



NEWSLETTER

11th March 2022

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy week for us. We celebrated International Women's Day including a 'Girls Get Goals' Year 9 event, provided a special Art class on the topic and had an assembly focusing on female achievements at DTA.

We were very proud to host the regional Debate Mate competition at school last week, and we received very positive feedback regarding our school environment, the warm and welcoming reception, and the lovely refreshments provided for them. One pupil from The Eden Boys school told me that he would definitely send his own children to this school in the future!

Thank you to all those parents and carers who are ensuring their children are punctual to school. Please continue to encourage your child to arrive at school before the gates close at 8.38am.

Thank you also to parents and carers who are supporting the school's regulations on uniform and appearance. Your support helps us maintain the very high standards we insist upon.

With three weeks left until the end of term, my retirement is not far away. I am very much looking forward to delivering my final assemblies to all pupils the week after next.

I am also looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at my final Coffee Morning on March 25th. I do hope you can come along so I can personally say 'goodbye' to you.

With best wishes,

Ms S. Finlay



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Headteacher

Safeguarding Tip: Your words are meaningful – celebrate your child's achievements at home and in school.

Diary Dates

Year 7 Progress Evening	17 th March
Oxford University Outreach Trip	21 st – 23 rd March
Year 10 Reports Home	25 th March
Coffee Morning	25 th March
Inset Day	1 st April



Head of Year Messages



Year 7 – Mrs Rashford *Year 7 are encouraged to try our extracurricular clubs!*

Year 7 continue to thrive and maintain high standards throughout the school. We encourage every child to attend at least one extracurricular club after school and there are many to choose from including lunch time clubs. These are a great opportunity for pupils to not only excel and foster new talents and skills, but also to develop communication skills with peers and adults too. Please encourage your child to participate in at least one club every half term and thank you for your ongoing support in maintaining our high standards on uniform and equipment.



Year 8 – Mr Smith *Year 8 continue to work hard on their achievements and attendance!*

This week, Year 8 pupils have continued to work hard on their behaviour and attendance. The number of pupils arriving late to school is decreasing and pupils are increasingly prepared and dressed according to the uniform standards. 8T Piccadilly are in the lead with an impressive 338 achievement points. 8D Lowry currently have 11 points for attendance, putting them in the lead. There is still plenty of time for these numbers to change and I look forward to seeing the difference that the year-wide improvements could make to the leader board! Thank you to parents for their ongoing support in ensuring pupils arrive on time, prepared and ready to learn.



Year 9 – Mr Diaz *Year 9 are celebrating their achievements!*

This week we celebrated achievements from the Year 9 boys football team, who won their recent match against Loreto High School, scoring 4-1. A special mention goes to Dwayne, Shaheen, Ali and Adam for securing the winning goals! We also celebrated yet another successful event with the Debate Mate Team; they took part in an Urban Debate League competition, winning 3 debates! A special mention to Diane, Joyanna, Kezia, Emmanuella, Hazera, Ashley and Renee for their excellent contribution and efforts! All pupils involved did themselves proud and have gone above and beyond expectations, working as a team and representing Dean Trust Ardwick. Well done everyone!



Year 10 – Mr Chetwyn *Pupils will have the opportunity to apply to be a prefect!*

As always there are lots of great things going on in Year 10 as we steadily move closer and closer to exam season! It has been continually heartening to see so many Year 10 pupils thriving academically, working extremely hard to improve, progressing well and celebrating their progress and success amongst themselves! This is exactly the attitude we want to see from all of our pupils as we make steps towards Year 11. Soon, we will be accepting prefect applications, which will be a fantastic opportunity for pupils striving to succeed and set a great example for their peers. Be polite, be punctual and be positive Year 10. We are doing great!



