any time



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Believe Achieve Succeed

## Positive Stories

*A great start to the return to school!*



Year 9 Positive Messages - WC 15.03.21

9T band girls were amazing during interform Handball this week. Pupils shown leadership qualities when being captain for their teams. All pupils put 100% effort into their performances and represented their forms brilliantly.

Miss Henshall



Year 9 Positive Messages - WC 15.03.21

A huge well done to my maths class, for their work on square numbers and square roots, including estimating, especially to Rahmario for working out a quick trick on the memory game, Sufian for his dramatically improved maths work and Kasim, Abdul, Arham, Muneeb and Manaf for their outstanding contributions to lesson.

I would also like to thank my form for their ever increasing maturing during out form time discussions!

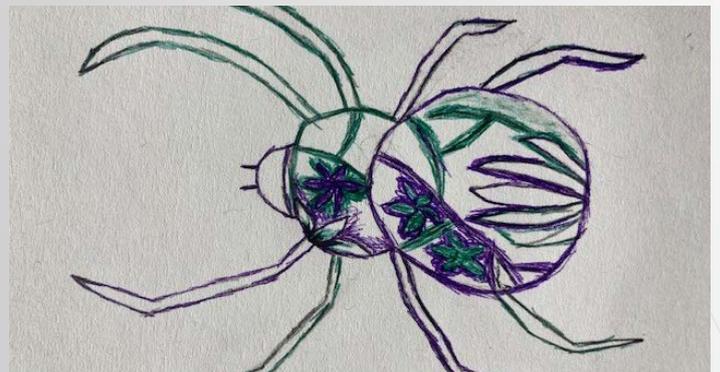
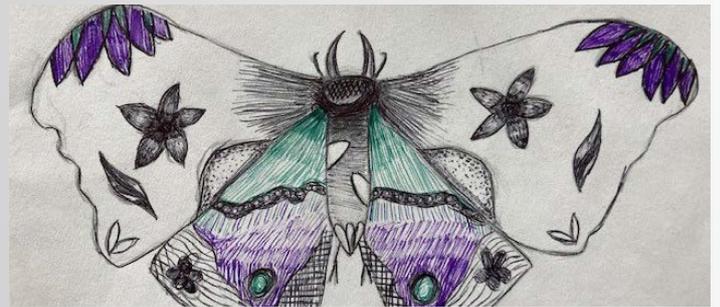
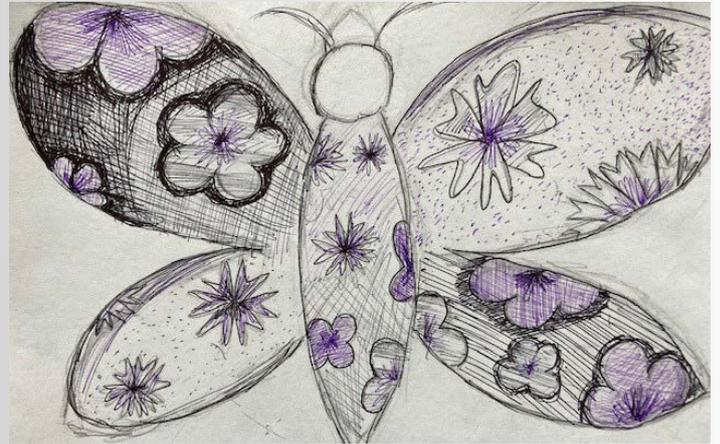
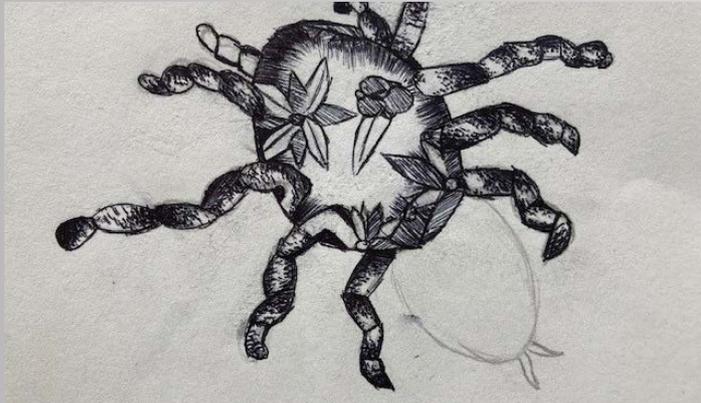
Mr. Moore



## Art

*Artists in the making!*

Below are our beautiful works in progress from Year 7, inspired by Mr Finch!



### COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing

*Thank you to all staff and parents who supported us!*

Today marks the last day of the mass testing at Dean Trust Ardwick. We have carried out over 3000 tests and our pupils have been absolutely brilliant throughout the testing process. Thank you to all of the staff volunteers for helping make the process run so smoothly. All pupils that have participated in the testing have been issued with a home testing kit today. We are asking pupils to carry out a home test with your help every Wednesday and Sunday and to report the results both to school and the NHS.



### Booster Sessions Timetable

*Information for pupils who have been invited to booster sessions.*

Day	Subject	Room
Monday	Triple Science	E102
Tuesday	Combined Science	E208
Tuesday	Design and Technology	G69/G75
Tuesday	Child Development	E107
Tuesday	Modern Foreign Languages	E102/E104
Tuesday	iMedia	G70
Wednesday	Design and Technology	G69/G75
Wednesday	Enterprise	G79
Thursday	Design and Technology	G69/G75
Thursday	Music	153
Thursday	Performing Arts	159
Thursday	Sports Studies	E102/E103
Friday	History	E103
Friday	Geography	G74
Friday	Hospitality	144
Friday	Art	101/102