

Moseley Park School

Key Stage 3

Newsletter



Fifth Edition - Autumn Term 2
- December 2021



A Message from Mr O’Keeffe



As we reflect on what has been a long and busy Autumn Term, we can do so in the knowledge that, as a Key Stage together, we have been able to celebrate a whole host of events and personal achievements.

Highlights for myself include a brilliantly stunning poem by Nikita Bangerh, who wrote “We Have Power!” as part of a Black History competition, run by the Humanities department.

I am also delighted to see our students take their success’ further than the school setting. A special mention to Frankie Griffiths, who has proved she is on the ball after being selected to represent Wolverhampton and the wider West Midlands. This footballing achievement is made even more impressive, as she is playing above her year group.

It is also important to congratulate the students across Year 7 and 8 who have been inducted into our Excellence Academy group, they have been through a vigorous application process and should be extremely proud of themselves.

That just leaves me to say, I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and you enjoy all the festivities that this time of year brings, and we look forward to welcoming you back at Moseley Park in 2022 to celebrate even more student success.

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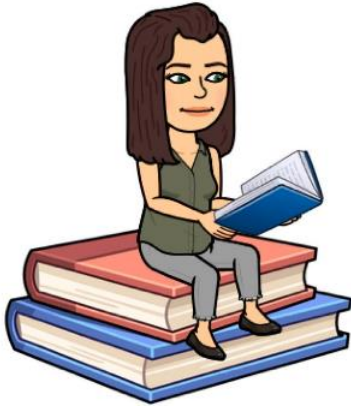
A Message from Mr Howe

Well where did that term go? There are so many highlights from the second half of the Autumn Term and many have been captured within this newsletter.

It’s been a pleasure to see so many of our young people involved in positive activities and getting involved within the life of the school outside of the classroom.

“It’s always important to remember that success is not final; failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts”. Sir Winston Churchill.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our students and families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Year 7

A massive "Well done!" to the 152 students who still have 0 negative behaviour points! Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.

All of your names will be in the prize draw for gift vouchers, this week!

Happy Holidays, Everyone!

Stay safe and we will see you in the new year!



**Miss Shinton and Ms Spencer-
Wood**



Mr Mincher

and

Mr Bennett

Year 8

It has been a very busy, successful term for all our students and staff.

It's been wonderful to see and hear so many success stories during what is still a very unsettling time.

Christmas is about spending time with loved ones and a time to reflect on how we can better ourselves, to strive for more, to be the best version of ourselves.

I thank parents/carers once again for your ongoing support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.



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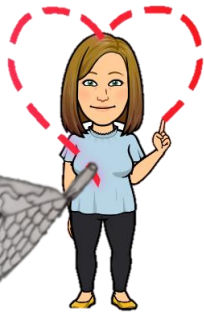


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ART



Pupils joined in with Pumpkin carving, the creations were featured on our website.



Veerjyot Singh 7TY

Amiya Chandard 7RL

Both Year 7 and 8 have continued to develop their art working with a variety of materials.



We have had a fantastic amount of work entered for the jigsaw competition. Keep an eye out for the results. Here are some of our KS3 entries

Artists of the Half Term

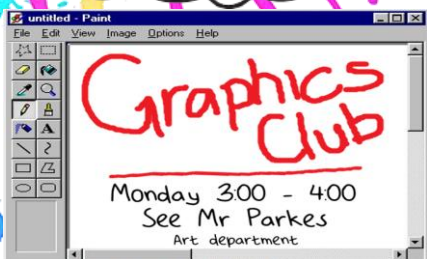
Lexie Stokes & Ikhlal Lawal
8CH 8PB



Fantastic drawings - Well done!



McKenzie Balfour 8PT



ART CLUB
 Monday Year 7
 3.00pm - 4.00pm
 L104
 Spaces are limited See Mrs Kendrick for details



Merry Christmas from the Art Department



English

Year 7

This term, year 7 have been on an exciting journey through time discovering the evolution of the English Language.

Students have explored Old, Middle, Early Modern and Contemporary English and investigated the influences which formed the language we know today.

