



# NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Eid Mubarak to families that celebrated this week. It is a pleasure to share highlights from our Eid celebrations in this week's edition of the newsletter. Some of our staff and pupils had the privilege of joining St Agnes Primary School for their Eid celebrations, highlights of which are contained within today's newsletter.

The school's enrichment programme is well underway for the Summer Term and we have already had a number of trips and visits, providing our pupils with experiences beyond the classroom. This week, a number of Y9 pupils visited Cheadle Hulme School as part of the Roots Programme; a programme focused on building meaningful bonds with people they wouldn't otherwise meet. We will replicate a visit of Cheadle Hulme pupils to Dean Trust Ardwick next week and we will share the highlights of this in next week's newsletter.

I have written to parents and carers of Year 11 pupils regarding the examination arrangements and leaving dates. Please look out for this letter and take the time to read it carefully so that you can support your child throughout the examination period, which starts next week.

Best wishes,

Mr S. Worthington



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Headteacher

**Safeguarding Tip:** Please be aware that we have a number of reports of pupils blocking school's telephone number on parents' phones. Please check this on your settings so that we are able to contact you in emergencies.

### Diary Dates

MFL Final Speaking Exams	9-13 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 8 Reach Out Trip	10 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 7 Residential	11-14 <sup>th</sup> May
Apprenticeship Evening	12 <sup>th</sup> May
Parental Coffee Morning	20 <sup>th</sup> May



## Head of Year Messages



### **Year 7 – Mrs Rashford** *Eid Mubarak!*

It has been amazing to hear about all of our Year 7 pupils' Eid celebrations this week. We have seen how much effort pupils have put into their fasting so we are really happy to know that they celebrated. The Year 7 residential trip to Ilam Hall in Derbyshire is next week and we are really looking forward to taking our pupils to such a great place! We are sure that our pupils will continue to exhibit the positive behaviours that they show at school so that we leave a really good impression on the staff at Ilam Hall. We looking forward to hearing all about the trip and we will feature the staff and pupil feedback in the next newsletter!



### **Year 8 – Mr Smith** *Year 8 pupils have been sharing their Eid celebration stories!*

This week a high proportion of our pupils have been celebrating Eid and it was lovely to hear the different stories of how they celebrated with their friends and families. In the assembly this week, Miss Sayeed spoke about Eid celebrations and all the different elements that are involved, including the types of food that are eaten, the dress that is worn and how families celebrate together. The pupils really enjoyed learning about the cultural aspects of this celebration, We hope pupils and their families enjoyed their celebrations. Eid Mubarak!



### **Year 9 – Mr Diaz** *Some of our Year 9 pupils are visiting Cheadle Hulme High School!*

Eid Mubarak to all within our Year 9 community who celebrated! I hope you have all had a joyful time with your loved ones. This is an exciting week for a group of Year 9 pupils joining the Roots Programme, an exchange project with Year 9 pupils from Cheadle Hulme High School. The programme is on it's next phase where pupil will be visiting each other's schools and getting a taste of how their schools, lessons, peers, and more, operate on a typical school day. We look forward to hearing how the exchange went. Next week, Year 9 will be visited by NHS staff who are delivering our assembly about immunisations, if your child has not yet returned their immunisation letter, please remind them to bring this into school as soon as possible.



### **Year 10 – Mr Chetwyn** *We are really impressed with all of the prefect applications!*

It was great to see so many Year 10 prefect applications last week. Our pupils had lots of impressive things to write about and they should all be really proud of their achievements. The decision-making process will be difficult! Our Year 10 pupils have continued to work hard this week in both academics and extra-curricular. It is nice to see some of our Year 11 pupils acting as role models to the Year 10 cohort through their general behaviour around school as they near exam season, as well as the revision they do during break, lunch and after school. It is great to see these good habits now so that our Year 10 pupils know how to put their best foot forward next year.



### **Year 11 – Mr Hull** *Year 11 exam season is open us – we are here to support our pupils!*

We are now in touching distance of exams starting. My message to all our pupils, their families and teachers is to be brave. We are proud to be the first year group to sit GCSE examinations at Dean Trust Ardwick and we will embrace the inevitable pressure. Pressure can bring the best performance out of people, if we channel our energy well. Prom tickets sales continue to be excellent – remember that the tickets are available at a discounted price until 13th May 2022, and, also, several pupils are purchasing leavers' hoodies – a great and practical item to remember their super years together.



