

NEWSLETTER

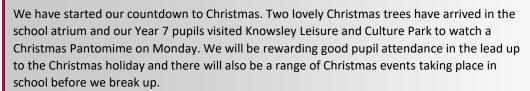
Friday 8th December 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

We have been focusing on Careers Advice and Guidance this week at LDA. All our pupils were able to participate in a Careers Fair yesterday with a range of Post-16 Providers available on our market stalls, including representatives from His Majesty's Prison Service, LIPA and local 6th Form Colleges.

Can I thank families from our Year 10 cohort who attended our first Parents Evening of the academic year yesterday evening. I hope you were able to gain a clear understanding of your child's progress across their suite of subjects. Next Thursday evening we are welcoming our Class of 2023 pupils back into school for a ceremony to collect their GCSE certificates.



Finally, we will be launching our Food Bank Christmas Appeal in the coming days. You will be provided with further detail about items you can donate to this good cause. Please support the appeal if you are able to do so.

With best wishes for the weekend,



Miss V. Gowan Headteacher





This week's numeracy puzzle

Four people have to cross a bridge... It's very dark and they only have one flashlight... They can't make it across without some light.

No more than two people can cross at a time.
Phil can cross the bridge in 1 minute.
Karen can cross in 2 minutes.
Mike can cross in 5 minutes.
Jane can cross in 10 minutes.
How can they all get across in 17 minutes?



Last week's answer

What are the next terms in these sequences?

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 2,1

1, 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 16, 22

Faculty of the Week

Expressive Arts



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Keep up this great work! Well done Year 11s!



of Art



Miss Boag-Munroe of Music



Year 8



Teacher



Mrs Sunderland Teacher



Teacher



Our Year 11 Dance Pupils visited Broughton Hall to take part in a Dance Showcase alongside their own GCSE pupils. They had to perform 2 dances; Breathe and Shift - these dances are set via the examination board and have to be followed in detail and can be quite complex. The teacher from Broughton Hall described them all as being well prepared, polished, polite and supportive among other things. The cohort are now working on their own choreography pieces in preparation for their examination. I am very proud of what the girls have achieved this term. In addition to the practical side, the Year 11s are also working on Section B of the examination paper, working really hard to achieve their best marks.











Our Year 10 cohort took a trip to Shakespeare North Playhouse Theatre for our 'Creative Careers' week. The pupils took part in an MC masterclass, had a tour of the beautiful building, including the in-the-round auditorium, completely made from solid oak; we even found out Lord Derby's close links to Shakespeare. The pupils were able to learn about the various careers within the industry; not just acting!

This half term, the Art department would like to showcase the pupils' sketchbooks.

Year 7 are developing their shading skills using a range of media and techniques. They have looked at the work of the modern artist Jim Dine, particular his 'tools' series. They have been learning four shading techniques, pressure, hatching, cross hatching and scribble, using pencil and biro. They have also been learning about positive and negative space.





















Year 8 are exploring portrait drawing conventions and learning about the Cubist art of Pablo Picasso. They have used his Cubist portraits and the influence of a contemporary artist called Brenda Kato to produce their own Cubist portrait using watercolour paints and oil pastels.

Year 9 are looking at the work of the contemporary female illustrator and artist, Andrea Joseph. She specialises in detailed and intricate studies of everyday items using ball point pens. The pupils have worked hard to develop their skills in shading with pen techniques and enjoyed using their own personal possessions as subject matter.











Year 11 are working on the theme 'The Natural World'. The pupils have been developing their art journey, from their initial mind map and mood board through to the designs for the final piece which they will work on during the two day exam. We are really looking forward to seeing the results, if the sketchbooks are the standard to go by, they will be fantastic.





Year 10 are exploring the theme 'Twisted Fairy Tales'. They have researched the

context of the theme through a mind map and mood board. They have developed drawing techniques, including blind contour drawing and non dominant hand drawing, which help you draw more realistically. They have looked at the artist Hannah Hoch and used her Surrealist collages as the inspiration to create their own character collage. I think it is clear to say that, from looking at the work, they are definitely enjoying the imagery and becoming more competent in a range of skills.









Pupils worked through a number of mathematical festively themed activities, took part in a magic trick linked to Christmas crackers and used mathematical theorems to play a festive lottery.

Well done to everyone involved!







This week's lego club photos





