



NEWSLETTER

Half Term 2

5th November 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to half term 2! We have enjoyed a settled return to school, our pupils are becoming more accustomed to new routines following our 2 years of restrictions.

It is extremely encouraging to see such a huge attendance at our post-16 event. Thank you to everyone who attended. Please see all of our photos.

Please also look inside to find all about our 'green space' project.

Stay safe over Bonfire Night!

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Please stay safe on bonfire night. Children should watch displays from a safe distance and families should have water on hand in case of an emergency.

Diary Dates

Tender Arts Workshop Assembly	8 th - 9 th November 2021
Year 11 Speaking Mocks	8 th - 12 th November 2021
Year 8 & 9 Assessments	8 th - 12 th November 2021
Christmas Show	14 th - 16 th December 2021



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Year 7 - Mrs Rashford *Pupils attended an all important fire safety workshop this week*

I hope you and your families have had a restful half term. This week, Year 7 attended a workshop delivered by *Me and You Education* and a fire safety presentation in preparation for Bonfire Night. The behaviour of Year 7 pupils in both sessions was exemplary! Please stay safe over bonfire night, this can be a dangerous time of the year.



Year 8 - Mr Smith *Together as a year, we are working on creating the correct mindset for success.*

This focus in our assembly this week was creating a 'Growth Mindset' amongst the year group. We discussed the importance of a developing a 'need to achieve' mindset rather than a 'need to avoid failure'. This way of thinking hopes to create a 'can do' attitude towards all aspects of school life and increase their chances of achieving their potential!



Year 9 - Mr Diaz *Please ensure that you are staying safe over this weekend.*

Year 9 have had a positive start to half term 2. This week pupils engaged in a compelling assembly with 'Me and You Education', the assembly was well received by pupils and it provoked thinking about the modern world we live in. It was great to see Year 9 pupils taking part in this assembly so maturely. This week we have also celebrated pupil achievement, many nominees and award winners from half term one received their awards this week. It is also bonfire season, each year pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick are informed of how to remain safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service's advice is to attend an organised event, however these activities are increasingly planned at home. Please ensure the safety of all if you plan or attend such an event.



Year 10 - Mr Chetwyn *Year 10 are able to win lots of prizes with good conduct and behaviour.*

It great to see you back with a positive mentality this week Year 10, which will work well for us all as we power through 'Next Level November'. This is an opportunity for us all to work hard for positive conduct points that will earn individuals and forms the opportunity to choose from a wide range of prizes! Make sure you are being the best version of yourself to be in for the best chance of winning! This week we hosted our Year 10 and 11 Post-16 Application event, which had an amazing turnout! It was fantastic to see so many pupils taking a real interest in their future career and education, and we look forward to working hard with you over the next two years to ensure that you get to where you want to be! Keep up the hard work!



Year 11 - Mr Hull *Our Year 11 pupils are thinking about the next steps in their post-16 options.*

Year 11 have burst back onto the scene after a restful break over the half term holiday, with a huge amount of vibrancy and energy. With just two weeks until our November mock exams, it was pleasing to see the extent of interest in attending the various booster sessions and extra lessons being offered across the faculties and curriculum. On Thursday we hosted a very successful post-16 options evening featuring visits from various colleges and education providers. It was great to see our young people exploring their options because events like this are essential in making contact with prospective colleges and allowing our pupils and their families an opportunity to consider their options. We are here to support and assist in their final year, making it as successful, enjoyable and progressive as possible. Work hard, be kind.



Green Space

Pupils are setting an example with their new area.

Our eco-committee and gardening club have joined forces with external agency MUD (Manchester Urban Diggers) to create a new green space on our school site. The area includes a wood chip path, raised beds, and planters. Through workshops held by MUD, pupils and staff have learnt about the importance of self sufficiency and growing vegetables and fruit at home, if we are to address the climate issues we all face.

Thank you to all pupils and staff who gave up their half term break to work on the project. Great work!