Students have studied:

- *Beowulf*, a tale brought to the British Isles by Anglo Saxons from 6th century Scandinavia. Beowulf, a hero of the Geats, comes to the aid of Hrothgar, the king of the Danes, whose mead hall in Heorot has been under attack by the monster, Grendel.
- *The Canterbury Tales*, by Geoffrey Chaucer. A popular story from Medieval England about the social upheavals of the time.
- The Seven Ages of Man from William Shakespeare's, *As You Like It* is which comically explores the stages of life.



To join Miss Shinton's class: Year 7 English

1. Go to the website: app.senecalearning.com/join-class
2. Sign up as a student
3. Type in the class code: **u0zl63bjos**

Or scan the QR code with your phone



Year 8

This term, year 8 students have followed the playful character of Puck, from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Whilst reading and watching the play, students have explored the magical origins of the woodland creature and the folk lore that surrounds him.



Don't forget to sign up and complete your homework assignments.



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EXCELLENCE

— ACADEMY —

It is with great privilege to congratulate the following students on securing their place within the Excellence Academy.

The Excellence Academy is a prestigious group within the Moseley Park community so each student should feel extremely proud of themselves for this achievement.

Class of 2025

Cleopatra	Aborayya	8PB	Vanessa	Onyeukwu	8HN
Nikita	Bangerh	8PT	Simran	Paul	8PB
Molly	Bastable	8HN	Molly-Anne	Pearce	8PB
Thomas	Bastable	8HN	Diana	Putane	8PT
Tegan	Beech	8DJ	Adam	Rehman	8PT
Liam	Biddle	8KD	Balhaar	Sandhu	8MA
Aleksandra	Borodina	8PB	Manveer	Singh	8MA
Harley	Brookes	8HN	Holly-May	Smith	8CH
Riley	Davis	8KD	Liam	Spittle	8HN
Anya	Detheridge	8MA	Brandon	Sumaina	8KD
Harjun	Dusanjh	8KD	Tia	Suman	8HN
Kayleigh	Enefer	8HN	Daniel	Taiwo	8KD
Jayden	Gooden	8PT	Leo	Thomson	8BL
Lawen	Hussain	8HN	Zac	Tobin	8PT
Shahzeb	Imtiaz	8KD	Lexi	Walker	8PB
Khalisa	Jabar	8HN	Nevaeh	Wellington	8CH
Ilona	Kakalec	8PT	Ava	Whitehouse	8PT
Zakaria	Lahya	8KD	Archie	Williams	8HN
Sanjana	Mall	8MA	Yu Tao	Xue	8MA
Kian	Middleton	8CH			

Class of 2026

Ademidun	Adetogun	7BN	Anika	Joshi	7TY
Sydnee	Beckett-Johnson	7BR	Serena	Klair	7GV
Laycee	Blakemore	7TY	Marley	Law-Baker	7RL
Lattinna	Campbell-Levy	7TY	Rubie	Manns	7ON
Amiya	Chandard	7RL	Oliver	McGee	7ON
Alfie	Cheesman	7LS	Maia	McKenzie	7PS
Mason	Chrimes	7ON	Prabdeep	Multani	7LS
Layla	Clarke	7BR	Jessica	Robinson	7PS
Leighton	Clarke	7LS	Maria	Ross	7RL
Entiece	Clarke	7LS	Ava Renee	Sawyer	7TY
Jaiden	Constable	7TY	Veerjyot	Singh	7TY
Cody	Cook	7PS	Kacie	Smith	7TY
Cobey	Dean	7BR	Josh	Sodhi	7BR
Carys	Detheridge	7GV	Poppy-May	Southall	7PS
Jovandeep	Dhillon	7LS	Aleiah	Taffs	7LS
Kevin-James	Dickens	7PS	Lucy	Thomas	7LS
Paris	Edwards	7ON	Alexia-J	Ward	7PS
Alvaro	Fernandez Jimenez	7GV	Fearne	Warrender	7ON
Katie	Gomes-Conceicao	7GV	Louis	Watkins	7PS
Suria	Hayre	7PS	Grace	Wilson	7GV
Taran	Heera	7RL	Savanah	Worrall	7RL
Chelsea	Howell	7GV			

Congratulations!



Christmas in France - Here are a few facts about how Christmas is celebrated in France!

