



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022 ISSUE 11

Attendance Winners – Week 31 (Weekly Winners)

Congratulations to

Best attending Year Primary Phase		Best attending Year Secondary Phase					
Year 6		Year 9					
Best Attending							
Primary classes winners		Secondary forms winners		Primary Year Group		Secondary Year Group	
1st	Spruce	1st	9LIG	1st	Year 6	1st	Year 9
2nd	Yellow	2nd	7GII	2nd	Reception	2nd	Year 11
3rd	Oak	3rd	10MNY	3rd	Year 5	3rd	Year 10

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I want to congratulate Year 6 on working so hard during and leading up to their SATs. They really tried their best throughout the week; I also know they enjoyed ice pops and rounders too!

Also, I want to wish Year 11 good luck with their GCSEs that start next week. All students have been affected by the disruption of the pandemic and I am proud of how our examinable year groups have prepared. A selection of Year 10 students are also undertaking some exams and I wish them well too.

In this edition you will see all the wider opportunities that have been going on recently across the phases. You will see the excellent work in Science, sporting success, theatre productions and trips out of school. I know how much the students enjoy these opportunities; and the staff.

Unfortunately I missed out on the Year 10 London trip as we had a visit from OfSTED. As you know, this was our first inspection since becoming an academy and part of the Wade Deacon Trust. I would like to thank all students, staff and yourselves for contributing to surveys.

I am hoping to share the report with you as soon as I can.

Please take note of the upcoming dates and events, where you will see more excellent opportunities for our students to deepen their learning and broaden their experiences.

As always, on the back pages you will find useful information for families. We hope you find these links useful and I would encourage you to use these services should you feel you need to.

Best wishes,

Ian Critchley
Principal



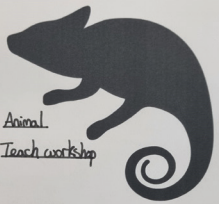
'SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT' SCIENCE (PRIMARY)

In Spring 2, Year 6 students have been learning about adaptation in their evolution topic in Science.

They had a great opportunity to enhance and enrich their learning by welcoming into our school Naomi from 'Animal Teach' who brought in a large selection of different animals for the children to learn about and to understand how and why they have adapted over time. The children fully emersed themselves in the experience, gained lots of new knowledge and handled animals that they had not seen before.