**Mathematics**

*Pupils in Year 7 have produced some brilliant work!*

Pupils in Year 7 were asked to research and write a biography of Katherine Johnson. Below are three examples of fantastic work! Well done to Tareq, Abrar and Janat for their neat and well-written Maths work.

Katherine Johnson (August 26 1918 - February 24<sup>th</sup> 2020) was an American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA Employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights. Her intelligence and skill with numbers became apparent when she was a child; by the time she was ten years old, she had started the attend high school. In 1937, at age 18 Katherine graduated with highest honours from West Virginia State College (now in West Virginia State University), earning bachelor degrees in mathematics and French. She subsequently moved to Virginia to take a teaching job. In 1939, however, she was selected to be one of the first three African American students to enroll in a graduate program at West Virginia University. She studied math there but soon left after marrying James Goble and deciding to start a family. He died in 1956 and three years later she married James Johnson.

In 1953, she began working at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA)'s West Area Computing unit, a group of African American women who manually performed complex mathematical calculations for the program's engineers. The women, known as the West Computers, analyzed test data and provided mathematical computations that were essential to the success of the early U.S. space program. During this time, NACA was segregated.

Katherine Johnson had three children, Joylette, Constance and Katherine. Her awards were Presidential Medal of Freedom (2015), Silver Snoopy award (2016), NASA Achievement award (2016) and a Congressional Gold Medal award (2019)

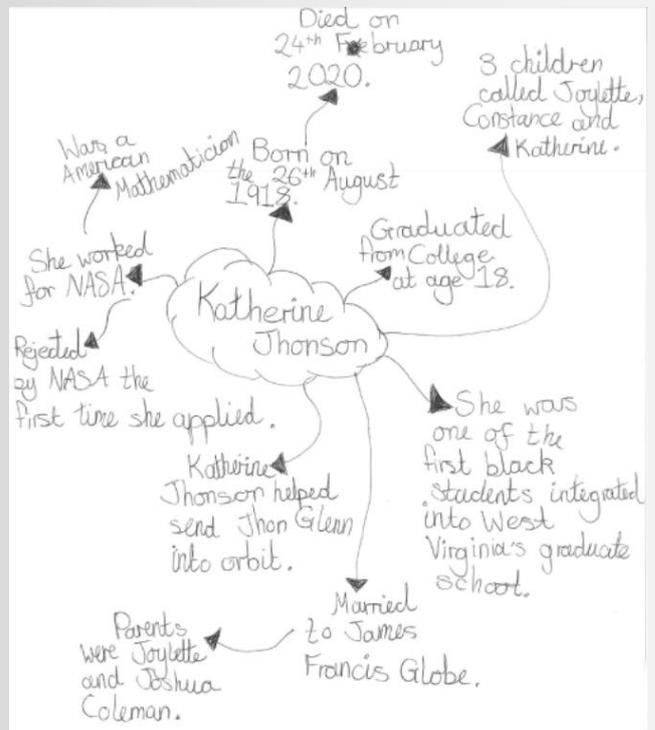
Katherine Johnson was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1918 in White Sulphur, West Virginia, US.



She was an American Mathematician and was a NASA employee. Her calculations of orbital mechanics were critical to the success of the first U.S. crewed spaceflight. Katherine Johnson was a historical role of being one of the first African-American women to work as a NASA scientist. During Katherine's career at NASA, she earned a reputation for mastering complex manual calculations.

She had lived upto 101 years and had 3 children in her lifetime. She had two spouses, James Goble and Jim Johnson. James had died in 1956 so Katherine got married 3 years later to Jim who died in 2019.

Katherine Johnson died on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (aged 101)



### Mathematics

*Well done to some of our Year 7 pupils for their hard work in Maths!*

Mr Boyle and the Maths department would like to recognise some of our Year 7 pupils' achievements on Hegarty Maths. Lots of our pupils spend time at home and at break and lunch completing work on Hegarty Maths so we really appreciate their efforts. Well done!

