



DEAN TRUST Ardwick

NEWSLETTER

Half Term 2

26th November 2021

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week was our opportunity to really show off how great Dean Trust Ardwick is to some very high-profile visitors from the Department for Education world who wanted to see a school in Manchester in action. We were proud they wanted to come to Dean Trust Ardwick. Please read on to find out more about how they were very impressed with the poetry and eco committee presentations, visits to lessons and a tour around our wonderful school.

New Level November is drawing to a close this week and the winning pupils with the highest number of positive points this month will be revealed!

It is really good that most pupils arrive on time to school and lessons. However, please may I ask that you check your child is setting off in good time for school as we have had an increase in lateness recently. Pupils should arrive at 8.30am.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child brings their face mask to school to wear in corridors and other communal areas in line with new government guidance. It is planned to be a temporary measure but we must all work together to ensure that pupils and staff support each other to be able to avoid infection and stay in school. We shall keep you updated.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



Ms S. Finlay
Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip:

For information on Early Help please see Early Help Manchester's Twitter page - @earlyhelpmcr

Diary Dates

Year 10 Progress Evening	2 nd December 2021
Cadbury World Trip	6 th December 2021
Christmas Show	14 th - 16 th December 2021
Last Day of Term	22 nd December 2021



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HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGES



Year 7 - Mrs Rashford *We have had a busy half term so far, with lots more plans ahead!*

Hello parents and carers. November is the last month of autumn, but the beginning of new opportunities and experiences. The academic year is in full swing, and before we know it Christmas will be upon us. This half term we have had Anti-bullying Week, workshops delivered by Me and You Education and Year 7 Assessment week to name a few. Information regarding progress and attainment will be shared with parents and carers shortly.



Year 8 - Mr Smith *We have had lots of success in Year 8 this week!*

This week there have been two real highlights from the Year 8 pupils involving learning outside of the classroom. The Reach Out Programme entered it's second week, the 'Character Legends' from each group were: Mohammed (Group 1) and Joy (Group 2) for showing excellent fairness, Zainab (Group 3) for staying power and enthusiastically participating in all aspects on the session and Audrey (Group 4) for excellent staying power despite feeling nervous.

The boys' football team won their first Manchester League fixture beating Abraham Moss 9-1! The goal scorers on the night were Farid (x4!), Javair (x2), Roheen, Femi, and a debut goal from Ayham. There was also a debut man of the match performance by Abdullahi. Hopefully the boys will take this good performance into next week when the play Cheadle Hulme in the Manchester Cup.



Year 9 - Mr Diaz *Please guide your child on how to be respectful and tolerant citizens of the world.*

This week pupils have been reflecting on how to be respectful members of society. Pupils have been preparing a 'Kind Wall' with wonderful post-cards sharing good thoughts, compliments, thank you cards and more. In PSHE pupils have also been learning about homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying; developing an understanding of our laws in the UK and how to be respectful and tolerant citizens. Year 9 pupils have been very mature about provoking topics such as these, but as you will agree, it is imperative for our pupils to learn and grow in a safe learning environment and develop to be well-rounded people. Please encourage your child to continue developing these important personality traits that will remain with them for a lifetime, shaping their futures.



Year 10 - Mr Chetwyn *Punctuality is a key skill needed to thrive out in the wider world.*

We are having a big punctuality drive this week, especially in Year 10, working hard to remind pupils that arriving in good time to school, and to lessons, is a vitally important skills for success. Simply being 1 minute late for every lesson in a week adds up to 30 minutes lost learning, more than half of a lesson! Pupils should be taking personal responsibility to arrive on time, and we will be keeping a close eye on pupils that choose not to do so! This week also mark the last week of our 'Next Level November' competition, and we want to see pupils working hard to gain double points for punctuality! Winners will be announced next week with prizes available to the five winning forms in Year 10! Good luck and keep up the hard work!



Year 11 - Mr Hull *We are encouraging pupils to have a positive mindset during their mock exams.*

This week has seen the first week of our November Mock exams. The purpose, drive and desire to succeed has been enormous amongst the year group. They have approached the challenges with a fantastic attitude and determination. These examinations are a crucial staging post on their journey towards their GCSEs. For many pupils it will be the first time in a significant period that they have undertaken the physical and mental pressures of lengthy exams, and for all our pupils it adds to their experience and equips them better with habits and routines that allow them to thrive. While it might sound impossible – I asked the pupils to enjoy this week. Enjoy the challenge that each question, task and exam poses. Enjoy demonstrating their skills and knowledge. Enjoy the feeling of satisfaction from completing each and every exam.



Department for Education Visit

We had some very special visitors this week:

Permanent Secretary of State for Education - **Susan Acland-Hood**

Director General of Early Years & Schools - **Andrew McCully**

RDD Lancashire & West Yorkshire Sub-Regional Lead for Greater Manchester - **Stephanie Hannaford**

Private Secretary - **Rhian Hughes**

On Wednesday, 24th November we were visited by a number of VIPs from the Department for Education. Upon arrival, they were greeted by our head boy and head girl, Mustafa and Allison, before being led to our library where a number of pupils read poetry and discussed our school's eco plans. This high profile visit was a huge success and all pupils involved represented Dean Trust Ardwick wonderfully!







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Debate Mate

Our Debate Mate weekly update! Debate mate is held every Tuesday.

This week we did warm up activities which allowed pupils to get to know other pupils in their group. Pupils were split into smaller groups and had to form an argument for being for or against vegetarianism. To make their argument they had to use PEEL; point, evidence, explanation and link which helped these pupils form their argument. Being able to use PEEL will also improve their written skills. Once pupils had written their PEEL argument they then had to present it to the rest of the group and then other groups would argue against them. This was one of the first debates which pupils have done and it was another successful session enjoyed by all.

