



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

# NEWSLETTER

Half Term 1

8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Bringing our main events of the last week together fills me with pride when our newsletter shows just what we achieve here at Dean Trust Ardwick, in the space of one week. All that you read here is what we missed so much over the past two years, and it is thrilling to see how pupils are engaging with the opportunities that we can now offer them outside curriculum time.



Ms S. Finlay  
Headteacher

From planting seeds to welcoming an Olympic games and GB Taekwondo Champion to speak with pupils last week, it is easy to see how pupils are lapping up the experiences on offer to them.

National Poetry Day was a huge success with the library filled with pupils coming to deliver their poetry entries; this has fitted nicely with the Senior Prefect Team's own poetry competition for any pupils or forms to submit a poem about our school and their local community, or Manchester.

We very much look forward to meeting our Year 7 parents and carers this coming Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm at their Parents Welcome Evening event.

We are also excited to launch the return of our Coffee Mornings this coming Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October (see inside) and we hope you can come along. It is only for an hour and it is a chance to meet other parents and carers and learn more about our school.

So much to look forward to and celebrate so please do take the time to read our newsletters each week as I am sure you will realise why I am so proud of the school.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay

**Safeguarding Tip:** If your child does not arrive at school, there are Safeguarding procedures we must follow. We will always contact you in the first instance.

## Diary Dates

Coffee Morning: Meet and Greet	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
RE: Place of Worship Visit	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Awards Evening	21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021
Half Term Break	22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021





**Year 7 - Mrs Rashford** *Year 7 were in awe of Mahama Cho, Team GB Taekwondo athlete.*

Hello parents and carers. We had a special visit from Mahama Cho – who represented GB Taekwondo team during the last Olympic games. A number of our Year 7 pupils were picked to take part in a session delivered by Mahama. The lucky pupils thoroughly enjoyed the sessions! Mahama will be visiting us again later on this year to hold more workshops with groups of pupils. Read on to find out more...



**Year 8 - Mr Smith** *Year 8 are excited for their first football match next week!*

The Year 8 pupils have had another busy week in school. All of the extra-curricular clubs are in full flow now with many different activities taking place from the Arts, to Chess Club and many sporting clubs to name a few. Next week the Year 8 football team have their first match vs Crompton House in the Manchester Cup so we are all hoping for a positive result!

On Friday morning we had our first 'Stars of the Week' where we celebrate the great academic work that pupils have achieved over these first few weeks in school. Each faculty name two pupils that have shown a great aptitude towards their subject and are rewarded with a certificate and a celebration breakfast!



**Year 9 - Mr Diaz** *Mahama Cho was hugely inspirational during our Year 9 assembly.*

This week we had the pleasure of having Team GB Taekwondo Olympian, Mahama Cho, deliver a hugely inspirational assembly about future careers, aspirations and life choices. Year 9 were enthused by Cho's assembly and motivational speech, his history and how he overcame every hurdle in life to become the best version of himself. This year marks a pivotal point in your child's future as they will be making tough decisions with regards to GCSEs and life after Dean Trust Ardwick. I know, and hope, that your son/daughter has taken some time to reflect this week and aspire to be the best they can be.



**Year 10 - Mr Chetwyn** *There is lots going on in Year 10 with Black History Month!*

We look forward to diving head first in to Black History Month this week, completing daily learning activities and widening our knowledge and understanding of Black History. We look forward to seeing our Year 10 pupils dive head first in to this topic, as they always do! There is a lot to look forward to over the next few weeks, as external trips and extra-curricular fixtures begin to be added to our diaries. Good luck to our Year 10 boys football team as they take part in their first fixture of the season this Thursday! Remember Year 10, we are working hard to be the best versions of ourselves, every minute of every day. Keep the momentum going and have a great week!