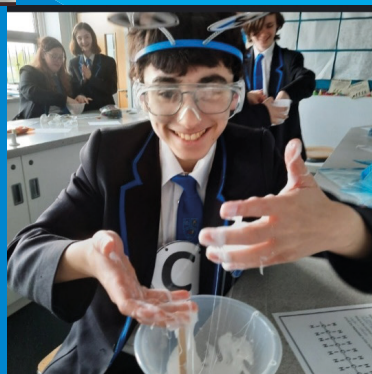
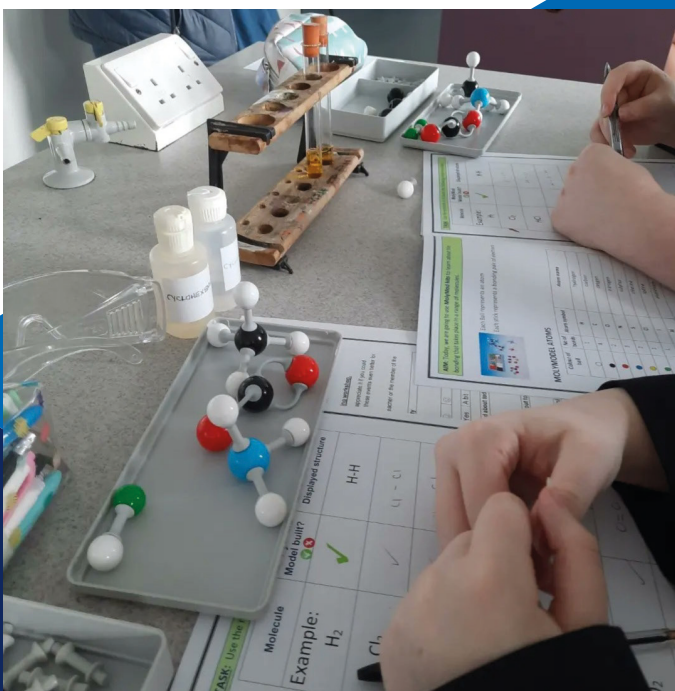
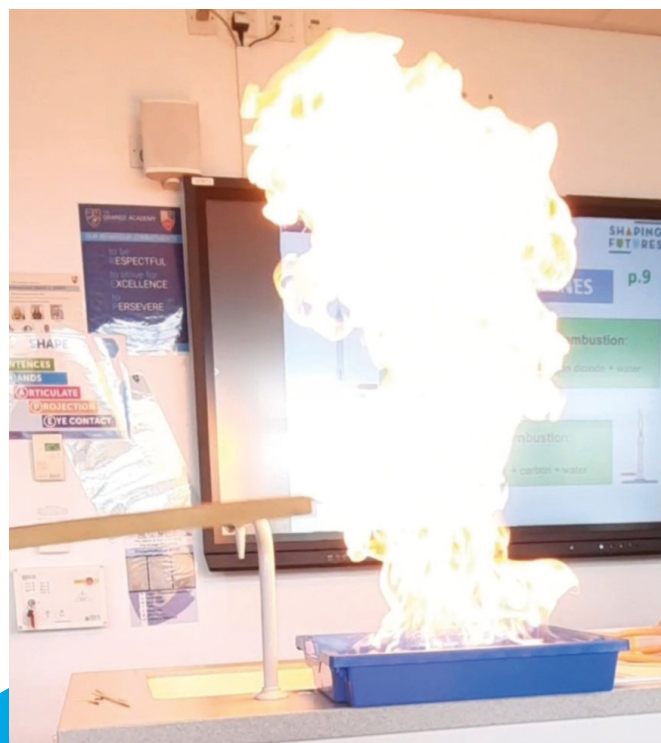
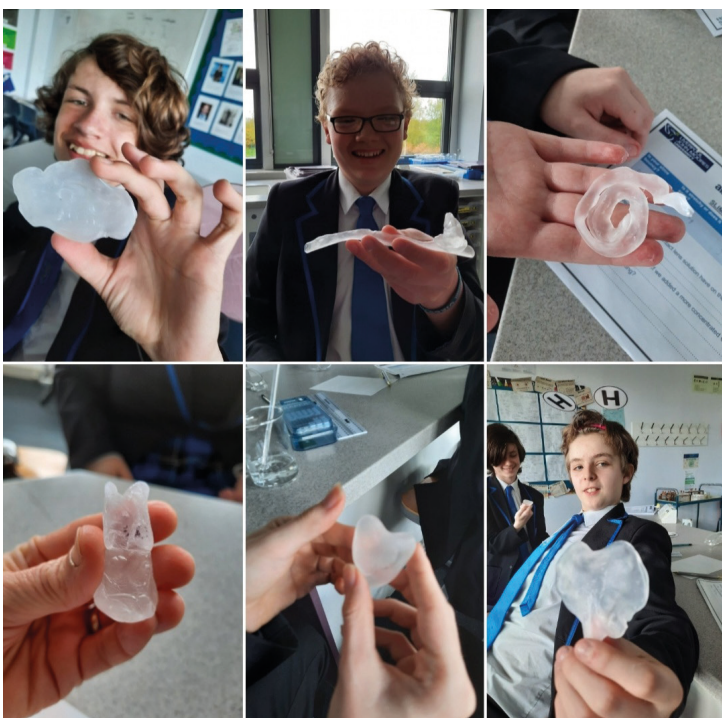
Following their learning the children created blogs, their teachers were blown away with how amazing they were. The feedback from the children was fantastic, they said that they liked that they could touch, feel and feed the animals and they enthusiastically talked about their learning saying that the session brought their learning to life making it more visual and easier to understand.



<p>Independently-Moving Eyes</p> <p>It helps so it can see if any predators sneak up on it.</p>	<p>ADAPTATIONS OF THE PANTHER CHAMELEON <i>Furcifer pardalis</i></p>  <p>Animal Teach workshop</p>	<p>Colour-Changing Scales</p> <p>camouflage so it can hide and catch prey, it can change colour if it has a emotion.</p>
<p>Projectile Tongue</p> <p>The tongue shoots twice as long as its self and the tongue is sticky so it can catch prey.</p>	<p>Zygodactyl Feet</p> <p>Their feet so they can grab around trees and it is used to move around because they have small claws.</p>	<p>Prehensile Tail</p> <p>Its tail is used to climb and move around the tail is very stable and strong.</p>

'SUBJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT' SCIENCE (SECONDARY)

Students have participated in John Moore's University Interactive Chemistry Master Classes with Shaping Futures. 16 Year 10 students used molymods and chemicals to investigate the structure and properties of Hydrocarbons. 15 Year 9 students investigated addition polymers with molymods and thermosoftening polymers. The shaping future lecturers, once again, commented on how well behaved our students were and what a fantastic attitude they had towards taking part in the activities.



WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

YEAR 3 CATALYST MUSEUM

Year 3 enjoyed their visit to The Catalyst Museum on 20th April. The children explored the world of fossils and volcanoes in the workshops and investigated the museum completing all the exciting activities.



