



DEAN TRUST Rose Bridge

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th February 2020

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,
The creativity of our pupils (as contained in this week's newsletter) is quite simply stunning. Our focus in this edition is Art and Design and judging by the quality of the work I have seen, the talent of our pupils in this field is a real strength of our school.

This week we have welcomed a number of guest speakers into school; Armed Forces, NHS practitioners and Governors to school. Feedback has been very positive about our work: "what a turnaround!", "the pupils in lessons are so respectful", "the school feels so calm and positive"

Great words and great feedback for all our staff and pupils.



James Haseldine
Executive Headteacher

Book of the Week

This week's book is recommended by Aimee .O. in Year 8 and it is 'The Spook's Apprentice' by Joseph Delaney.

'Tom becomes an apprentice to a wizard called Gregory, who is a 'Spook' – a fighter against all forms of supernatural evil. He learns magic and embarks on a series of adventures with his friend, Alice.

Being a wizard's apprentice can be challenging, however, as he finds when he is asked to sacrifice his closest friend....'

This is a great fantasy book, and, if you like it, there are twelve more in the series.



Happy News!

We have a new addition to the school library this week, in the form of the 'Happy News!'

These days the news always seems to be full of doom and gloom! All you read about are wars, or crime, and now there's even a new disease to worry about. A young, graduate, Emily Coxhead, thought that was a shame and she determined to track down all the good news. She launched the 'Happy News' where you can read about new inventions that help mankind, initiatives to help the planet and acts of random kindness carried out by ordinary folk.

If you want some good news for a change, ask for this great new publication in the Rec Room.



Food Technology

Fondant Icing Club talks place every other Wednesday in the food technology rooms with Mrs Edwards and Mrs Green for Key Stage 3. Pupils from Year 7, 8 & 9 have enjoyed making decorations from fondant icing such as flowers and teddy bears.



Our Year 11 pupils are currently preparing for their final practical examination. This will take place during the first week after the half term. In order to complete this examination, they will be required to make two dishes that are suitable for a bistro on a leisure complex ' Flip Flops' and there will be lots of homemade pasta, bread, ice cream and cakes. Good luck to all the pupils!

In Year 10, pupils are in the middle of their practical assessment and they have been asked to make a dish that contains protein, chicken, meat or fish. I have had some wonderful dishes so far; they are really trying to take themselves out of their comfort zone, Meals have included homemade meatballs and sauce, Leek, bacon and cheese puff pastry slices, Cottage pie and Lasagne - all made with fresh ingredients.



Digital Club

Every Wednesday Miss Sudall is running a Key Stage 3 Digital Club to give pupils the opportunity to learn photography skills using professional Canon SLR cameras. So far, our pupils have experimented with lighting and shadow photography, as well as exploring fast shutter speeds with ink and paint in water. The pupils are picking up advanced camera handling skills very quickly which will prepare them for Key Stage 4 and beyond!

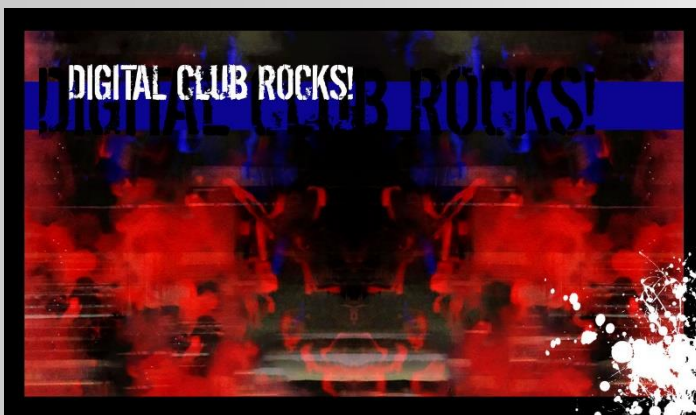


In addition to photography, pupils are also being introduced to the latest Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator software.

Pupils are learning how to edit their own photographs, as well as create original and unique graphic artwork for brand identities and much more.



The recently established Key Stage 3 Clubs have created inspirational enrichment opportunities for our younger pupils who are preparing to make choices in relation to the subjects they wish to study at GCSE.



Art Department

This week the Art Department have been exploring a number of different themes. Year 7 have been looking in to the work of Michael Craig Martin, working with bright and bold colours to catch the eye. Our Year 8 pupils have been getting a sugar rush, creating art in the style of realistic painter Sarah Graham, who paints sweets and childlike objects.

In Year 9, our pupils have turned on their architectural skills, creating eye-catching building designs with vivid colours. All year groups have been developing skills in drawing techniques, paint and colour theory, exploring their complementary and contrasting colours. Our pupils have been making fantastic progress and working hard to create beautiful and innovative artwork.



Our Key Stage 3 Arts Award Club have been discovering different techniques and skills, gaining knowledge in relation to drawing, painting, ink work and collage.

Recently using ink to create fabulous underwater scenes.

Our Year 10 Art and Graphics pupils are all working on personal projects which is allowing them to explore and experiment with different media, materials, techniques and digital processes.

Our Year 11 pupils are currently working on their new exam unit. They have all chosen starting points set by the exam board and are already producing creative and inspiring work. Good luck to all our pupils!

