



NEWSLETTER

Half Term 5

21st May 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Monday was a further day of celebrations for Eid. Mellors, our catering company, served very tasty and mouthwatering international food, together with enough baklava for the whole school population! This was generously provided by our *Staff Anti-Discrimination and Diversity Committee*.

Thank you again for supporting our high standards of uniform and appearance. Please could I ask you to explain to your child/ren the importance of wearing their full uniform properly on the way to and from school. Pupils represent the school in their uniform and we are an important part of our local community, trying to establish a good reputation and serve our community well.

As you can see from the newsletter this week, we have a lot going on in school. Once we are back to some kind of normality (!) we will do even more!

Read on to find out about the exciting school project our pupils are planning and about the Manchester born British Empire middleweight boxer Len Johnson.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



Ms S. Finlay
Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Parents of Year 11 – There is still support for your child once they leave school. Young Minds, Kooth and Proud Trust offer support for young people. Please see school website or contact Reception and ask to speak to someone from the Welfare Team if you would like further information.

Dairy Dates

End of Half Term	28 th May 2021
Return to School	7 th June 2021



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Year 7 - Mrs Rashford *I am working closely with our Year 7 Ambassadors.*

I know it has been a great relief for many of our pupils not having to wear masks around school and in classrooms. Although, if pupils still wish to wear them, they can continue to do so until further notice. I am pleased to announce that our Year 7 boys' football team has been selected. We are currently going through a similar process to select our first ever Year 7 girls' football team. I would like to thank you all in ensuring your child is fully equipped with their planners and pencil cases. There has been a marked improvement in pupils passing the equipment check point at the gate. I am working closely with our Year 7 Ambassadors who are discussing, and raising awareness, of the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East. The girls have been very mature and responsible and are discussing ways in which as a year group we can help the victims. Next week is the last week of the half term. I am looking forward to celebrating pupils' achievements as a year group.



Year 8 - Mr Diaz *We are preparing for the upcoming fundraising week next half term.*

At Dean Trust Ardwick we value pupil voice and give pupils every opportunity to have their say, and be heard, so that the experiences at school are tailored to them. Thus, this week, our Year Representatives have been conducting form time discussions about charities their Year 8 would like to select, in preparation for the upcoming fundraising week next half term. The Year Representatives have also recently discussed in forms, types of rewards Year 8 pupils would like to have considered for achievement assemblies and end of year rewards. These discussions are not only vital for in representing pupil voice, but it also building a sense of community and belonging for pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick.



Year 9 - Mr Chetwyn *Year 9 will be practising our fire drill this week.*

There is lots to be positive about this week in Year 9, with positive BfL grades consistently high and lots of pupils working hard to improve and, 'get it right'. Over the coming weeks we will be looking to maximise opportunities to reward pupils for their hard work and positive conduct. Year 9 practised our fire drill this week to ensure that we can remain calm and quiet at all times. This is imperative to maintain our safety in the event of genuine fire alarm/incident, so it is important that we practise to get it right. Have a great weekend everyone!



Year 10 - Mr Hull *Year 10 have shown lot's of interest in attending a virtual tour of Oxford University!*

As we move towards our May half-term, and look beyond to our forthcoming mock exams in the last two weeks of June. All pupils are being prepared for these exams, in a way to give pupils a realistic experience of sitting important exams but with content and challenge that is demanding but wholly realistic. These exams are an important staging post on our journey to being fully prepared and ready for our GCSEs. If any pupil feels worried, concerned and daunted by these forthcoming exams, please speak to myself, Mr Randles or their form tutor. On an additional note, we are starting to think carefully and deeply about our post-16 options and beyond. The interest and take-up from Year 10 pupils to attend a virtual tour of Oxford University has really demonstrated that the sky is the absolute limit for this exciting and talented year group. Be kind, work hard.



Year 11 - Mr Smith *We are almost at the end of a five year journey!*

As Year 11 pupils head towards their final weeks in school, the focus and application towards their controlled assessments has been really positive. There is a feeling of 'one-last-push', to get over the line! We are preparing for our final leavers celebrations, and had our form photographs this week. It was lovely to see pupils sat with their form tutors at the end of a five year journey. Many of whom have been together since the first day in Year 7! The final deadline for the payments for the leavers book, hoodie, and prom is Monday 24th May. All payments must be made through *ParentPay*. If anyone is struggling with the technical element of this, please e-mail myself at headofyear11@deantrustardwick.co.uk.