ANIMAL TEACH WORKSHOPS

The beginning of May saw the start of our new after school club, 'Animal Teach', with Naomi. We have had an overwhelming response to the club and the children have said how excited they are to return for a second week. The children have met, handled, fed and learnt many facts about some very different and unusual animals, each week learning something new. This is a very interactive enrichment experience for the children, which we are hoping will be a club we can offer this time each year.



YEAR 4/5 NETBALL

Congratulations to our Year 4/5 netball teams who both reached the final of our local schools netball tournament! Our A team were undefeated throughout! Such good sportsmanship and fair play were shown by all teams who took part

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

YEAR 5 SAFETY CENTRAL

On Tuesday 10th May, Year 5 classes visited Safety Central at Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Lymm. They learnt to look out for potential hazards in the home and while they are out. They were taught what to do to reduce the risk of harm and how to react when an emergency situation has occurred. What an amazing learning experience!



PERCEPTION THEATRE

Perception Theatre were in school at the end of April performing their production of 'Cut, which educates secondary students on the risk of carrying knives and knife crime. The performance was impactful and fantastically put together.



YEAR 10 LONDON TRIP

Year 10 students had a fantastic time on their visit to London on 5th and 6th May. On the first day they went to the Globe Theatre to watch '& Juliet'. On the second day they visited Hyde Park and Warner Bros Studio Tour of Harry Potter.



WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

YEAR 8 LIVERPOOL

On Tuesday 10th May, Year 8 students went on a cross-curricular trip to Liverpool to deepen their knowledge in History, Music, Geography and Art by visiting the Museum of Liverpool, TATE Liverpool and Liverpool Docks.



YEAR 10 ANIMAL CARE

Year 10 Animal Care students recently enjoyed a trip to Hayrack Church Farm. The day involved feeding young lambs, grooming goats, bathing tortoises and lots more. The session helped our animal care students to meet some of their coursework requirements for their BTEC qualification as well as giving them practical experience of handling animals.



UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- **ANIMAL CARE TRIP - MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE**

17TH MAY

- **YEAR 4 WW2 TRIP TO WESTERN APPROACHES MUSEUM**

20TH MAY

- **PARIS TRIP**

27TH-30TH MAY

- **YEAR 7 MFL TASTER DAY**

9TH JUNE

- **YEAR 9 & 10 SCIENCE TRIP TO JMU**

21ST JUNE

- **YEAR 2 TRIP TO CHESTER ZOO**

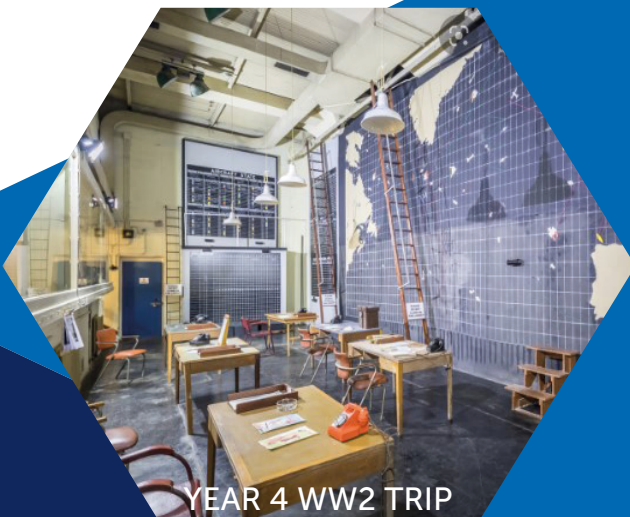
29TH JUNE



Y9 & 10 SCIENCE



CHESTER ZOO



YEAR 4 WW2 TRIP



PARIS TRIP

WORD OF THE WEEK

Each week, we look at a high-frequency, useful word (which may be difficult to interpret) and explore the definition, sounds, spelling, word-families, grammar and history surrounding it.

How you can help:

Encourage the use of the word in speaking and writing; model the use of the word when you talk.

PRIMARY

PROGRESS (noun/verb)

- to move forward in place or time
- to move toward a higher, better, or more advanced stage

REFUGE (noun)

- shelter or protection from danger or distress
- a place that provides shelter or protection

SECONDARY

COMMUNITY

A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

Synonyms:

Group, Section, Colony, Clique

EMOJI BOOKS

Can you guess the name of this well known children's book from this emoji?



YEAR 11 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All Year 11 students should be receiving a letter along with their personalised exam timetables this week. **Please ensure you take note of your seat and start times for all your exams.**

Exam conduct

Please use this QR code to access JCQ's guidance regarding mobile phones and equipment that is applicable to this year's candidates. Failure to follow this guidance can lead to disqualification.



