



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been another busy yet rewarding week at LDA. Our Year 8s thoroughly enjoyed participating in outdoor sessions on Lord Derby's estate. Developing their teamwork and leadership skills, the pupils participated in a wide range of events and they did us proud with their excellent attitudes.

Year 8 attendance across the two days was 97%. Thank you to Knowsley Youth Mutual, Mr Proctor, Mrs Blackmore and other staff for supporting the whole experience.

Science week ended with a bang with a spectacular scientific show delivered by Frank Mair from the University of Manchester. LDA pupils and our guest pupils from Park View Academy had a superb afternoon.

I was delighted to see so many Year 7 parents attend Parents Evening on Wednesday evening. The feedback that I received from parents was overwhelmingly positive but I was also keen to tell parents how pleased we are with the way their children have embraced our high standards and how well they are participating in school life at LDA.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March is the Year 11 Revision Launch and it is vital parents attend to hear from key staff exactly how we can work in partnership in the crucial weeks leading up to the GCSE examinations.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Yours sincerely

*V. Gowan* V Gowan, Headteacher



Miss Gowan  
Headteacher

**Year 11 Revision Launch - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm.** An important evening for Year 11 parents and pupils where we will be sharing crucial information about the examination season.

"A HUGE thank you all pupils that purchased a doughnut or cookie in aid of Kidney research UK over the past few weeks. We raised just over £130. This is amazing. Thank you!" Mr Lloyd.

On March 25<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> April, we will be hosting a Book Fair. Pupils will have an opportunity to browse and buy books at a great value price. World Book Day vouchers will also be accepted as credit towards a book of pupil's choice. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from with prices starting from only £2.99! Every book that you buy can help us to get FREE BOOKS for our School Library!

SCHOLASTIC

Book Fairs

**WINNERS 11<sup>th</sup> March - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
Attendance - **Curie**, Behaviour - **Einstein**,  
House points - **Einstein**, Punctuality - **Curie**



## LDA CELEBRATES PI DAY

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March LDA celebrated World Pi Day with Year 7 and 8 pupils. As well as taking part in Pi day activities in their maths lessons, pupils were also able to see how maths links into other subjects by taking part in lots of fun Pi day Activities across the school such as a treasure hunt, making paper chains to represent Pi, learning digits of Pi competitions, quizzes about famous people and many more.

The pupils were eager to take part in all activities given to them and really enjoyed the day.



## A POEM TO CELEBRATE WORLD POETRY DAY

by

Millie Gladstone and Ruby Stevenson

I would rather travel the world  
Than be on my phone  
I would rather be carefree  
Than sit on a screen alone

I would rather spend family time  
Than sit in my bedroom  
I would rather sit by a campfire  
And look up at the moon

We would have better lives  
If we all were more social  
We would happier minds  
And know everyone local

Everyone would be happier  
And have better lives  
Everyone would know the truth  
And life wouldn't be all lies



Mr Parr  
Head of Department



Mrs Mills  
Deputy Head of Department



Mr Proctor  
Classroom Teacher



Mr Volante  
Classroom Teacher



Miss Morrison  
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Blackmore  
Head of Year 7



Mrs Molyneux  
Classroom Teacher



Mr Torode  
Technician

**HOLLAND SPORTS TOUR 2019** Update- Passports, spending money, EHI cards and medication (if applicable) should now have been passed into our finance office. Any queries then please contact Mr Parr.

## YEAR 11 GCSE PE

Pupils are preparing for a very important few months. They are currently working on completing a variety of practical exams ready for our visit from the exam board on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Pupils are also completing their personal exercise programmes and they will sit their GCSE PE theory exams on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May. To prepare for this, all of our GCSE PE pupils should have bought a revision guide and workbook from Mrs Mills. Revision sessions are every Friday at 3.00pm and attendance is vital for success.

## KS3 PE

Girls and boys made good progress last half term and our KS3 pupils are currently enjoying a number of new activities. Taking advantage of all-weather astro-turf and the Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park, new activities include: Trampolining; Swimming; Fitness; Volleyball; Football; Table Tennis; Cheerleading and Orienteering. Attendance at enrichment activities has been good, however, if you have not attended an enrichment activity in PE yet, please ask your PE teacher about the opportunities available and join us next week.

## KEY DATES

GCSE PE practical moderation day – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

GCSE PE theory exams – 15<sup>th</sup> May & 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

The Dean Trust Games (pan trust secondary schools athletics festival) – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Knowsley Schools Athletics Tournament – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019

DTAC III – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Festival of Sport V -9<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## SPORTS STUDIES

**Year 10 Sports Studies** – Pupils have been studying the 'Sports Leadership' unit where they learn about different leadership styles and qualities. The Year 10 Sports Studies pupils are also studying to develop their knowledge of outdoor activities. In this unit the pupils will learn about the different types of outdoor activities, the values/benefits of participating in these activities and what organisations/providers are available in the local area. .

### Sports Studies Year 11

The current Year 11 pupils are working hard to improve their current and final grades in Sports Studies. They have been refining/enhancing their coursework in a number of different modules in order to find additional marks. The main focus is upon their final assignment within the 'Developing Sports Skills' module. The pupils have to plan a six week training programme based on analysis of their areas for development within one of their chosen activities. All pupils should continue to attend all extra sessions as their deadline for coursework and final exam is rapidly approaching.

## DTAC III

We are delighted to announce the return of the Dean Trust Active Challenge which will again be held at Lord Derby's Knowsley Hall Estate and will take place on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2019. DTAC III will consist of two different events - Primary pupil / staff run (3pm) and Secondary pupil / staff run (4.15pm). Mr Volante will provide additional information regarding this event in the near future.



## HEALTHY LIVING

The Year 10 pupils have been working a Healthy Living module in core PE lessons. The key focus has been on diet, exercise, mental health and rest. Pupils have been provided with opportunities to access local fitness classes (yoga, PT training sessions, Circuit Classes and HITT) in order to promote lifelong enthusiasm for a healthy lifestyle.

They have also worked with local Girls only Boxing Club-Diversity Boxing Academy. Watch this space for further developments on Healthy Living across the school.