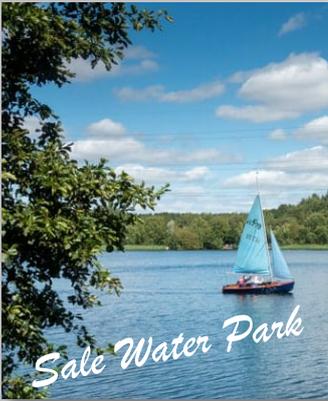
UNICEF: Rights Respecting Schools

Article 24 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This week's article of the week is Article 24.

Last week was Mental Health Awareness Week, and the theme this year was 'Nature', which fits perfectly with UNICEF's article of the week, Article 24: The Right to Health and a Clean Environment. Despite the unpredictable weather, being outside and exercising, even if it's just a stroll around your local park, has huge benefits for your physical and mental health. Take time this half term to explore these local beauty spots in the area:

- Heaton Park, Prestwich
- Fletcher Moss Park, Didsbury
- Sale Water Park, Trafford
- Reddish Vale Country Park, Stockport



Manchester United Foundation

Pupils take part in The Football Association's 'Playmaker' programme.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Dean Trust Ardwick's Sports Leaders have been unable to visit partner primary schools and gain practical coaching experience.

As an alternative, Mr Griffiths has delivered The Football Association's 'Playmaker' programme during term one. This has enabled our sports leaders to climb the first step on the coaching ladder and gain a nationally recognised qualification. This half term, four pupils have successfully gained their FA playmaker qualification!



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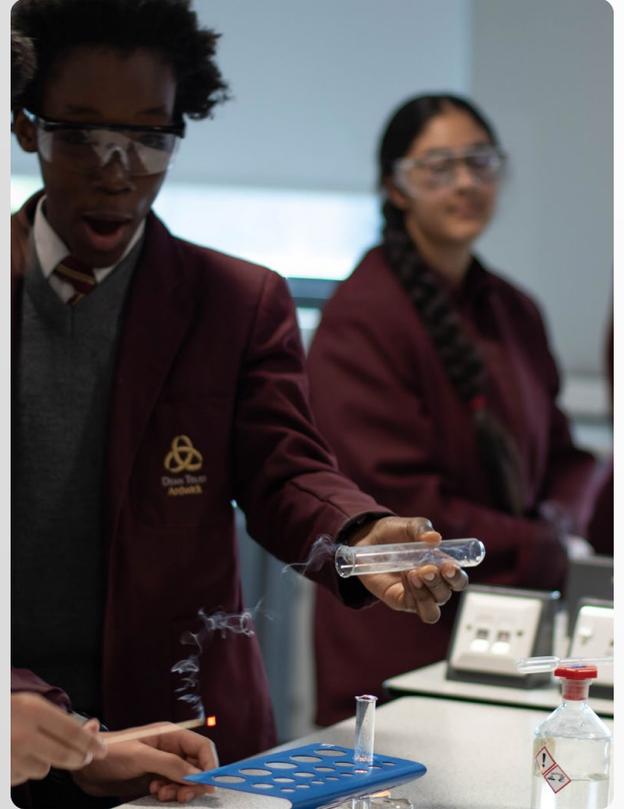


SCHOOL MESSAGES

Science

Pupils make 'squeaky-pops' to study the gas, hydrogen.

In science club this week, Year 7 pupils conducted a 'squeaky-pop' test which involves the production of hydrogen! Pupils reacted magnesium, with hydrochloric acid, to produce magnesium chloride and hydrogen gas. Using a boiling tube, our young scientists collected the hydrogen before holding a flame to it, to get the 'squeaky-pop' sound that the experiment is named after. Dr Stewart also did an elephant's toothpaste demonstration, reacting hydrogen peroxide with potassium iodide!



SCHOOL MESSAGES

Physical Education

Look out for more information on Girls' Netball and Football trials!

Pupils continue to engage in summer sports, including a variety of athletics events! We look forward to seeing some of the event records being set. Yet again, the turn out for extra-curricular clubs has been fantastic, It is excellent to see so many pupils taking part in enrichment opportunities. Remember, if you wish to take part in any extra-curricular sessions, please check the timetable with your form tutor.