Absences during Exams

More information is contained in the letter regarding absences.

Study Leave

Following the morning exam on the 13th June, Year 11 will embark upon a bespoke study leave plan. This means that they will no longer be required to attend school for the full day; instead, they will come in for the lessons where they are yet to sit their exams. During this time, students must be punctual to sessions, wear full school uniform and bring their equipment. Students will sign in and out via reception. It is imperative that your child displays positive attendance to these sessions to ensure that they are fully prepared for their final exams.

Leavers Assembly

Year 11 leavers assembly will take place on Friday 24th June. Students will be asked to arrive at school between 9:30am and 9:40am, wearing full school uniform. During their time in school, students will have their opportunity to sign school shirts, along with saying goodbye to their teachers and peers. Students will be dismissed at approximately 11am.

Results Day

Results Day is scheduled for Thursday 25th August.

Prom

Further details will follow.

SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH



Healthy School News



Mental Health Awareness Week 9th - 15th May 2022

For Mental Health Awareness Week, the Halton Health Improvement Team is offering **FREE online Mental Health Awareness sessions**.

The sessions will be delivered via Zoom on:

- Wednesday 4th May 1pm - 4pm
- Wednesday 4th May 6pm - 9pm
- Tuesday 10th May 6pm - 9pm
- Thursday 12th May 9:30am - 12:30pm

For further details and to book onto a session please email nyki.benson@halton.gov.uk

Bereavement Awareness Support for Parents and Carers

Understanding how to support children and young people while also looking after yourself is vital. Families supported by Child Bereavement UK tell us that it is helpful when they better understand how children and young people grieve and what helps them in their grief.

In this 1-hour session you will learn more about the grieving process and get helpful suggestions for you and your family.

Sessions take place on the last Monday of every month, between 5.30-6.30pm.

Book your place on [Eventbrite](#).

Parent/Carer Bitesize Workshops (via Microsoft Teams)

New dates are now available for our popular Bitesize workshops for 2022.

Sessions are free, delivered online, and last up to 1 hour. Sessions available include:

Sleep & Screens	Fussy Eating	Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing
Thurs 28 April 6.00pm	Mon 25 April 1.00pm	
Fri 20 May 1.00pm	Weds 25 May 10.00am	Mon 9 May 6.00pm
Thurs 23 June 10.00am	Tues 28 June 6.00pm	Tues 14 June 1.00pm
Weds 13 July 6.00pm	Thurs 14 July 1.00pm	Thurs 7 July 10.00am

To book a place email HIT@halton.gov.uk

For more information visit our website:

<https://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/hit/start/fit4lifeparents.aspx>

Fit 4 Life now online!

Would you like your family to eat better, sleep better and be more active? Our free Fresh Start app will help you to set good habits and routines, manage snacking and sugars, increase activity levels, sleep better, manage screen time. Plus there are lots of top tips and recipe ideas.

For more information, [click to visit our web page](#). Then download the app via the Google Play store or Apple App Store, or scan the QR code and enter invite ID **F4L-SN**.



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Our Young Carers Team have an amazing range of summer activities for Young Carers. For further information or just to have a chat you can contact: help@haltoncarers.co.uk / 01928 580182.



To book a place
CONTACT:
YCT: 01928 580 182
Or
help@haltoncarers.co.uk

Come along and join us for an afternoon with Jo's Reptiles Wednesday 1st of June 11am till 1pm.



A Day of FUN!

Place: Halton Carers Centre

Date: 16.8.22
Time: 11-1pm
Age: 5-11yrs

Circus games
demonstration of all the equipment - hula hooping, juggling, bucket stunts, poi, flower sticks, spinning plates and diablos!

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All treatments are FREE!!!

Choose from:
Facial
Manicure
Neck and back massage
Pedicure
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

CONTACT:
YCT:
01928 580 182
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YC Beauty treatments

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First Aid Training

Would you like to be confident in first aid

Place: Halton Carers Centre

Age: 11-17

Date: Thursday 18th August 2022 @1pm

To book a place
CONTACT:
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Or
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R-Time

Thursday 5-7pm



A safe space to give our YC a break from their caring roles.

What we do:
Arts and Crafts PS5 and switch console
Meet other Young Carers
Guest Speaker Quizzes Watch movies
Games and Themed Nights

Dates you can ask for a place is:
Thursday 5th May
Thursday 12th May
Thursday 19th May
Thursday 26th May

We are very limited to places : all done on a rotation and first come basis
Unfortunately, no transport provided

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