 Nadia Agho-Jones	 Jacoby Gardner
 Yasir Ali	 Summer Higson
 Ali Ali Shah Nawazish	 Mohammad Kalam
 Raiyan Ashraf	 Diako Khoushnaw
 Sobhan Aziz	 Zachariah Maloney-Rock
 Mohammed Bashir	 Daniah Mousa
 Khadija Chaudhary	 Hussam Osman
 Mahabbah Chowdhury	 Sopiriye Poloamina
 Farjana Deen Jahan	 Ajmaeen Siddiqui
 Abdullah Elmashy	 Muhammad Rahim Suhail
 Ahmed Tosun	

### Short Story Competition

*Pupils learned about the sci-fi genre!*

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, the Library hosted a short story competition on the theme of science fiction. Pupils learnt about the genre and came up with their 'what if' questions during break. At lunch, pupils used the computers to research their ideas to make them as realistic as possible. Year 8 pupil, Rikaya, chose the 'what if' question 'What if all the volcanoes erupt?' The next step of Rikaya's planning will be to think about how humanity can continue to survive on a lava-flooded planet! The deadline to submit a story is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. There is still time to enter! The google classroom code is **ac4gyar** and all of the instructions are posted there. Thanks to all the pupils who came to the workshop on Wednesday! You all worked really hard and had some creative ideas. The winner will be announced on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### WHAT IF ALL THE VOLCANOES ERUPT?

- One day we went on a trip to see a volcano.
- We travelled by plane.
- On that day, 7 volcanoes erupted.
- Hot fire lit up the sky.
- Everyone ran to the plane but it wouldn't start.
- Everyone panicked.
- Just as the plane went up, the lava hit them.
- Everyone was safe but they are all traumatised...



### Roots Programme

*A group of Year 9 pupils participated in a school exchange!*

On Thursday 5th May, seven Year 9 Pupils visited Cheadle Hulme School (CHS) as part of the Roots programme. This programme connects two schools from areas close geographically that serve different communities. Some of the aims of the programme are to connect people with different life experiences so that we can learn from, understand and influence each other positively. Pupils from DTA were able to experience a day in the life of a pupil in a private school; attending lessons and sharing food (although feedback was DTA definitely has better food!) with a buddy from CHS.

It was great to see the pupils represent DTA so proudly and hear them discuss, so maturely and wisely, what they had learnt about the day. Next week we look forward to welcoming pupils from CHS here so they can experience a day in a life of a pupils at DTA before all the participants go on residential later on this year! Thank you to Mr Hinton and Mr Tait for taking the pupils to CHS!



### Eid Mubarak!

*Eid Mubarak to those who celebrated!*



Mr Holbrook celebrated Eid and can be seen with his father-in-law and brother-in-law in matching shirts! Mr Holbrook's mother-in-law made the Eid bunting!

Ms Sayeed: "I always find it bittersweet after Ramadan as I miss the blessings and peace that you feel during this time but then I also really look forward to Eid. For me, Eid is about family and spending time with each other. It is lovely to be able to celebrate through my nephews' and niece's eyes as it is an opportunity to spoil them and see them all excited in their Eid clothes. It takes me back to being a child and the traditions my family instilled in us then. This year, we all went to pray together and then we had Eid breakfast and an early Eid dinner - a mix of traditional and favourite foods. Following our lovely celebrations, it is time to refocus and make sure we continue all the good that we did during Ramadan."

Thank you to Mellors who made these beautiful biscuits on Tuesday so that staff and pupils could participate in Eid celebrations!



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Ms Qasim was kind enough to share how she celebrated Eid this year.

“I had one of the best Eid in many years. I had my brother’s family come over from Inverness to celebrate Eid with us. We prayed our Eid prayer with around 4000 people. We usually have a heavy breakfast around 11am after we pray. My typical breakfast includes lamb leg, parathas, halwa, eggs and tea. Then we lie down like we’ve never rested before! Later in the evening, we were invited for a dinner by our family friends.”



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Ms Sayeed and Mr Samuels took pupils to St Agnes for an Eid celebration!

On Friday afternoon, Ms Sayeed and Mr Samuels, along with four of our pupils, were invited to St Agnes C.E. Primary School for an Eid celebration. Our pupils ran a beanbag toss stall and a hole-in-one golf activity. The pupils invited were previous St Agnes pupils and they really enjoyed going back and visiting their teachers. They also had the opportunity to tell the St Agnes pupils all about life at DTA! Thank you to the staff at St Agnes for putting on such a great event.

