



# NEWSLETTER

Half Term 5

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Eid Mubarak!

I hope you have had an enjoyable time with your families and loved ones over Eid, despite certain restrictions still being in place. Our recently formed staff committee has ensured that all staff have been given some basic teaching on Ramadan. To help join in with pupils' celebrations of Eid we are looking forward to our whole school community sharing baklava together on Monday, bought from one of our nearby restaurants. When restrictions are (hopefully) lifted, we look forward to being able to provide a whole school celebration event when we next have Eid, as we did in previous years.

Please be aware of the [letter and text we sent you regarding face masks in schools](#) from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> onwards. We are really looking forward to being able to communicate more effectively with pupils again from Monday! I would like to thank you once more for your wonderful support in ensuring your child has come to school every day with their face mask. It has made our job so much easier.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

**Safeguarding Tip:** Speak to your child about online safety, lots of children speak to strangers online. Stranger Danger still applies online. For further help / advice see our school website.

### Dairy Dates

End of Half Term	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Return to School	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021



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## DEAN TRUST Ardwick

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14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that on 17th May, the Prime Minister will announce further relaxations to Covid restrictions. There are implications for schools which will be effective from Monday:

The government guidance states that *'the wearing of face masks for secondary school pupils will no longer be recommended either in classrooms or in communal areas.'* That may be a welcoming piece of news to your child, (however, if your child would feel better still wearing their mask that would be acceptable). The obvious benefit is that interaction between teachers and pupils will improve and will ensure the clearest possible communication to support learning.

Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms, however the government recommends that *'face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas'* Again, if staff would feel better still wearing their mask that would be acceptable.

The government guidance however does state that *'the reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, or staff may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern.'*

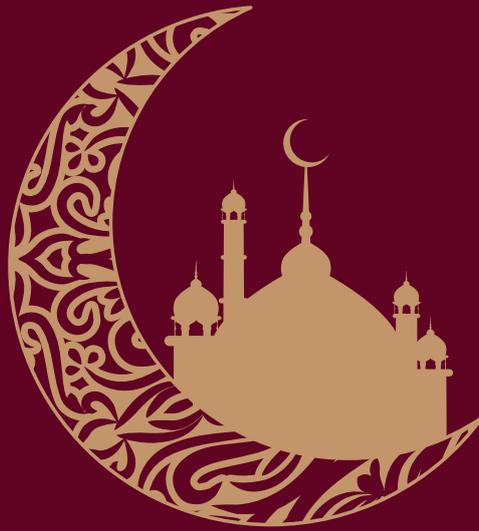
We are delighted that trips and visits can now restart, and that transition days for September's Year 7 pupils can be held in school later on in the term.

I hope you have enjoyed your Eid celebrations and I would like to close by wishing you Eid Mubarak.

Yours sincerely

Ms S Finlay  
**Headteacher**

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# Eid Mubarak

To all of our pupils, parents and staff. We wish you and your family Eid Mubarak. May you cherish every moment of this beautiful festival.

From all of us at,  
Dean Trust Ardwick



**Year 7 - Mrs Rashford** *I would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Eid celebration.*

Year 7 were excited to see the launch of Climate Heroes this week. A challenge launched by Blue Peter which asks children to unite and help to tackle carbon emission and climate change. I hope that all Year 7 pupils pledge to make small changes in their lives which will make a big difference to the environment. I will be making my pledge!

A small number of pupils are repeatedly arriving to school after the start of registration and are interrupting the learning of their peers. Start times for Year 7 is 08.40. Please can I kindly remind parents and carers that your child arriving late to school can result in an unauthorised absence being recorded, and a detention issued to be served on the same day. Many of our families will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr this week. I would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Eid celebration. Eid Mubarak.



**Year 8 - Mr Diaz** *I look forward to speaking to Year 8 pupils on their return about their Eid celebrations.*

Eid Mubarak to all our families and pupils celebrating Eid on Thursday and Friday! It has been a wonderful week learning how excited pupils were when talking about their plans for celebrating Eid, supporting each other during Ramadan, and giving advice to staff when fasting for a day! I look forward to speaking to Year 8 pupils on their return about their Eid celebrations. This week, we have also discussed charities pupils would like to choose to raise fund for our upcoming charity event and we have entered a Blue Peter badge competition also! Watch this space!



