



NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th June 2024

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic week we have enjoyed at school! It has been a joy to see our community come together for a variety of activities and events.

On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Year 5 pupils from our Dean Trust partner primary schools Park View Academy and Blacklow Brow to participate in Food Technology, Science, and Design Technology lessons. It was wonderful to see the pupils enjoying their time with us and getting to know our excellent learning environment.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the Dean Trust Active Challenge, which took place at Knowsley Hall. Despite the warm weather, pupils and staff across the Trust demonstrated incredible perseverance and a real sense of camaraderie. A big thank you to everyone who participated and supported this event.

Today, all staff across The Dean Trust are engaging in INSET training. This professional development day is essential in ensuring we continue to provide the highest quality education for our pupils and there is also a focus on the new Dean Trust People Strategy to ensure we are looking after our valued workforce as well.

Our Key Stage 3 and Year 10 assessments have also continued this week. We are proud of the hard work and dedication our pupils have shown during this assessment period.

Looking ahead, we have some more exciting events next week. On Tuesday, we will be hosting our Festival of Sport. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to enjoy the benefits sport can bring and to enjoy a day of fun and friendly competition. On Wednesday, we are welcoming in our new Year 7 cohort as part of the Knowsley Transition Day and, on Thursday evening, we will be holding our first Open Night for prospective families. This is a chance for new families to explore our school, meet the staff and learn more about what makes our community so special.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to another rewarding week ahead.

With kind regards,

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

This week's numeracy puzzle

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + 3 &= 25 \\ 4 + 5 &= 45 \\ 0 + 8 &= 40 \\ 1 + 6 &= ?? \end{aligned}$$

Find the value of the ??



Last week's answer

$$\begin{aligned} \triangle &= 3 & \square &= 7 \\ \bullet &= 1 & \diamond &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Answer:

1. $3+7+3=13$
2. $1+7+3=11$
3. $7+7+3=17$
4. $3+7+3+1=14$

This year, our school Festival of Sport Day is **Tuesday 2nd July 2024**. The Festival of Sport will involve each year group taking part in an all-day inter-house competition which includes a variety of sporting events. The programme has been designed to give everyone the chance to take part, irrespective of their sporting ability. For this event, please ensure that your child comes to school in full normal LDA **PE kit**. Pupils do not need to wear school uniform. **Pupils who are unable to take part due to injury must still attend school in PE kit** as they will participate as judges / referees for the various events. Please supply your child with water in a re-usable bottle, snacks, sun cream and medication if required. The start and finishing times of our school day will not change.



Mr Parr
Head of
Department



Mrs Mills
Deputy Head of
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Mr Proctor
Head of
Year 8



Miss Morrison
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Blackmore
Head of Year 10



Mrs Molyneux
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician



The Dean Trust Games is a traditional athletics competition for Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils which began in 2019. It involves all the Dean Trust secondary schools and this year's event is taking place at Victoria Park Athletics Track in Warrington on Thursday 11th July 2024. Our pupils will be taking part in a variety of track and field events and we are sure that the LDA boys and girls teams will do us proud.



The annual Dean Trust Active Challenge event took place in the magnificent surroundings of Knowsley Hall on Tuesday 25th June 2024. This year we had over 800 pupils from across 11 Dean Trust schools taking part in either a 2K or 4K run. Due to the large numbers, the event was split into three parts with the primary children running first, followed by the secondary pupils/staff 4k race and finally the secondary 2K race, which included representatives from the staff of all 11 schools, cheered on by staff, pupils, families and friends.

Due to the hot, dry conditions, the main focus was to complete the run safely this year but pupils and staff gave maximum effort in challenging conditions to complete the run in their quickest time possible. Despite the challenges, the pupils enjoyed the event immensely, demonstrating both their competitive drive but also the camaraderie of running with their friends and representing their school. Special medals were presented to the top 3 runners of each race but all those who completed the race were presented with a medal by our Chief Executive, Mr Kapur.

A fantastic time was had by all and we look forward to many more Dean Trust School events in the future.



Year 7 Pupils become Rocket Car Engineers for the day!

90 of our Year 7 pupils participated in a morning of engineering where they had to design and build a rocket powered car.

The pupils worked with Ms Fitzsimon, Mrs Lancelott and Mrs Pugh to consider aerodynamics, teamwork, making templates, using tools and making improvements. We had a competition to see which car travelled the fastest when powered by a CO₂ canister.

It was very close but the winners were:

1st Place **Coco Pop**: Olivia H, Nancy and Olivia L (7K1)

2nd Place **The Amazing Fruit Loops**: Miley, Santiago and Heidi (7K1)

3rd Place **The Galasaurus**: Mia, Jazmine and Edie (7C1)

Well done to all of those winners! As you can see from the names, the girls proved themselves to be fantastic engineers and it is our hope within the Science and DT departments that more girls consider a career in engineering when they leave school.



Lego Club

Photo's from this week's Lego Club!
Every Wednesday after school in
S10 with Mr Starkey

