



NEWSLETTER 22, 6TH MARCH 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

ROAD SAFETY

On the first day back after half term, there was a 'near miss' as a pupil was nearly involved in a serious accident when crossing the road on the way to school. Please remind your child to use the Green Cross Code: stop, look & listen and check whether it is safe to cross; giving extra time when it is dark and wet. They should use pelican crossings when available, take out their headphones and keep off their phones when crossing: **see and be seen, hear and be heard.**



VISIT TO HULME GARDEN CENTRE

On our arrival at Hulme Garden Centre we were greeted by Katherine, our trainer. She took us to the classroom and gave us some bird feed: mealworms, almonds and sunflower seeds, which we dropped here and there as we walked round the centre.

Returning to the classroom, we were given 10-12 cards each and asked to sort them into four categories: Green, Brown, Maybe and No-No. The majority of the cards were brown, and the least were green.

After this we visited two different composting sites: a wormery, which had produced a lot of liquid fertilizer and a wire barrel full of leaves (which need years and extreme pressure to compost).



When we looked inside the barrel, Katherine's cat was curled up inside enjoying the warmth of the compost!

We returned to the classroom and were presented with samples of different types of compost: horse manure, shop-bought, wormery and wet compost.

When we left, Katherine gave us a present to bring back to school with us – our own, brand-new composting bin. As you can see, we were delighted with it!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council met just before half term, and representatives from all Years attended. Among the more notable results of the meeting, it was decided that charity work would be considered by Year Group. Ideas will be presented at the next meeting.

To support the school's values, Mr Hall will meet with students to produce a Student Pledge and finally, students' perceptions from a recent questionnaire will be used in Manchester Academy's prospectus.

STORM DORIS AND THE MA ALLOTMENT

Before Storm Doris



Our gardeners have worked very hard on their allotment, making seed beds, planting seeds and bulbs, weeding and raking. It is looking really lovely now, with green shoots and daffodils brightening up the day as staff come into school via the back car park and past the allotment.

But unfortunately, Storm Doris came roaring in over the half term holiday and when she left, our greenhouse was no more.

If any of our readers happen to have a spare greenhouse ...

After



WORLD BOOK DAY

Manchester Academy celebrated World Book Day with a range of activities:

All students in Years 7, 8 & 9 were given a Book Hunt Passport. They had to hunt down the correct books from teachers' doors across school and find the quotation from that room. They also 'interrogated' the teachers listed! There was a bounty of £20 for one person from each Year Group

Year 7 had a Story Telling Workshop. They told tales of mythical creatures and far-off lands in an interactive workshop in which each pupil took on the role of a vibrant character. They harnessed their storytelling skills to produce an unbelievable tale of magic and mystery.

There was a quiz in the Library for Years 7 and 8, based around the theme '**Diary of....?**

Year 8 had a workshop with Cartoonist Tim Quinn, who ran through the history of comic books, guiding students in the creation of two brand new characters... one *Beano* character and the other *Marvel Comics* style dude!

Students will be telling story after story after story about these characters after Tim Quinn has left the school.

After this, Mr Quinn held a Crime Fiction Writing Workshop entitled '*Dude, what's the problem?*' for students in Year 9. It was a fun and interactive creative writing workshop exploring the links between plot and character and the essential conflict that is at the heart of any compelling narrative. Students were invited to enter the world of Sophie, the protagonist of Marie Basting's crime story *Leave it All Behind*. Inspired by Sophie's experiences, they developed their own character profile and used this to generate the opening to a short creative piece. Depending on their interests and progress, they also had an opportunity to explore a number of plotting tools that will enable them to further develop their creative writing.

Year 11 had a Blind Date with a Book Stall on the English Corridor. They were invited to take home one of the books kindly donated by staff at Manchester Academy... the only trick was that students didn't know which book they had chosen until they unwrapped them!



SHOW THE LOVE WORKSHOP

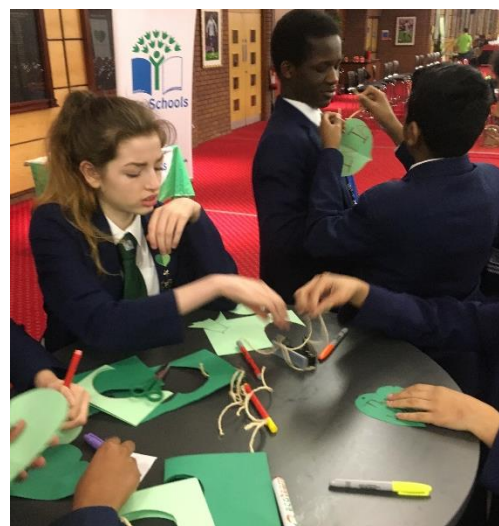
On Friday 17th February, eight Year 8 students were given the opportunity to take part in a 'Show the Love' workshop held at Old Trafford, in partnership with the Manchester United Foundation. Students were educated on how small changes they can make themselves and encourage others to make can help change the environment positively.

"I really enjoyed the event. It was really interactive and fun"

Cerys Evans, Student

"We mixed with students from other schools and learned new things: it allowed us to really think about our world and its climate"

Mercy Igwenwanne, Student



STARS OF THE WEEK

Every week the different subject departments select a student who has done exceptionally well and nominate them for Stars of the Week. Each student receives ten merits and on Friday, is invited to breakfast with the Principal.

Name	Reg	Subject	Comment
Zarah Bakari	7CSE	Art	Does work at home finishes work to a high standard and is a lovely polite enthusiastic pupil.
Thiflan Alfarizy	7CSE	Computing	Excellent standard of work in html coding.
Mercy Igwenwanne	8NAY		Excellent effort in Computing
Imran Koliye	11JCL	English	Without their help, World Book Day would not have been possible. They have spent hours helping me to organise books going home to children. I am really, really grateful to them.
Iara Lemos da Fonseca	11NSM		
Queenet Massalay	11KGE		
Samsam Sharif Ali	11NSM		
Hibaaq Shirwac	11MSA		
Cekhobia Stubbs	11KGE		
Mohammed Fazan	7EFA		
Mohammed Islam	7MGA	Geography	For excellent essays on employment in Britain.
Sultan Abdulahi	Year 7	History	For making a real effort to improve
Bronwyn Bull	8PDH	History	For excellent effort
Jaden Ruddock	9EMA		
Liban Isse	10SDU		
Filorida Tesfay	11PNI	History	Excellent effort
Aaron Edwards	10DMO	Hospitality	For achieving a Level 2 Pass in their BTEC Hospitality exam in Year 10. Well done. Absolutely fantastic
Meerub Javed	10DMA		
Yaser Alhamwy	11PNI	ICT	Yaser is a Dreamweaver expert and utilised the advanced features to create a responsive and interactive website for his ICT Coursework.

Name	Reg	Subject	Comment
Wala Ehbali	11JCL	ICT	Dedication and commitment to complete coursework within a shorter period of time than the rest of the class
Alycha Henry	11BLI		Attending two Saturday sessions; remaining focussed and determined to improve her grade.
Adam Mustafa	11MSA		Determined to succeed and be successful and scored the highest mark in the ICT Mock exam.
Cekhobia Stubbs	11KGE		Hardworking, conscientious and completes work to the very best of her ability
Masuma Bais	10DMA	Maths	For her outstanding effort in all Mathematics lessons and achieving a Grade 9 in the recent end of term exam. Well done!
Davis Kamara	Year 11	PE	For a quality practical moderation
Kieran Tickell	Year 11		
Khalid Goma	Year 10	Science	New starter and works incredibly hard

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 8th March

Year 9 Progress and Options Evening

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Griffin,
Principal