**Year 9 - Mr Chetwyn** *Nobody is alone and we are all here for each other if needed!*

It has been a challenging time for us all since we returned to school from Easter. But, it has been fantastic to see lots of our Year 9 pupils working hard to catch up on their work and develop a positive mindset and attitude towards studies, peers, and staff. This ties in nicely with Mental Health Awareness Week, which we have used to encourage positive mental health and a willingness to talk about any problems that we may have! Nobody is alone and we are all here for each other if needed! This week also marks an important time of the year for many of our pupils too as we celebrate Eid! We are proud to celebrate the end of Ramadan with the Muslim pupils, staff and families that are part of our school community. Eid Mubarak!



**Year 10 - Mr Hull** *Pupils have shown pride in their appearance and uniform standards.*

Firstly, Eid Mubarak to everyone celebrating at the moment. I hope you have a joyful and peaceful time with your families and friends. The work around school is gathering pace with some outstanding work being recorded in English, mathematics and science. I also wanted to say a huge well done to our pupils and a massive thank you to parents and carers for their efforts with our punctuality – the number of pupils arriving late for school was low before but these numbers keep tumbling across Year 10 with just a few pupils that we need to target. It has been great how much pride our pupils show in their appearance and the uniform standards have rarely been higher. Work hard, be kind.



**Year 11 - Mr Smith** *Preparations for Year 11 leaving celebrations are in full force!*

Eid Mubarak, I hope you have had a lovely time celebrating this important event. This week, all Year 11 pupils received a letter regarding the details of the leavers' celebrations. We are excited to announce that this year's prom will be held at the Midland Hotel in Manchester, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July (assuming COVID restrictions are lifted, as expected). There is also the option to purchase a year book and leavers hoodie, through Parent Pay. The deadlines are Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May. If there are any payment issues, please see Mr Smith.

**UNICEF: Rights Respecting Schools**

*Article 14 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.*

This week's article of the week is Article 14.

This week we'll focus on Article 14 'Freedom of thought and religion' We hope that all our pupils and their families have enjoyed the freedom to observe Eid at Mosque and with their family and friends. It has been a difficult year, with many restrictions being put in place that meant last year, Eid was celebrated in a very different way. We appreciate the impact this has had on our pupils, and are hopeful that we are able to restore more of the freedoms we have in this country that enable us to celebrate our faith and culture soon.



For more information or to download previous Article of the Week packs please visit the RRSA website by clicking the link below:

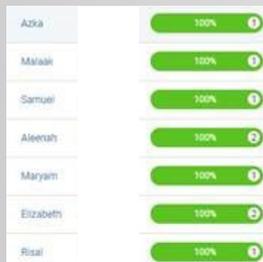
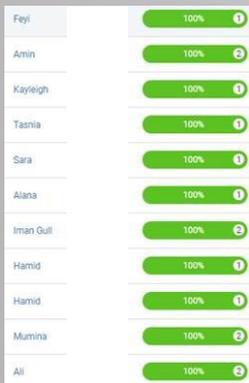
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**Mathematics**

*Pupils have been striving for 100% this week!*

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 aimed for and achieved 100%.

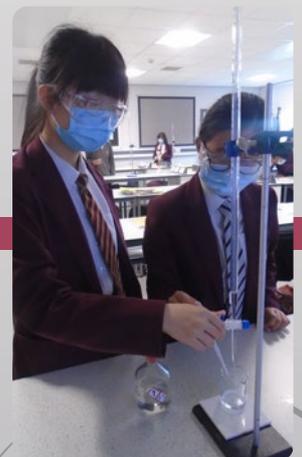
They really do want to become the best mathematician they can be!



**Science**

*Triple scientists study titration.*

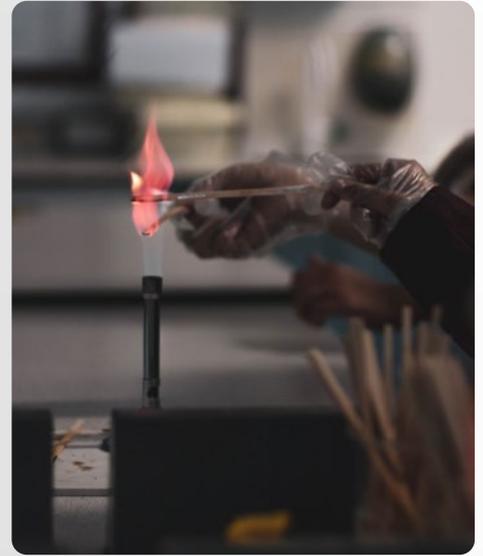
Year 10 triple scientists conducted a titration to determine the concentration of NaOH by neutralising it with a known concentration of HCl. A phenolphthalein indicator was used to monitor the progress of the reaction.



