



NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2020

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the Half Term break, can I take the opportunity to thank you for all your support over the past eight weeks. We have enjoyed an incredibly successful start to the academic year in the most challenging of circumstances and I am so proud of how our school community has worked in partnership to support one another.

I hope that you and your families are able to enjoy the time off, despite our Merseyside region now falling under the Tier 3 restrictions. Please support our emergency services and health services in ensuring children stay safely at home on and around Halloween.

Finally, we are saying a fond farewell to a very esteemed colleague today. Senior Leader Mrs Cundle has successfully secured a Deputy Headteacher position at the Dean Trust school Rose Bridge Academy in Wigan for the remainder of the academic year. Mrs Cundle has supported so many pupils at our school over the years and we truly wish her all the very best in her new role. She will be missed.

Enjoy a safe and restful Half Term holiday.

V. Gowan

V Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

MFL Rocks!

The Modern Foreign Languages department were delighted with the entries for the MFL Rocks competition during the Week of European Languages! We would like to congratulate all pupils who participated. The judging took place at the beginning of the week and we are excited to announce that the following pupils are the overall winners:

Year 7 - Yoana – We loved your Hispanic gecko!

Sophia- An excellent Scottish flag with a beautiful quote and even some Gaelic!

Year 8 - Amy – Your rock was our most glamorous submission!

Year 10 - Sophie – A very original and unique rock of the Netherlands, extremely creative.



689 LDA parents are currently following their child's Behaviour for Progress on the Class Charts app. **Are you?** Call reception today for your login details.

NUMERACY PUZZLE

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?

$$\text{Pink Candy} \times \text{Pink Candy} \times \text{Orange Candy} = 16$$

$$\text{Blue Candy} \times \text{Blue Candy} \times \text{Blue Candy} = 27$$

$$\text{Blue Candy} \times \text{Orange Candy} = 12$$

$$\text{Orange Candy} + \text{Pink Candy} \times \text{Blue Candy} = ?$$

PE KIT UPDATE

All PE lessons, for the foreseeable future, are being taught outdoors. Please see details below about what pupils can wear in their PE lessons in order to keep warm.

- Plain black jogging / tracksuit bottoms.
- Burgundy PE shirt.
- Plain black fleece.
- Plain black gloves (available from the PE office via ParentPay - £2.99).
- Plain black base layer tops (available from the PE office via ParentPay - £2.49).
- Plain black leggings / base layer bottoms (available from the PE office via ParentPay - £2.49).
- Burgundy crew neck sweatshirt (available from the PE office via ParentPay - £9.99).

Base layers - £2.49



Gloves £2.99 per pair



Black fleeces (with LDA badge) can be purchased at West Derby School wear and Lisa's School wear. Please note that hoodies or coats are not allowed to be worn during PE lessons.



Mr Parr
Head of
Department



Mrs Mills
Deputy Head of
Department



Mr Proctor
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Morrison
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Cundle
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Blackmore
Head of Year 10



Mrs Molyneux
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician

SPORTS STUDIES

Year 11 pupils are currently studying Contemporary Issues in Sport ready for their official examination on the 11th January. They have been learning about the issues that affect participation in sports. Year 11, your mock exam has been scheduled by your teacher so make sure you are fully prepared. Additionally, Year 11 have also been refining their coursework, specifically in R053- Sports Leadership ready for moderation on the 23rd October. Pupils have been encouraged to complete additional independent study to further enhance their coursework marks in this unit.



Year 10 pupils have had a great start to their course. They are currently studying the Sports Leadership module and are making excellent progress with their first assignment. They have been learning about different leadership styles, leadership roles and role-related responsibilities. Their next assignment is to plan their own sports session, where pupils are expected to create a detailed session and risk assessment. The pupils are then assessed on their delivery of the session. If your son or daughter misses a lesson due to illness etc then they can catch via Google classroom. Here, they will find PowerPoint presentations and for Year 11 additional resources, such as exam questions and past papers. Pupils can also request extra help/guidance by messaging their Sports Studies teacher.

GCSE PE Year 11 pupils have made a great start to the new academic year. We are currently studying anatomy and physiology and in particular the musculo-skeletal system, after half term we will be moving on to study the cardiovascular and respiratory systems. Pupils recently sat a mock GCSE PE exam encompassing all work covered in Y10 and Y11 with some great results. This has given us some valuable information as to how we can be successful moving forwards. All lessons are now available online so if your son or daughter is working from home or needs to catch up following illness please ensure they engage through google classroom. If there are any queries while working in this way please request my support by send me a direct message through google classroom.



Year 10 GCSE PE pupils have made a very positive start to their studies. They have begun by learning about fitness training and have carried out a series of fitness tests across a range of the components of fitness. This has enabled Year 10 pupils to make a start on the Performance Analysis component of their course via the google classroom.

If your son or daughter misses a lesson due to illness etc then they can catch up by using the Year 10 lesson materials contained in the Year 10 GCSE PE google classroom. Here, they will find power-point presentations together with a commentary from Mr Parr to help them understand how to work through the lesson. Pupils can also request extra help by messaging Mr Parr regarding any issues they are having with homework.

KS3 PE

Key Stage 3 boys and girls have had an incredibly positive start to the new academic year and as our first half term draws to a close, PE staff are happy with the progress that has been made. This half term, classes across KS3 have been enjoying Fitness and Orienteering. Next half term, classes will focus on Football, Netball and Fitness. We are also planning to start after school Football and Netball after the break.



Like many subject areas, PE has had to deal with significant changes due to coronavirus. For example, to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible, all of our practical lessons will be taking place outdoors. Please see above for information about PE kit as we want all pupils to be warm during their outdoor lessons as we move towards winter.