**Year 11 - Mr Hull** *Year 11 are preparing for their post-16 options.*

As the first half-term continues to progress, we have been considering options for post-16 education. Pupils have been looking at websites and researching open days and other events to help them choose their course and destinations for once they finish at Dean Trust Ardwick. It is vital that we keep our options open and choose courses that we are likely to enjoy, find rewarding and lead to exciting futures. Please look out for information from prospective colleges and centres of learning in the future. Our pupils have been showing great resilience and teamwork – the leadership team have been assisted by several pupils (some prefects; some not) in helping out across the school before the school day, during breaks and after school. Again, their commitment and enthusiasm have been tremendous. Work hard, be kind.





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# Coffee Morning

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
9.00am – 10.00am

## Meet and Greet

A chance for parents and carers to meet our staff and discuss school matters.



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# 100% Attendance WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING A  
**£50 ASDA Voucher**

## Fancy winning a £50 Asda shopping voucher each week?

All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning the voucher is to ensure that your child attends school 100% (appointments will be taken into consideration) starting from 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Ensuring that your child attends school 100% of the time is very important and vital at the start of the new year when they are meeting their teachers, friends and starting their curriculum subjects. In high school it can be very difficult to 'catch up' like your child might have done in primary school as they have 6 subjects a day across a range of subjects. Your child needs to have the foundation knowledge, for each subject, at the start of the year to ensure that they can build on that knowledge as they progress. We have excellent attendance at Dean Trust Ardwick which contributes to our superb outcomes, however we want to support our families in whichever way we can.

To be in with a chance at winning, your child must have 100% attendance for an entire week. At the end of the week they will be placed into a prize draw and have the opportunity to win a £50 Asda voucher to spend.



# National Poetry Day

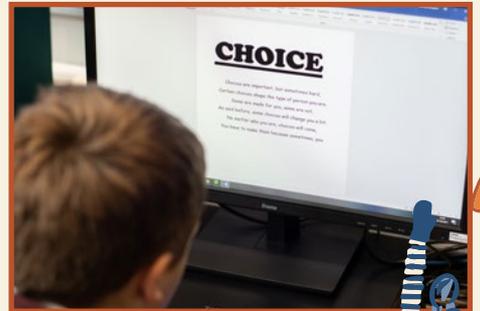
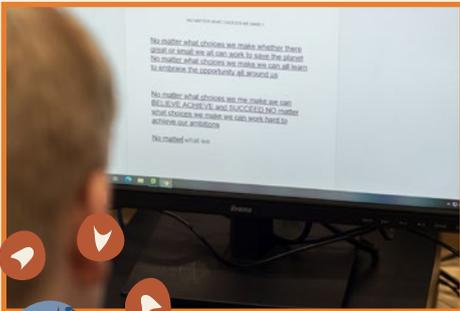
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## On Thursday 7th October it was National Poetry Day!

Pupils came to the Library at break and lunch for poetry writing workshops. We will be entering their poems into the Empowered poetry competition. This is a national competition and lots of schools will enter.

The prizes include having your poem published and winning £100! This year, the theme of National Poetry Day was 'Choice'. Pupils worked together to research and write poems based on this theme. Thank you to all the pupils who came and worked so hard- there are definitely some future poets among us at Dean Trust Ardwick!





## Mahama Cho, Team GB Taekwondo

We welcomed Mahama Cho, Team GB Taekwondo practitioner, into school this week and it was an incredible experience for our pupils! Throughout his day here he held an assembly, spoke to pupils, provided a Taekwondo training session, and visited classrooms. Mahama was such a hit that preparations have already begun for him to visit us again soon.



### Year 7 Staff Briefing Presentation

*Brave Year 7 pupils shared their Residential Trip experiences.*

During Friday's staff briefing, Samuel and Xante shared their favourite experiences from the Year 7 Residential Trip. These brave pupils took to the front of the hall and addressed every member of staff, a very daunting experience! Xante told us that the canoeing was her favourite activity, whereas Samuel told us it was his worst due to getting so wet. It was obvious from their enthusiasm that they both had a fabulous time and we are confident that this is the same feeling throughout the year.