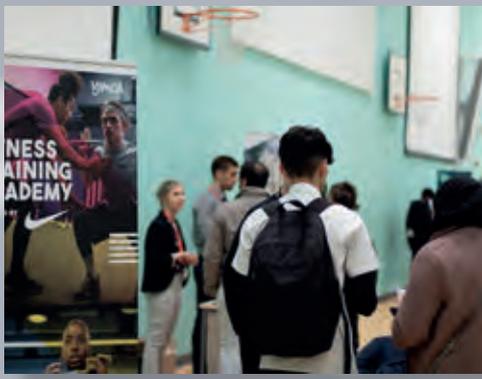


Post-16 Application Evening

Information on applying for colleges, sixth form and apprenticeships

Our Post-16 Application Evening, held for Year 10 and 11, was a huge success! Thank you to all parents, carers, pupils and providers who attended the wonderful event. Throughout the night, our guests gave presentations and shared vital information of post-16 options. We hope that you left the event feeling confident, and informed, on your child's next steps.

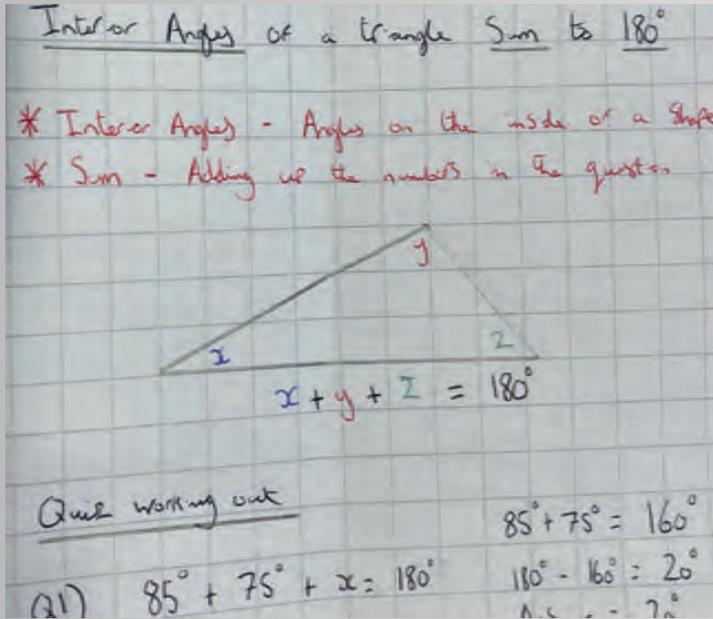




Mathematics

We have been working to maintain our high standards of homework this week.

Throughout lessons this week, Mr Burney has been re-establishing homework expectations when it comes to completing Hegarty Maths tasks at home. Pupils have been given a checklist of things they have to cross reference when completing homework, such as ensuring they have wrote down dates and titles as well as worked examples. We had an excellent example produced by one of our pupils, showing how a piece of homework should be set out. Hopefully these lessons have been very valuable in allowing pupils to see what is expected of homework at Dean Trust Ardwick. I am sure we will have many more homeworks to show off in the coming weeks!



Pupil Checklist for Homework

- 1 Write the task number, title and the date
- 2 Write any key words
- 3 Write down all of the examples that the teacher does in the video
- 4 Use colour to highlight or underline key points
- 5 Draw any diagrams with a pencil and ruler
- 6 Attempt all the questions in the quiz, using the Get Help button if you are stuck
- 7 Write all the questions and your answers from the quiz
- 8 Mark your work as you go
- 9 Write any corrections in a different colour
- 10 I write down my score at the end of the quiz

Physical Education

Well done to everyone who has represented our school this week!

We have had another busy week of fixtures for all of our year groups. The week kicked off with a Year 7 Netball fixture. The girls were unlucky to miss out on a win by one point against TEMA. This was their first netball game and they all played excellent.