In France, a Nativity crib is often used to help decorate the house. French cribs have clay figures in them. During December some towns and cities, such as Marseilles, have fairs that sell Nativity figures. As well as having the normal Nativity figures in them, French scenes also have figures such as a Butcher, a Baker, a Policeman and a Priest.

In French Happy/Merry Christmas is 'Joyeux Noël'. In Breton (spoken by some people in Brittany, Northern France) it's 'Nedeleg Laouen', in Corsican it's 'Bon Natale' and in Alsatian (spoken by some people in Alsace, in Eastern France) it's 'E güeti Winâchte'.

One of the biggest Christmas markets in Europe is held in Strasbourg, in North Eastern France. In the Alsatian language it's called the "Christkindelsmarik".

Yule Logs made out of Cherry Wood are often burned in French homes. An old tradition is that the log was carried into the home on Christmas Eve and sprinkled with red wine to make the log smell nice when it was burning.

In France, Father Christmas / Santa Claus / St. Nicholas is called le Père Noël (Father Christmas). In eastern France he is accompanied by Le Pere Fouettard, a man dressed in black.

The main Christmas meal, called 'Réveillon', is eaten on Christmas Eve/early Christmas morning after people have returned from the midnight Church Service. Dishes might include roast turkey with chestnuts or roast goose, oysters, foie gras, lobster, venison and cheeses. For dessert, a chocolate sponge cake log called a bûche de Noël is normally eaten.

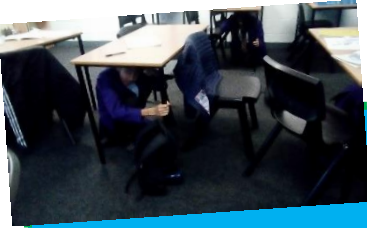
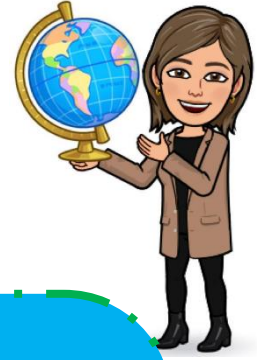
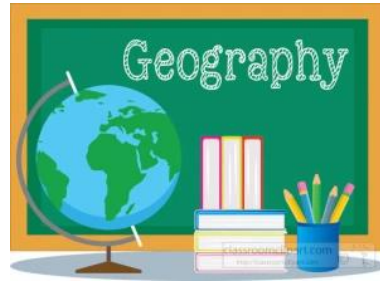
Another celebration, in some parts of France, is that 13 different desserts are eaten! All the desserts are made from different types of Fruit, Nuts and Pastries.

Epiphany ((Épiphanie in French)), called La Fêtes des Rois in French, is also celebrated in France on January 6th. A flat Almond cake is eaten called 'Galette des Rois'. The cake has a toy crown inside and is decorated on top with a gold paper crown.

Why don't you research Christmas in France?! Compare our Country to France. What are the differences?

Competition: Produce your own powerpoint/poster / booklet on Christmas in France. Prizes for the best!!

**All entries to Mrs Byrne in E8 by Wednesday January 5th 2022 please.
Good luck!!**



Year 8 have been busy designing earthquake safe buildings. They were only allowed to use 5 pieces of paper, 5 pieces of tape and a pair of scissors. Their designs were then given the shake test to see if the buildings would still stand after an earthquake. There were some fantastic designs which survived. Well done, we have structural engineers in the making.

Year 8 have taken part in an earthquake drill. On the sound of the alarm they had to dive under their desk and support their neck to protect from whiplash. Many successfully survived, however a few were too slow to dive for cover! Oh



YEAR 7

Year 7 have been taking part in environmental surveys around the school as part of their Geography lessons. They were able to follow a basic map to collect information about places where we can be kinder to the environment. Many year 7 pupils were to be seen skipping around school to collect their information. Well done.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Continents shift at about the same rate as your fingernails grow.

2. Mt. Thor on Baffin Island, Canada, has Earth's greatest sheer vertical drop (4,101 feet).

You can take one step off the peak and fall nearly a mile before you hit anything.