If you missed them, please check out last week's newsletter for lots of photographs from the trip!



### Rainbow Aware: Skilled Teacher

*We have been awarded our Skill Teacher Rainbow Award!*

We have been awarded the Skilled Teacher section of the Rainbow Flag Award in recognition of our level of training in challenging LGBTphobic language and behaviour. We are incredibly proud to be associated with the Rainbow Flag Award and The Proud Trust and will continue to work towards more sections that showcase our inclusive ethos.



#### Sparkling Cosmopolitan

<b>Ingredients</b> 1 Lime Wedge Ice  Cranberry Juice Orange Juice Soda Water  <b>Ratio</b> 2 : 1 : 3		<b>Instructions</b> In a shaker add ice and squeeze the lime.  Add the cranberry and orange juice and shake.  Pour into the glass and top with soda. Decorate as desired
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#### Mojito

<b>Ingredients</b> 6 Mint Leaves 2 Lime Wedge Ice  Soda Water Apple Juice Elderflower Cordial  <b>Ratio</b> 4 : 3 : 1		<b>Instructions</b> In a shaker add ice and squeeze the limes.  Add the mint leaves.  Add the apple juice elderflower cordial and shake.  Pour into the glass of ice and top with soda.  Decorate as desired
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#### Tropical Sunrise

<b>Ingredients</b> Ice  Orange Juice Pineapple Juice Grenadine  <b>Ratio</b> 3 : 3 : 1		<b>Instructions</b> In a shaker add ice.  Add the orange and pineapple juice.  Shake then pour into a glass.  Add the grenadine drop by drop. Decorate as desired
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### Mathematics

*We share our Open Evening mocktail recipes.*

During Open Evening last week the maths department had several requests for the recipes for the maths faculty's mocktails! These are pictured, the ratios can be any volume provided that the ratio stays the same! During open evening there was also a competition to win a calculator. In order to win, contestants had to write down the lowest positive indice that no one else chose. The winner was Xante from 7T Piccadilly! Congratulations Xante, please see Mrs Annan to collect your calculator!

**Football Match Report: Dean Trust Ardwick vs Cheadle Hulme**

After going 1-0 down early in the first half, DTA needed a quick response. A calmly taken finish from Al-Ameen levelled the score just before half-time to bring the visitors back into the game. A superb reaction in second half from all of the players meant DTA were on the front foot. Al-Ameen added another two goals to his name to complete his hat trick and the final nail in the coffin came from perfectly taken freekick from Sean Bandele to finalise the score line: Dean Trust Ardwick 4 - Cheadle Hulme 2.

All 14 players played their part in the fixture but most notably; Al-Ameen for his outstanding work rate and his Hattrick, Sean for energy throughout the game and his well taken free kick and lastly Harvey and Royat for their solid defensive display! Well done to all players involved.



**Foundation**

Mr Griffiths

**Dean Trust Ardwick Twitter**

*Do you follow our Twitter account?*

Our Twitter page is a fantastic place to stay up-to-date on recent school events. We regularly upload exciting photographs that give you a sneak peek into life at Dean Trust Ardwick. Our most recent post highlights the displays throughout school celebrating black history. Please use the below link to visit our page!

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This month, our corridor screens are decorated with inspirational black role models. By sharing their stories of success, we hope to inspire our pupils to achieve their dreams! #BlackHistoryMonth2021



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## Planting Spring Bulbs

*Gardening club are doing their bit to naturalise our school site.*

We had lots of green fingers during lunchtime today as pupils joined Miss Ribbands to plant Spring flowering bulbs, including tulips and daffodils to name a few. The bulbs were placed into planters by our outdoor shelter and we are very excited to see them bloom next year! Here are some photographs of the pupils in action.



## Congratulations Adam!

*Well done!*

Please join us in congratulating Adam on his 'Best Boxer Award'. He received the award for his resilience and determination during his boxing training. We are very proud of your achievements and hope that one day you might represent Team GB like the fantastic role model Cho!