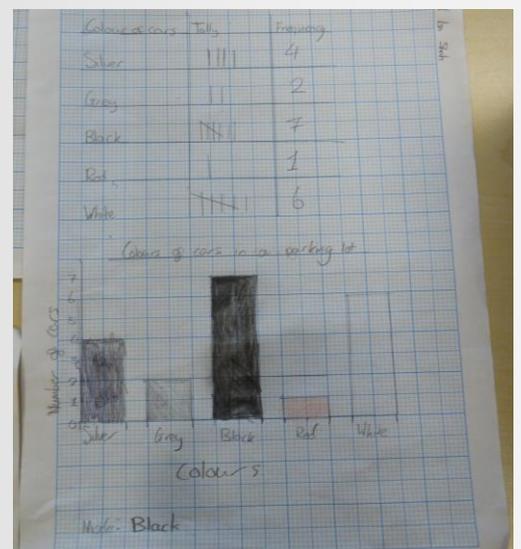
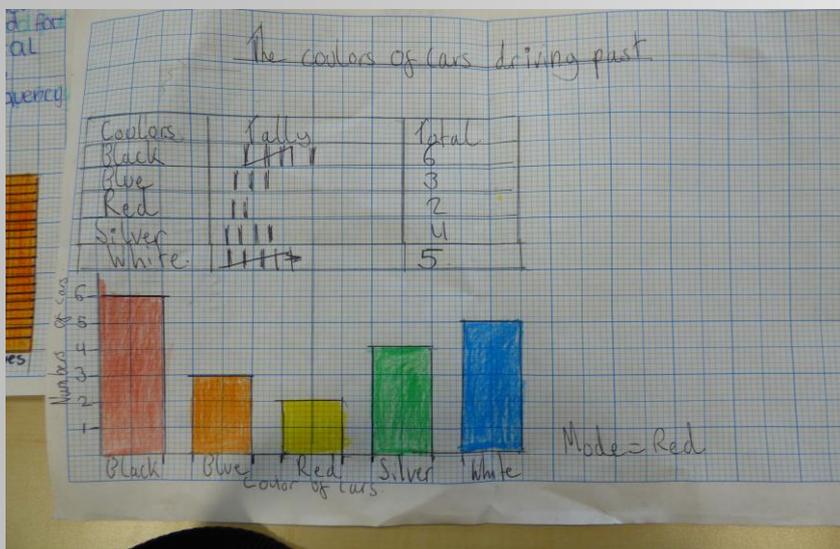
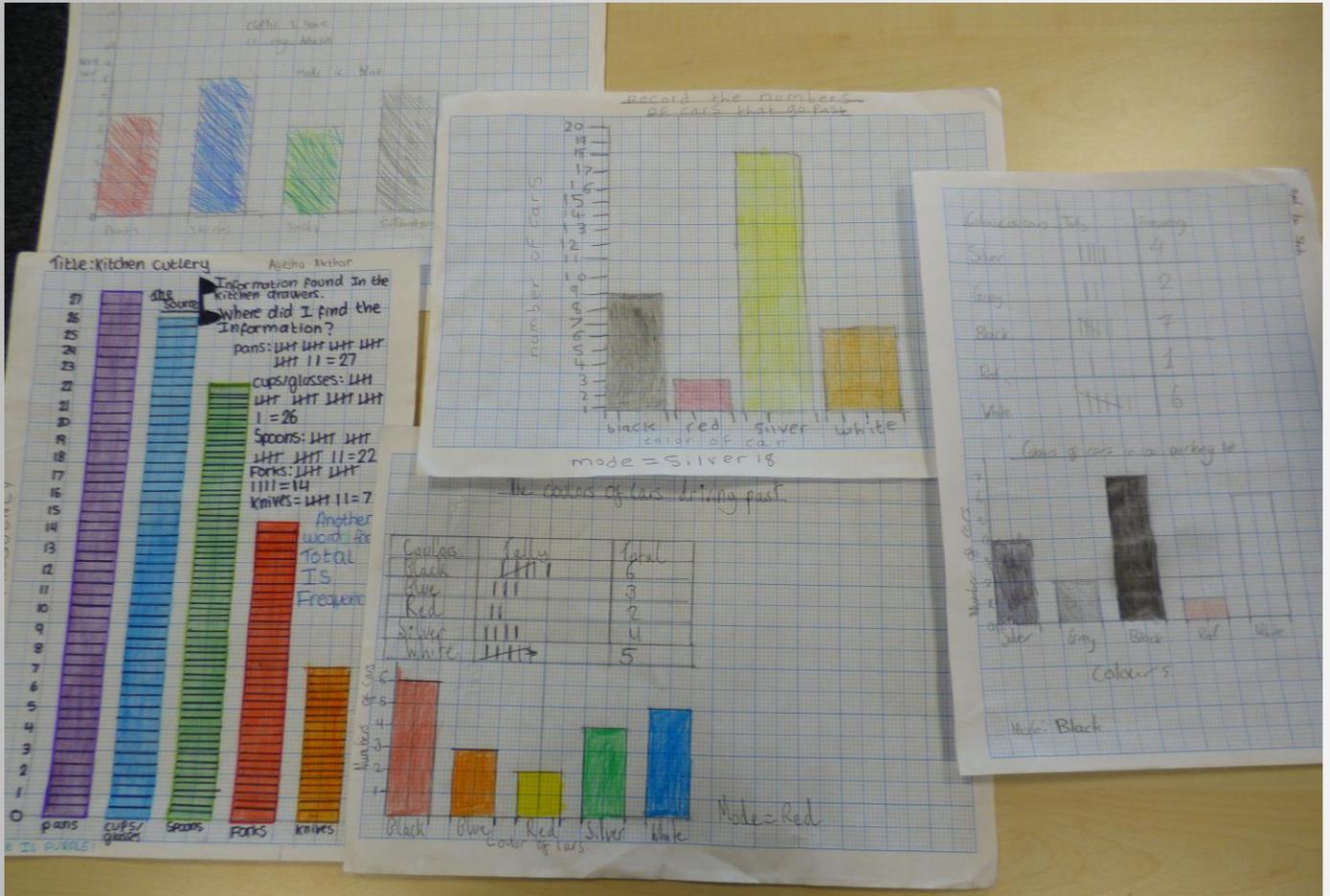
Year 11 – Mr Hull *Well done Year 11 for your punctuality!*

Firstly, I wanted to congratulate Year 11 on the significant improvement in terms of attendance and punctuality. We have so many pupils who consistently and successfully manage their time, however, we have a small number who are struggling with this key life skill. This week we have changed the system for dealing with punctuality issues and we have seen a huge reduction in pupils arriving late. Remember, pupils should aim to arrive at 8:35am and be in form before 8:40am. Breakfast club is available for those who wish to arrive earlier than this. Those who are late miss key information, revision time and the start of the school day. Secondly, pupils are positively engaging with the revision. We have launched the DTA Revision website and plenty of pupils are utilising the numerous resources available here. All faculties are setting revision work to allow our pupils to recall and utilise their knowledge and skills better and better. Please continue with this key work in the future.