3. Ninety percent of Earth's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere.

4. Australia is wider than the moon.



History



Halloween may have gone but in history the horror has continued! This half-term year @ have been looking at crime and punishment through time, which includes looking at a classic Halloween character: the witch!

HOMEWORK HIGHLIGHT: A DIARY ACCOUNT FROM SOMEONE WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF WITCHCRAFT

Dear Diary

I am so scared! Today I have been branded a witch, they say it is because of my lack of beauty and the disfigurement of my face. My mother has always tried protecting me from people. She always thought that I would be accused of being a witch but her fears have now come true! She has always made me wear a face covering so people couldn't see me, but my face has been revealed and NOW I'm going to die!!! They told me I would be burnt at the stake tomorrow noon, that is when I will meet my fate.

I tried to beg and plead to say that I'm not a witch, but they won't listen. I wish I was born normal. This is the last time I will be writing to you dear Diary so my final message is to tell my parents I love them.

- Leo Thomson

THEY REALLY DID THIS!



Now for something more festive: The History of Christmas!



Neolithic Christmas (5,000 years ago): The 'midwinter solstice' on 21st December – shortest day of the year – great feasts took place.



Roman Christmas (2,000 years ago): The 'Saturnalia' to honour the Chief Roman God Saturn. During the 5 days of feasting ranks would be overturned (e.g. masters would serve food to their



Medieval Christmas (1,000 years ago): first recorded use of the word 'Christmas', written as "Christ's Mass" (i.e. a celebration for Christ), in 1038. 12 days of celebration from 24th December to presents being exchanged on 6th January.



Victorian Christmas (over 100 years ago): This is when Christmas became as we know it today. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had 9 children, so Christmas became more small, family-focused gatherings for everyone else too. Albert brought Christmas trees to England from his country, Germany. Christmas cards were now exchanged, carols were now sung, and Santa Claus and his reindeer first appeared during this time too!



ICT



This term, year 8 students have been learning the essential skills of excel spreadsheet modelling.

Though intimidating at first, all students have performed excellently and have demonstrated their hard work and resilience. Many have now begun to embed their learning into their ever-growing collection of fundamental ICT skills. These skills will help boost student’s employability and career prospects!

The entire ICT department are delighted with the progress that the year 8 students are making, especially the performance of the latest assessment.

Over 60% of year 8 pupils are currently working at, or above their **end of year 8 target grades**. This is a very pleasing figure and has not gone unnoticed by your ICT teachers.

Shoutouts to the following students who are currently working an **entire grade above their target**:



Student View: The Importance of ICT

As we all know, our future is changing. Choosing to do ICT has helped me see how I can be a part of this future and one day will allow me to proudly say that I have contributed to it. ICT has and continues to have a massive impact on my life; from learning about exactly how a computer works, to just being generally open minded and better at problem solving.

Currently, I am thinking a lot about my future and the path that I want to take. ICT has helped set me on this path as it provides many opportunities for my future career prospects.



Integrated Studies

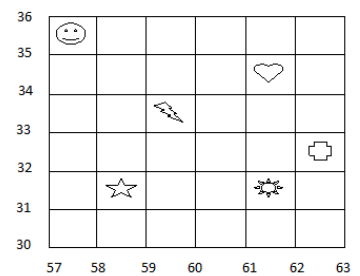


Activity Time!

Can you use your map reading skills to work out the co-ordinate for the symbols?

Write the four-figure grid references for the squares labelled below:

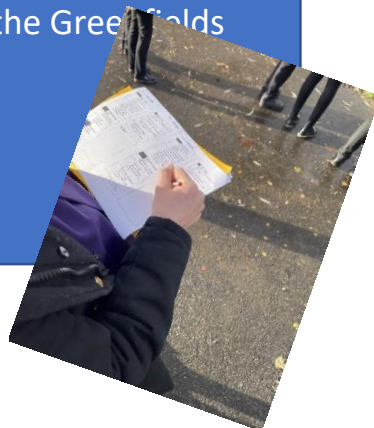
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This term Year 7 have all been learning Geography skills. They can now plot journeys on OS maps and use 4 and 6 figure grid references to find points.

Students have also been busy around school, creating and taking part in field surveys about the school and whether it is a good neighbour.

