



NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st October 2022

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

We are at the close of Half Term One so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during the first seven weeks of the academic year. I am really pleased with the start our pupils have made and I am already looking forward to the remainder of the Autumn Term as we embed all of our positive strategies and further increase the enrichment opportunities we have on offer.

I have been visiting Year 7 lessons this week and it has been so interesting to listen to pupils articulating their learning and explaining to me the progress they are making along their curriculum pathways. I have also been meeting with leaders of Post-16 providers this week and I am so proud to hear about the range of interesting courses and professions our former pupils have moved on to – including medicine, astrophysics, architecture, fashion and child development.

I would like to wish you a peaceful Half Term break. Please can I ask for your continued support in reinforcing the messages we have delivered in school about keeping safe and treating our community with respect during the Halloween/Bonfire Night period.

With kind regards,

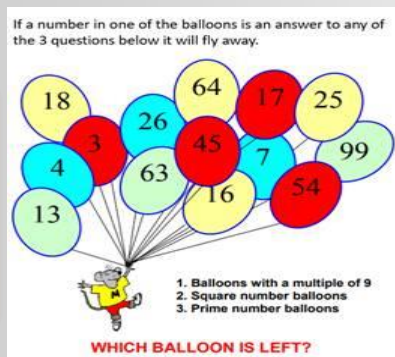
V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

**This week's
Numeracy
puzzle...**



**Last
weeks
answer...**

= 5
 = 2 each
 = 8
 + x = 5 + 4 x 8 = 37



Mr Kemp
Head of
Department



Mr Lloyd
Head of
Geography



Mrs
Bannon
Head of
Year 7



Mrs
Blackmore
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Lindsay
Classroom
Teacher with
Responsibility



Mrs
O'Neill
Classroom
Teacher



Mr
Owen
Head of
Year 10

Geography Fieldtrip

A few weeks ago, we planned to take our Year 11 pupils on their GCSE Geography field trip to Formby and Liverpool one. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions, we postponed it until the 7th October. The weather forecast had indicated that there may be some showers, but we are sturdier than that! When we arrived, it poured down for over an hour, leaving our pupils only being able to complete some field work research from the bus. We did however arrive in Liverpool One and we were able to complete our full proposed research.

Our pupils' behaviour was excellent and the commitment to the work undertaken in unusual circumstances was exemplary. This picture was taken just before the sky decided to precipitate.



Eco Club



Eco Club has started again. Every Tuesday all pupils are welcome along to participate and to put forward ideas that can reduce the number of plastics being used in school, how we can reduce our carbon emissions as well as a really exciting project - the opportunity to create a new wild flower area in our school garden.

History Club

Miss Williamson has started the 'Time Travellers' club for our enthusiastic KS3 history pupils. Pupils will participate in a number of projects to extend their historical knowledge and provide an outlet for their creativity and enthusiasm. The first project is to examine the life and times of Elizabeth II, produce a scrapbook outlining the highlights of her reign and combine the collective research into a comprehensive timeline.

TIME TRAVELLERS

Who:
Anybody in KS3 with a love of History
Where:
S41 (Miss Williamson's room)
When:
Every Wednesday lunchtime

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Year 8

Year 8 pupils have been studying the Renaissance and its impact on their lives. Pupils were asked to consider which was the most important invention of the Renaissance period. The choice consisted of the mechanical clock, the flushing toilet, the telescope, gunpowder, the steam engine and the printing press. Here are the thoughts of some of our pupils:

The Printing press is a mechanical device which applied pressure to an inked surface. It was significant because it allowed for great advancements in communication to take place. (A. Murphy)

The invention of the telescope has had a huge impact on our understanding of the solar system. It is important today as our knowledge of space helps us to launch rockets etc. (D. Porter)

What is your choice as the most important invention of the Renaissance?

Black History Month

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Why is this important?

This is important because **representation matters...**

- You can't be what you can't see.
- Positive role models and success stories are needed by everybody
- Society needs to represent everyone to prevent exclusion



This month Mr Lindsay has delivered assemblies highlighting the importance of an equitable curriculum in which everyone has representation. Black people have been present in Britain for thousands of years but have often been written out of the history books because of racism and prejudice. Here are some extracts from the assembly.

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Why is this important?

We want to present an unbiased and fair portrayal of events in history. Great achievements have been made by lots of different people from lots of different communities. Recognition is important



SEND Drop In

There is a drop-in every Tuesday morning for anyone who has queries or concerns regarding **SEND**. Miss Thwaite will be available from 8.30 to 9.30 for any SEND enquiries.