People's History Museum

On Wednesday 1st December, in the Engine Room of the Peoples' History Museum one of our Year 10 pupils will be taking part in a debate. The evening will include pupils from the Manchester City Council Youth Council, Debate Mate pupils and world champion debaters. The debate topic is 'Social inequality is the biggest factor affecting young people today.' Our pupil is supporting this argument. One of the key points which they are arguing is how being from BAME backgrounds can sometimes limit the education you receive in society.

Expo Dubai 2020 Semi-Finals

Last week we were informed that two pupils from our school got through to the semi-finals of the Expo Dubai 2020. The semi-finals will be held on the 2nd December where they have to discuss what they would do as Prime Minister for the day. If they get through to the finals they and win they will have the opportunity to go to Dubai to represent the UK Pavilion at the Expo Dubai 2020. We are honoured that our pupils have made it this far already. We will keep you updated. Fingers crossed!

Hospitality and Catering

Pupils make pizza!

This week in hospitality and catering the Year 8 pupils have been making their own pizzas! Pupils spent time making and kneading their pizza dough ready for their array of tasty toppings. There were some fantastic pizzas and a special shout out to 8D2 for all being outstanding pizza makers. Ayesha in 8D2 very kindly also brought the whole class a pizza box in each so they had a wonderfully authentic pizza making experience!



Women in Technology

Preparations are in full swing for our Platt Fields Park Winter Garden market stall!

This week in Women in Technology (W.I.T) club pupils have been working in collaboration with the Eco Committee. The Eco Committee are hosting a stall at Platt Fields Park at their Winter Garden Market on Saturday 4th December to raise money for our school's green space allotment. In support of this, W.I.T club have been working together to design/create laser cut Christmas tree decorations to be sold at the stall to help support future developments of the green space.



Baking Club

Pupils baked delicious scones this week!

This week in baking club pupils have been making scones. They have further developed their baking skills alongside glazing and presentation skills. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed having their traditional British bakes alongside an array of flavoured jams and clotted cream. They are all looking forward to next week where they will be making chocolate chip cookies.

Physical Education

Well done to the Year 11 football teams!

Another fantastic week of fixtures for everyone here at Dean Trust Ardwick. The Year 11 boys started the week off for us and were unlucky to get a defeat against Chorlton high school. The Year 11 girls continued to carry on their winning spree as they won 15-13 against Trinity. Keep up the hard work girls! Lastly, the Year 8 boys' football team had a massive 8-1 win. All the boys put in an excellent shift and they played fantastic.



Child Development

Creating a nutritious meal from scratch!

Some of the pupils in Miss Henshall's child development class completed their practical assessment this week. Pupils have been investigating a suitable feeding solution that is appropriate for a nursery environment, taking into consideration a number of different factors such as nutrition, time, cost, practicalities and attractiveness and appeal. They were required to use nutrition and two other factors to plan and make a 2 course meal for a 4 year-old child that met the nutritional requirements for a child of this age. Pupils ideas for the attractive and appealing meals were creative and all pupils completed their practical assessments with outstanding efforts and maturity.



A PARENT AND CARERS
INTRODUCTION TO
**ASKING THE
AWKWARD**



Young people want their parents and carers to have everyday conversations with them about relationships. This includes being aware of the positive opportunities technology provides for their social and romantic lives.

Talking regularly with your child about relationships and sex can help develop shared understanding, trust and support between you.

Talk little. Talk often. Ask The Awkward.

PREPARE YOURSELF

Do a little homework.

Our help sheets give key talking points and knowledge to help you to feel confident and keep conversations flowing.

Pick your moments.

Watch the Ask The Awkward films together to give you a good starting point for talking. Pick a time that suits both you and your child, when neither of you have commitments or somewhere else to be. Ask them when a good time would be to watch an episode together.

Avoid 'the big talk'.

A 'little and often' approach is more effective and tells your child that you are there to talk about any topic, any time.



KEEP CONVERSATIONS POSITIVE

Ask open questions.

Most of the questions you ask should be open ended. For example “tell me about...” or “what do you think about...”

For closed questions or where your child has answered “yes”, “no” or “I don’t know”, ask clarifying questions to encourage continued talk. For example “why do you think that?” or “what do you think [a friend, family member] would say to that question?”

Ask, wait, listen.

If you and your child don’t usually talk about these topics, it may take some time for them to think of their answers or feel open talking. Give them some time to think and respond. Listen to what they have to say, be prepared to learn from them and take the time to understand their points of view.

Make positive choices together.

Supporting your child to be safer online shouldn’t be about threats and punishments. Discussion should be focused on safer and positive online use and not solely on what they can’t do. For example, rather than listing the sites your child cannot use, you could look at agreeing a list of sites they can. Helping your child make these decisions for themselves means they are more likely to do what you’ve agreed. Be prepared to revisit your agreements for new sites and apps, and as your child gets older.

Talk to connect, not to investigate.

Remember the purpose of these conversations is to build trust, share and learn together. Be careful not to overload your child with lots of questions or dig for information. Your child is more likely to tell you if something is wrong or worrying them online if you have regular conversations.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD TELLS YOU SOMETHING THAT WORRIES YOU

Most of the time conversations with your child will be positive. However, if your child ever tells you something has happened online which causes you or them concern, it is important to know where you can get support:

Online sexual abuse or grooming. You can report your concerns directly to [CEOP](#).

Bullying. Childline are available to talk to online, on the phone, any time. Your child can call 0800 1111 or [visit their website](#).

Nude image sharing. If your child is worried a sexual image or video of them may have been shared online, they can report to Childline and IWF’s [Report Remove tool](#). This helps children and young people report an image or video shared online, to see if it is possible to get it removed.