

# NEWSLETTER

## 14th June 2019

#### **Headteacher Message**

As the week draws to a close the Year 11's have come to the end of their examinations. It has been heartening to see their drive and determination during this period and it is always a poignant time for staff as we prepare to say farewell to the year group. We want to wish them all every success in their future as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

Continuing the theme of celebration, the educational visits, which have taken place recently, have brought success to our Year 8 pupils in Chemistry events as highlighted later in the Newsletter. Well done to all involved.

Have a great weekend.

#### 50,000 Word Challenge

And the WINNER is.... Lewis Taylor! (Year 7) Pupils who have been following the Reading Plus Programme will be aware that a few months ago we were presented with the **50,000 Word Challenge**. Readers were challenged to see who would be the first to read 50,000 words from the extracts presented on screen. Their initial reactions were: "nobody will ever read that many!" "It's an enormous number".

However, this week we had a winner. The number of words in each extract is recorded on screen and added to the pupils' totals and we have all been watching Lewis Taylor in Year 7 as he got closer and closer to the finish line and on Thursday he finally made it! Congratulations to Lewis who receives a twenty



pounds voucher and more importantly, has made fabulous progress with his reading!







#### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – 5th June 2019

World Environment Day 2019 took place urging governments, industry, communities and individuals to come together to explore renewable energy and green technologies, and to improve air quality in cities and regions across the world. Here at Dean Trust Rose Bridge, both staff and pupils, decided to play our part by making environmental pledges. We as a school are committed to playing our part in ensuring the sustainability of our planet. Below are just some examples of the pledges made by staff:

"I have pledged to recycle "My pledge is to shop smart everything possible and reduce the plastic we buy. and avoid wasting food." My little girl has joined the Miss Connolly 'eco warriors' and has been "I will reduce the amount of showing me how to cut up plastics so they don't hurt products I buy that are animals. We have also packed in plastic." planted tomatoes and strawberries!" Mrs Kelly Ms McQueen <sup>"I would like to</sup> "Tactually pledged last <sup>pledge</sup> to do more month that I was going recycling at home using the brown and <sup>to eat</sup> less meat, blue bins for plastics purely for and cardboard." environmental <sup>reasons</sup>." **Ms Green** <sup>Mrs</sup> Green

There were many more pledges made, listing changes which staff and pupils were willing to make in support of the environment. We will continue to explore other ways to reduce waste and improve our surroundings in the future.

## Faculty of the Week: SCIENCE



#### **CHEMISTRY EVENT**

Year 8 pupils recently took part in the Salter's Chemistry Festival in Manchester, competing alongside some of the most prestigious schools in the North West



The pupils enjoyed listening to the science lectures and working in the university laboratories. They pitched their practical skills against 17 other teams for a gruelling unseen science practical test. After lots of ideas and great team work, Dean Trust Rose Bridge came out triumphant!

As a finale to the day, the university staff gave an impressive chemical demonstration that nearly blew the roof off the lecture theatre. Thanks go to Mrs Green for organising entry to the festival and to Miss King for taking the pupils to the event and cheering them on.



This term our Year 8 pupils have been investigating fuels, carrying out safe, fair tests to discover which fuel gives out the most energy. Pupils showed great precision in their work and found out that larger molecule fuels have the most energy per gram of fuel. The photos show some of the pupils demonstrating their practical skills and using their knowledge and understanding to ensure that their tests were 'fair.'

#### **ON A FINAL NOTE FROM SCIENCE**

Well done to our Year 11 pupil's. They have learned well and studied hard over the last five years. Today they sat their sixth and final GCSE and we have been impressed by the effort and dedication shown.



### YEAR 10 POETRY CATCH UP

If you have missed any of these poems, please come to EN3 at 12:50 on the day highlighted to catch up. Please bring your anthology.

Title	Catch up session
Ozymandias	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
London	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Prelude	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June
My last Duchess	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Charge of the Light Brigade	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June
Exposure	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Storm on the Island	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Bayonet Charge	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
Remains	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Poppies	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July
War Photographer	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July
Tissue	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
The Emigree	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Checking Out Me History	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Kamikaze	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July

## **REMINDERS FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June is an INSET day at the school, which means that pupils will not be in school on that date.

**Examinations** for Years 7,8,9 and 10 are will be taking place in school from 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June. All Year 10 examinations will take place in the sports hall to help pupils prepare for GCSE's in Year 11. All other year groups will have at least one English, Maths and Science examination in the exams hall to help them become familiar with a more formal environment. Timetables have been sent to Parents please ensure that your child is revising thoroughly in advance of the examinations to help them in achieving their full potential. Thank you for your support.

<u>Uniform orders</u> – For those Parents and Carers who were unable to attend the two sessions for ordering uniforms, a further date has been scheduled. This is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 3:15p.m. to 5:15p.m.

<u>Date for your diary</u> – It was recently announced that the 2020 May Bank Holiday has been changed, this has now been moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020** in honour of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V.E. Day.

<u>Dean Trust Rose Bridge – Colleague of the Week</u> This week's winner is… Mrs Jackson Year 11 Pastoral Support Manager

Mrs Jackson was nominated for always 'going above and beyond' with Year 11, ensuring everyone was in the right place at the right time so that the examinations process ran smoothly and pupils had the best start.