Year 7 have also been studying land use and investigating whether the proposed housing development should go ahead on the Green fields in Bilston.



The Integrated Studies staff would like to praise the following students for their hard work and excellent attitude this half term

Jovandeep Dhillion

Savanah Worrall

Isabella Rollason

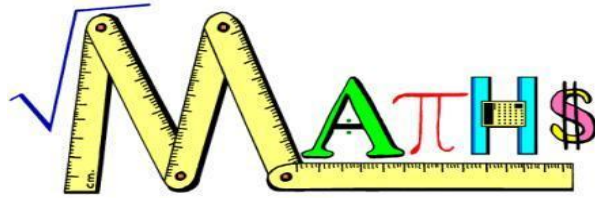
Dakash Kaler

Sasha Ingram

Faith Cross

Brain Teaser

What is always in front of you but can't be seen?



Maths during the festive season

Maths can help you wrap presents as quickly as possible without getting muddled up with the paper – and even cook a turkey at the for the perfect amount of time!

Wolfgang Panofsky said came up with the formula $1.13 \times \text{weight (to the power of 0.6)}$ for the perfect amount of time to cook your turkey.

There's also maths behind secret Santa – what if somebody chooses their own name?

While this may not be the type of maths you see every day, types of maths such as game theory and decision maths can answer our biggest Christmas questions and dilemmas!

Student of the Term

Well done to Avneet Singh, who managed to teach everyone something new about algebra this week in class!

When we want to write '2 times x', we write 2x because having the times sign in the middle was confusing for mathematicians!

Can you work out the value of each festive square!

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			13
			13
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Nick's Christmas decorations:

Nick has a box of ornaments to decorate the tree.

All of them are blue except for six.

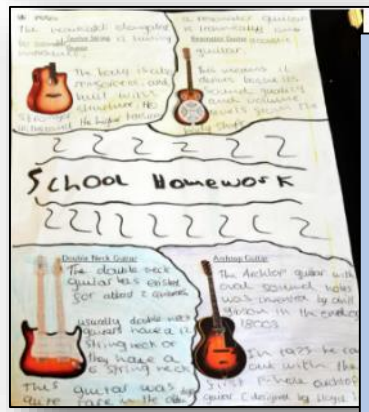
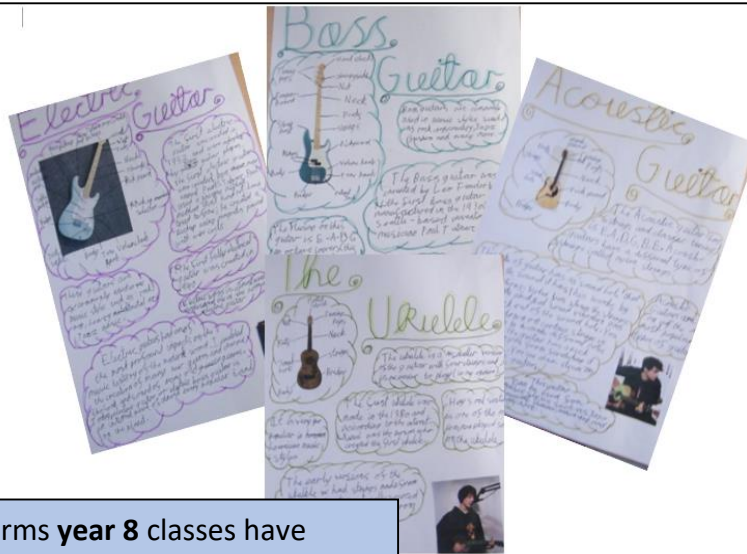
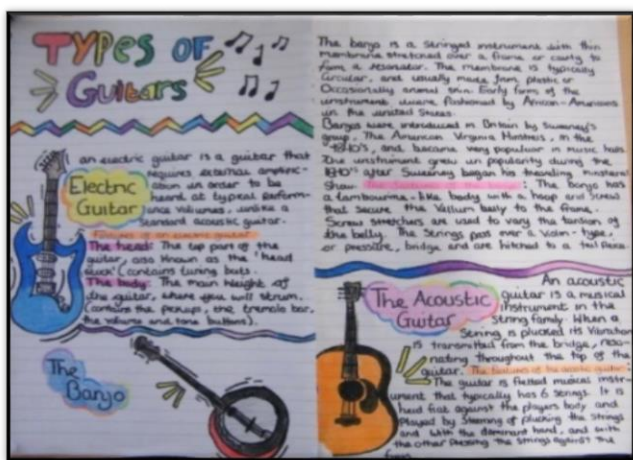
All of them are green except for six

All of them are red except for six.