Pupil Parliament

This week members of the Pupil Parliament in Year 7 will be attending a Glitch Theatre workshop.



Through this workshop our pupils will take part in an interactive live show entitled 'Vote for me'.

They will be given the opportunity to develop a better understanding of the Parliamentary system, explore the history of democracy and take part in a live debate!

Careers

There are a number of fantastic online Work Experience opportunities coming up this October Half Term for your children to get involved with.

On **Monday 24th October** from 9am - 4pm there is a virtual Careers in Business, Accounting and Finance Work Experience day with Big 4 constituents PwC and KPMG as well as Grant Thornton, Mazars and CIMA joining in to provide a variety of workshops and real-life case study activity sessions to give pupils a taste of professional life at each company. To sign up please use the registration link below:

Registration link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Business-Accounting-Finance-WEX>

On **Tuesday 25th October** it is virtual Law Work Experience Day with Browne Jacobson from 9am - 4:30pm. If your child is interested in a career in the legal profession and is looking to secure a training contract, work experience, a Solicitor apprenticeship, an in-house GC role or gain a Pupillage – then attending this event will **increase their chance of success**.

Following on from the pupil day time event there is a shorter parent / carer event that will discuss the kinds of careers within the legal industry, legal apprenticeships and where to find them with a Q&A to wrap things up. This is from 6:00pm - 7:15pm. The same Zoom link will be used for both events.

Registration link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Browne-Jacobson-Law-Work-Experience>

Also **Tuesday 25th October** is online Careers in Engineering, Construction and Property Development Work Experience with Mott MacDonald, Berkeley Group, British Airways, Babcock International and Siemens joining online for a day of interactive sessions and workshops. To sign up please use the following link:

Registration link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Engineering-WEX>

The final online event for the week is the virtual Careers in Technology Work Experience Day taking place on **Wednesday 26th October** from 9am - 3pm with companies such as BT, PwC, Capgemini, WTW and World Wide Technology joining to run various workshops, activities and Q&A sessions. Please see link below:

Registration link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TechTheFuture-WEX>

All pupils who complete the full days will receive certificates of completion.

There are also 3 **in-person** Work Experience Days happening over half term with BT in Birmingham (Monday 24th), Manchester (Tuesday 25th) and London (Thursday 27th) from 1pm - 5pm. If your child is interested in attending one please contact Miss Ward, Careers Co-Ordinator

Enrichment at LDA



Monday

Girls Fitness, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7-11

Mathswatch Club, S13,
Lunchtime, KS3

French Club, F17, Lunchtime, KS3

Wednesday

Time travellers Club, S41,
Lunchtime, KS3

Boys Football, Astro, 3pm, Y8-10

Y9 Sport, Sportshall, 3pm, Y9

Trampolining, Sportshall, 3pm

Friday

Y11 Staff football, 4-5pm, Y11

Dodgeball, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7

Tuesday

Stem Club, G44D, 3 - 4pm, KS3.

Netball, Muga, 3pm, Y7-10

Boys Football, Astro, 3pm, Y7

Table Tennis, Atrium, 3pm, Y8-10

Eco Club, HB2, Lunchtime, KS3

Thursday

Girls Football, Astro, 3pm, Y7-11

Mathswatch Club, S13,
Lunchtime, KS3

Mindfulness Colouring, F18B,
Lunchtime.

Coming Soon

Food competitions in Technology.

GIRLS ONLY SPORT (Years 7 – 11)

Fitness – Every Monday @ 3PM

Football - Every Thursday @ 3PM



	Activity	Year Group	Venue	Staff	Time
Monday	- Girls only Fitness	7 - 11	Sports Hall	Mr Dickinson	3pm
Tuesday	- Netball	7 - 10	Muga	Mrs Mills Mr Proctor	3pm
	- Boys Football	7	Astro		3pm
	- Table Tennis	8 - 10	Atrium	Mr Dickinson	3pm
Wednesday	- Tramp	7 - 10	Sports Hall	Mrs Molyneux	3pm
	- Boys Football	8 - 10	Astro	Mr Dickinson	3pm
	- Y9 Sport	9	Sports Hall		3pm
				Mrs Blackmore	
Thursday	- Girls only Football	7 - 11	Astro	Mr Dickinson	3pm
Friday	- Dodgeball	7	Sports hall	Mr Dickinson	3pm

LDA Games Group

LDA games group is over in the HUB.

Years 7 to 9 can attend the group on a Monday to Wednesday.

