



DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

# NEWSLETTER

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

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Last night we hosted the Dean Trust Rose Bridge Celebration Evening, which is always a very special occasion as it allows us to recognise and celebrate those pupils who have won awards within the last academic year. Pupils achieved subject awards, attendance awards and awards for pastoral achievements. We are extremely proud of all who attended and received awards.

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Special recognition was given to Elisha Westbrook who won the Head of School award and Kian O'Brien who won the Duke of Edinburgh award.

We were also honoured to have Anna Jackson in attendance at the event, Anna is a sporting legend who joined us to share her inspirational story and to celebrate the achievements of our pupils.

Congratulations to everyone who received an award!



Barry Bridden  
Executive Headteacher

## Operation Christmas Child Shoe box Appeal 2019

You may remember from the Newsletter dated 1<sup>st</sup> November that this year we are supporting the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal. This offered the opportunity to donate shoe boxes filled with gifts to help children around the world have some joy this Christmas.

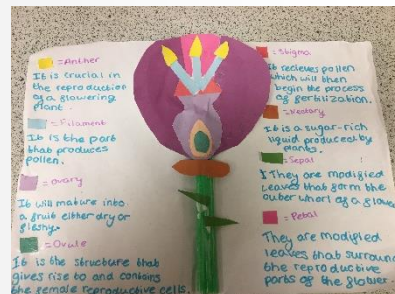


We are proud to say that as a result of the kind donations to the appeal, we will be helping 85 children to have a gift this Christmas. We would like to thank all of the pupils, Parents/Carers and staff who have contributed. Any updates as to where in the world the gifts have been sent, will be shared in a future Newsletter.



## Welcome back to Science!

It has been an extremely busy time in the Science Department, pupils have been enjoying learning topics from forces to cell division. Our Year 7 pupils have been extremely creative with building models as can be seen from the photos!



**Mock Examinations** for our Year 11 pupils start next week and they have been given some science specific advice to help them in their preparations. Revision will be offered the evening before and the morning of all the exams. Please take full advantage of all these sessions.

\*There are still plenty of revision guides available to buy from Miss Miller at a hugely reduced rate.

Combined Science – 3 x 70 minute papers

Triple Science – 3 x 1 hour 45 minute papers

- Biology Examination Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November
- Chemistry Examination Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- Physics Examination Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

## Science Riddles

Answers to Miss Miller in SC1 for house points.

- Many have heard it, but nobody has ever seen it. It will not speak back until spoken to. What is it?
- What did the scientist say when he found 2 atoms of helium?
- What element is derived from a Norse god?
- Which is heavier, a pound of bricks or a pound of feathers?
- I am a god, a planet and I can measure heat. What am I?

**Aquarium Club** The Aquarium Club is going 'swimmingly' with members from Years 7, 8, and 9 learning how to take care of aquariums and maintain water to sustain life. We are fortunate to have juvenile axolotls which are a critically endangered species, along with tropical fish. Pupils are enjoying this colourful and interesting asset to the department and are working towards achieving their club badges shortly after Christmas.

If you would like to be involved in Science Club, please speak to your teacher.



## Meet the Departments



Ms Miller  
Head of  
Science



Mrs Gibbs  
Leader KS3  
Science



Miss Green  
Teacher of  
Science



Mr Jones  
Deputy  
Headteacher



Mr Hulton  
Teacher of  
Science



Mrs S Daniels  
Science  
Technician

## Sports News

Dean Trust Rose Bridge U15 Girls Rugby Team competed in a Manchester schools rugby union tournament this week. They were one of only three Wigan schools to compete in this event and faced other schools from all over Manchester. The girls did amazingly well as some of the team members have never played rugby competitively before and the majority of them are rugby league players. They showed resilience throughout the tournament, facing experienced rugby union teams. The girls saw off some tough competition to finish second in their group. They played extremely well both in attack and defence only losing one game by a single try. There were plenty of try scorers amongst the girls with all of them playing to their best ability. Well done Girls! Player of the Match was awarded to both Lucy R and Ellise D.



Also attending the rugby tournament was the U13's Girls Rugby Team. This was their first experience of competitive rugby and they thoroughly enjoyed the day. The girls had never played together before as a team but showed strength and determination to take away two wins and two losses in their group. Following on from this brilliant performance there will be lots more rugby opportunities coming up. A massive well done to all the girls involved!

Year 10 pupils recently attended a trip in association with Manchester United and the RAF. The pupils represented our school well in a decoding challenge and were asked to represent the partnership in this photo. As a reward we were given a stadium tour which all our pupils really enjoyed.



## Polite Request – Parking

We would like to request that all Parents and Carers be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off pupils in order to ensure pupil and public safety. Holt Street can become very congested and we ask that drivers use Caroline Street at the front of school to drop off pupils as there would be no need to reverse vehicles. Please note the following requests from local residents;

- Respect the double yellow lines
- Keep to the speed restriction of 20 mph as per the signage
- Do not block access to the driveways of Holt Street residents
- Do not use residents driveways to turn around

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.



# Faculty of the week: Science & Computing

## Science Careers

To help pupils identify where science qualifications could lead them in their future careers, the science department are going to provide details about a career that requires a background in science each half term. These will be shown on the TV screens around school. For more information, pupils can speak with any of the science teachers and Ms Norburn our careers advisor. The science career for Half Term 2 is 'Audiologist'.

**CHALLENGE:** Can you make an A-Z of science careers and pass it on to Miss F. Green? She will give each pupil extra house points for each A-Z she receives.

## A Librarian's Tale

As a Librarian, all too many times I hear the words, 'I don't like reading' and 'Books are rubbish' from children. This is so sad to hear as reading is not just an important skill for life, but for those of us who love to read, it is a source of hours of inexpensive, peaceful enjoyment.

The school requirement is for 70 minutes reading per week, of which 30 – 40 minutes takes place during English lessons, and the rest at home. In order to encourage and develop reading skills it is really important that pupils choose books which will engage them.

Often reluctant readers tend to choose titles they remember from primary school, like 'Horrid Henry' or 'Timmy Failure'. No wonder they are not inspired them to read if they continue to choose books designed for much younger readers! To address this, a large sum has been invested in the library, primarily on good quality fiction for teenagers and young adults of all age groups and tastes within school and I am pleased to say that they have been received with great enthusiasm by the pupils.

Below is a list of excellent authors of books for teenagers. Next time you are shopping in Wigan, why not pop in Waterstone's and pick up a book? They make excellent stocking fillers for Christmas and seeing the pleasure on the faces of our Year 7 pupils when they recently received their free books reminded me that giving books as gifts could be a tradition we can revive!

Popular authors:

Ally Carter	Cathy Cassidy	Joseph Delaney	Terry Pratchett
Malorie Blackman	Elizabeth Laird	Dan Freedman	J K Rowling
J K Rowling	Patrick Ness	Neil Gaiman	David Walliams
Jacqueline Wilson	Holly Smale	Alex Scarrow	Patrick Ness
Stephanie Meyer	Jerry Spinelli	Charlie Higson	Rick Riordan
Rachel Renee Russell		Anthony Horowitz	Darren Shan



## Dean Trust Rose Bridge – Colleague of the Week

This week's Colleague of the Week is awarded to Mrs Blundell for her fabulous work in preparing our musical performers for our Celebration Evening.