GIRLS' NETBALL AND FOOTBALL TEAM TRIALS.

STARTING AFTER HALF TERM.



Modern Foreign Languages

Our extra-curricular clubs have been popular!

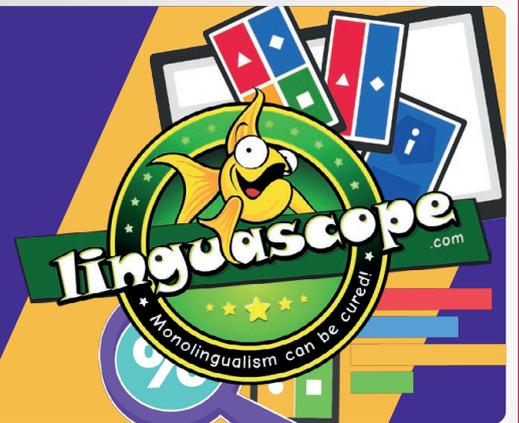
A reminder for Year 10 pupils to revise for their upcoming mock exams next week, in their Spanish / French lessons. If you need any support with revision, please speak to your MFL teacher.

Miss Martin would like to say thank you to all Year 7 and 8 pupils who have been attending her Linguascope Club. Just a reminder that Linguascope Club runs every Tuesday in G06, from 3:15-4:00. Speak to Miss Martin or your MFL teacher for more information!

YEAR 7 AND 8 PUPILS

THE LINGUASCOPE / KAHOOT CLUB IS ON EVERY TUESDAY IN G06
WITH MISS MARTIN.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME - THE MORE THE MERRIER!



Road Traffic Safety

Keeping pupils, and the community, safe.

You may have noticed the road traffic officers present on Langport Avenue at the end of the school day. We are working closely with them to help create a safer environment for our pupils and the community. We strongly encourage parents to park away from the school when picking up your children, in an effort to reduce the congestion of the roads around our building.

Thank you for your support, and for working with us, to create a safer community for everyone. If you have any questions, please get in touch at: admin@deantrustardwick.co.uk



SCHOOL MESSAGES

Performing Arts

Good luck David!

The Performing Arts faculty are extremely proud to announce that a Year 11 pupil, David, has been entered into a talent showcase organised by Manchester United Foundation, in partnership with the Manchester International Festival, which is a huge annual event in the city centre. There are 28 other schools who have entered acts into the showcase and six will be selected. If David's performance is selected by the judges, he will perform 'Proud of your Boy' from Aladdin in Festival Square for a public audience, as part of the Manchester International Festival.

David said, "If I get selected, I will be so excited. It would be an amazing experience to perform in the city centre as part of the festival and it would be the perfect end to my time at Dean Trust Ardwick".

Good Luck to David, we are all rooting for you!



SCHOOL MESSAGES

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our clubs continue to be popular!

It has been great to see so many pupils taking part in extra-curricular activities. Our gardening club have started to germinate lots of seeds which will eventually be used in our school greensite. As you can see in the pictures below, the plants are growing strong and are almost ready to be introduced to the outdoors! Also pictured below is board game club. Pupils tested their skills against staff in Jenga and chess!



Believe Achieve Succeed

SCHOOL MESSAGES

Eid - Celebration Lunch

Our school community celebrated together.

On Monday, our Mellors catering team worked incredibly hard to provide a delicious selection of authentic food in celebration of Eid last week. As well as a themed lunch we also had enough baklava for everyone in school! It is easy to see from our photographs that the celebration was enjoyed by all of our pupils and staff.



SCHOOL MESSAGES

Greensite Presentation to Governors and SLT

Pupils presented their greensite ideas to a panel of staff!

Manchester United Foundation and Dean Trust Ardwick's Eco-Committee teamed up to complete their social action project, which aims to create change within the school community and beyond. Part of this has involved pupils planning, and designing, a transformation of part of the green space on our school site. These designs were presented to school governors and members of SLT and the best designs will be taken into consideration moving forward.



Odd Arts - Celebrating the life of Len Johnson

A play about the life of Manchester boxer Len Johnson.

Pupils were treated to a performance put on by Odd Arts on Friday. The focus of the play was on the Clayton born, Manchester boxer Len Johnson. Known as 'Len' by his fans, he won the British Empire middleweight title and was the first non-white boxer to hold a major title during the 1920-1933 period.