Mathematics

Pupils worked really hard to collect and analyse data!

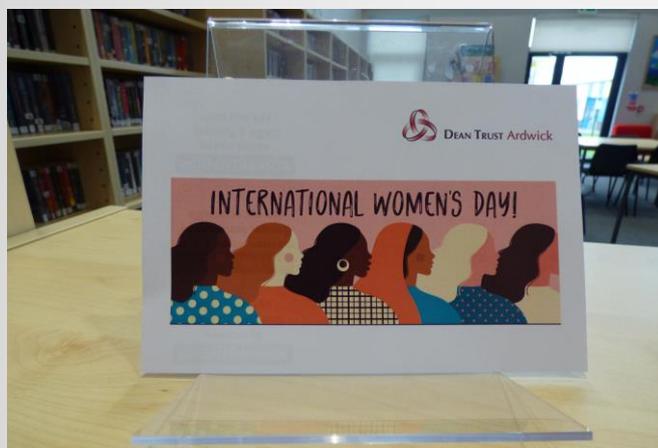
Miss Walker's Year 7 Maths class have been looking at averages and data this week. The task assigned was to collect some discrete data at home and put it into a tally chart. The pupils then had to use a bar chart to represent the data along with identifying the mode of the data. It was interesting to see what different pieces of data pupils chose to use at home, here are some examples of the fantastic work produced.



International Women's Day

Pupils took part in different activities to celebrate!

On Tuesday 8th March, it was International Women's Day. Year groups had assemblies which highlighted the achievements of some remarkable women and the importance of, not only this day, but the way women are treated across the world every day. The Art faculty hosted a creative session after school where pupils could use International Women's Day as inspiration for their artwork. The school also created International Women's Day postcards which could be used to write messages of gratitude and support for a woman in particular, or women everywhere! Thanks to all who organised celebrations on this day and to all of the pupils who got involved.



Girls Get Goals

A group of Year 9 pupils went to Old Trafford for a networking event!

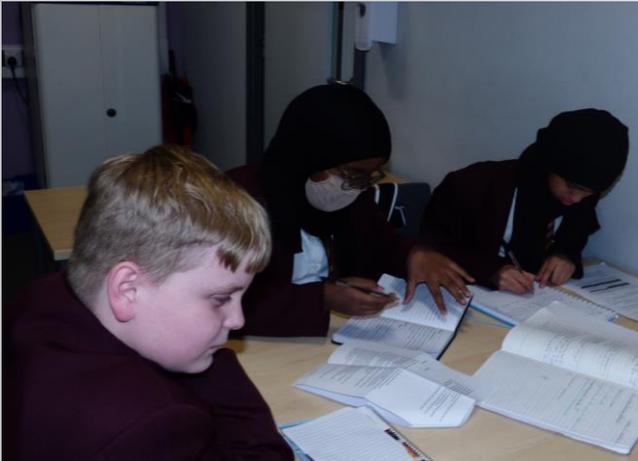
As part of International Women's Day celebrations, a group of Year 9 pupils went to Old Trafford to participate in a networking event called 'Girls Get Goals.' The objective of the event was to give girls access to some awesome female role models, each one with an inspiring story to share. The girls had the opportunity to listen to some amazing individuals, ask questions about their journeys and increase their awareness of a number of career opportunities available to them. Well done to all of the pupils who took part in the day. It was great to see their positive and mature responses to meeting some female role models. Thank you, as well, to Mr Griffiths, our Manchester United Foundation Coordinator, for organising such a meaningful and inspirational trip.



Debate Mate

Dean Trust Ardwick hosted this week's Debate Mate competition!

This week we hosted the second round of the 'Urban Debate Mate League.' We had the following schools attend: Eden Boys Leadership Academy, Chorlton High School South and Stretford High School. The motions being debated were ***This house should ban companies with negative environmental effects in developing countries*** and ***This house should ban private schools***. Pupils were extremely enthusiastic while debating these topics and it was brilliant to see how many interesting points they came up with. In the pictures you can see everyone who took part and contributed to our school winning three Debates. We are extremely proud of all of our pupils.



Bottle Cap Collection

Dean Trust Ardwick hosted this week's Debate Mate competition!

Pupils in 7T Bridgewater counted the bottle caps they have been collecting for the Eco Committee competition. Across two weeks, they have managed to collect 1489 bottle caps! The competition closed on Friday 11th March and all of the forms have submitted their totals for judging. The bottle caps will be collected by Miss Ribbands and will be used to create a bottle cap mural. The prize for the winning form is a vegetarian pizza party!