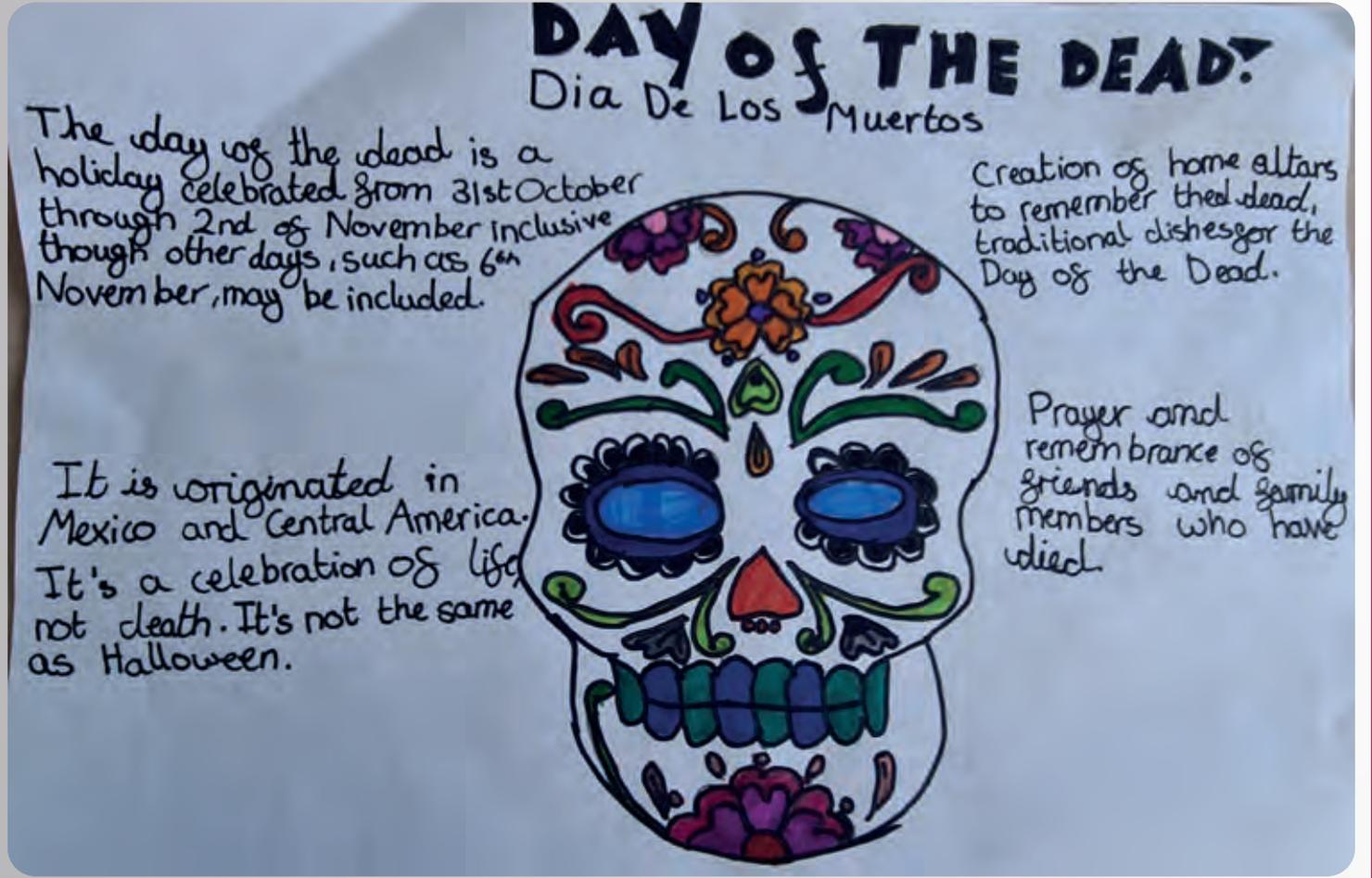
As we moved further into the week, Year 11 had 2 netball fixtures; they fantastically for their first two games back after 2 years. We won 5-1 against TEMA and 5-1 against Abraham Moss. Rayara was voted 'player of the match' for both games. The Year 8 girls' football team unfortunately came up against a strong side from Wellington School which ended their run in the GMCSFA competition. A massive thank you and well done to the Year 7 pupils who stepped up to play. Well done to all the STA pupils who represented the school this week. Keep up the hard work.

**PLEASE STAY SAFE
THIS BONFIRE NIGHT.**

Modern Foreign Languages

Pupils have been learning about *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) in Mexico which took place on the 1st - 2nd November. They learnt about the meaning of the festival and how different it is to Halloween, it is a day of celebration, not a day for trick or treating! In Mexico, they believe that dead ancestors come back to Earth to spend time with their loved ones.

In honour of this, we are also showing the film *Coco* in MFL Film Club - Tuesdays 3.00-4.00pm, Room 103!



Congratulations Kante!

Please join us in congratulating Kante for winning the Manchester United Foundation Black History Month artwork competition! There were lots of entries from schools all over Manchester so it was an incredible achievement.

Take a look at our Twitter page to see a congratulations message from Katie Zelem, the captain of Manchester United Women's Team.



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