**Science**

*Amazing colours were produced in this Science Club experiment!*

It was great to see Year 7 pupils in Science Club for the first time this year! They learned how to use Bunsen burners and conducted some flame tests for metal ions. These produced a variety of brilliant colours and the pupils were able to record their observations. This will be the first of many exciting experiments in science club!



Art

Some stunning works in progress from our Year 8 pupils this week!



**Humanities**

*Road to a Green Blue Peter Badge...*

Humanities would like to focus our section of the newsletter on an upcoming scheme that we have implemented with Year 7 and 8. We have started the Blue Peter Green Badge Scheme at Dean Trust Ardwick, it is something that we would like all our Year 7 and 8 pupils to get involved in.

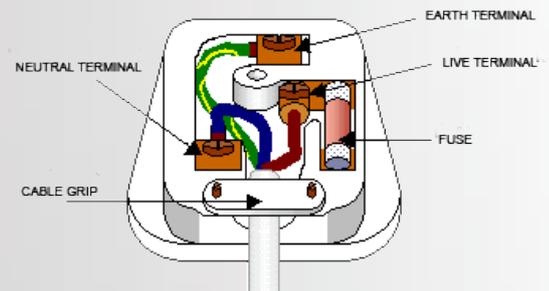
The purpose of the scheme is simple, help to protect the environment. Over the next few weeks, our pupils will pledge to help protect our local environment in 3 ways, for instance, turning lights off after they have left a room, picking litter up or simply turning the TV off standby when it is not being used. The aim of this scheme is to help our pupils become more aware of how they can benefit their local environment and ultimately reduce our carbon footprint. Upon completing their pledges, our pupils will create a poster illustrating what they have achieved over the last 2 weeks, which will in turn, be sent off to Blue Peter. Upon receiving the pupils work, Blue Peter will in return send each student who submitted a poster a Green Blue Peter Badge. This badge allows for access to lots of brilliant attractions in the north west including, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, over 30 museums and much more. We look forward to seeing our pupils make our environment a better, climate friendly place!



**Positive Stories**

*Positive stories from throughout the week...*

We would like to share a positive story about Ryan in Year 11. During his science lesson, he was not only the first pupil to correctly wire an electric plug, but on his own, took the initiative to help two other groups. The science faculty is incredibly proud of him for this remarkable achievement.



**Manchester United Foundation - Food Hampers**

*Providing food hampers for our most vulnerable families.*

Over 20 food hampers were donated to us from the Manchester United Foundation. These will be distributed to some of our most vulnerable families and will provide much needed support for our young people during these difficult times. Thank you so much Manchester United Foundation! To find out more about them, and what they do, please visit: <https://www.mufoundation.org/>, or their Twitter at [@MU Foundation](https://twitter.com/MU_Foundation).



**Foundation**



# 'Footballers get paid too much.'

*A poem by Andrew, Year 10.*

Just imagine from the age of six devoting your body and mind to a sport that only 1% of kids like you end up earning a living from.

All the rejection.

All the blood.

All the tears you shed after tough sessions with all the odds against you.

Have you ever heard about the boy that didn't make it?

Of course you have.

But isn't it strange that despite having his picture in your mind,

The thoughts that he has in his doesn't match the face that you will find.

So I'll ask you again,

Have you really heard the story about the boy that didn't make it?

See no one really knows what goes on behind those white lines.

Trust me. It's more mental than just our bodies on the line.

Day in, day out, it's an exhilarating grind.

Blood, Sweat.

Touch, Set.

It becomes your life, your every move, your every thought.

An opportunity of a lifetime.

A dribbling ability worth more than a precious dime.

Let me not even get started on the injuries & sitting on the bench for fives games straight feeling you've wasted your life, your youth.

All for someone to tell you your 'Not Wanted' and it's 'Only a game'.

But if you'd given your whole life.

All you'd want to do is play.

So imagine what it feels like when that gets taken away.

Surplus to requirement or whatever they say: 'No longer wanted'.

You wander and stay. Struggling to find yourself.

You don't even know what to say.

You don't know who you are. Your identities changed.

Too scared to speak up because nobody wants to listen.

So you do everything you can just to keep your distance.

It's hard to find acceptance in life when you were rejected at such an early age.

Chasing shadows of who you once were, thinking things will never be the same.

The sad truth is, it's one in a million who fight through all the trials and tribulations who manage to be that lucky cherry.

Now do you see why I strongly believe footballers deserve Every. Single. Penny.