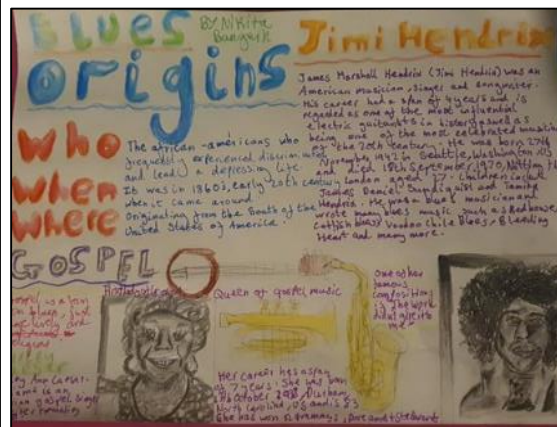
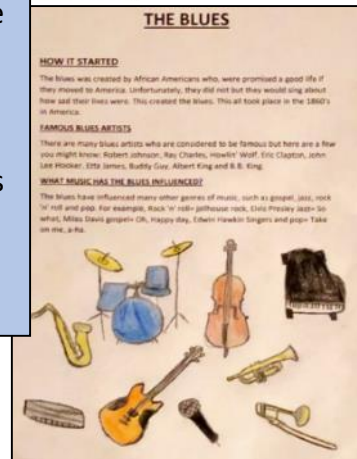
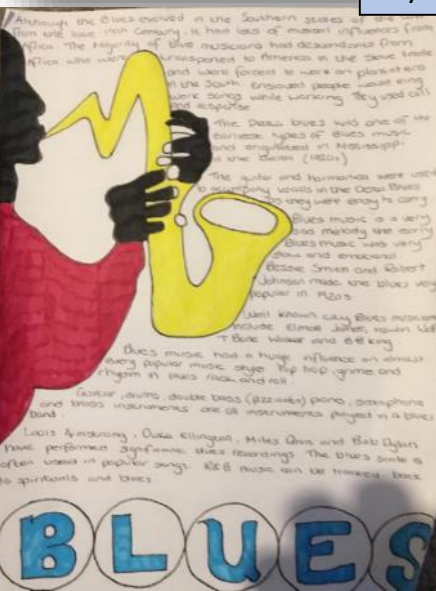
How many of each coloured ornament does Nick have?



Guitar Skills -Year 7 pupils have studied the origins of the guitar, looking at varied styles, types and the music they are used for, plus studied the purpose of each guitar part. In practical work they have learnt to play both chord grids and tab sheet notation to a range of music pieces from 60's to present day. Well done to Keely Perkins, Alexia J Ward and Hayden Baker for their excellent work researching facts about different guitars.



Blues Music - This terms year 8 classes have looked at Blues, Jazz and Gospel music styles, the origins and influences on other music styles and studied famous musicians. Using their keyboard skills, pupils have performed '12 bar blues sequences with riffs and made excellent progress in performance skills. Well done to Marco Jenson, Nikita Bangerh, Holly May Smith and Jayden Gooden for their excellent work.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Old Trafford & Etihad Stadium visit

On Wednesday 3rd November, Moseley Park students had a great sporting opportunity to experience two of the biggest clubs in world football. They started with a trip to Old Trafford, where they took part in a stadium tour which included visiting the trophy room, football museum, press conference room, first team changing rooms and even a chance to sit in the dugout.



When finished at Old Trafford, students headed back onto the coach to make the short journey to the Etihad Stadium. Students experienced first-hand a champions league fixture between 5 times Premier League Champions Manchester City and Club Brugge. Students managed to see some of footballs best players with the likes of Raheem Sterling, Phil Foden and Kevin De Bruyne making appearances on the night to win 4-1.



Key Stage 3 Inter-form Competition



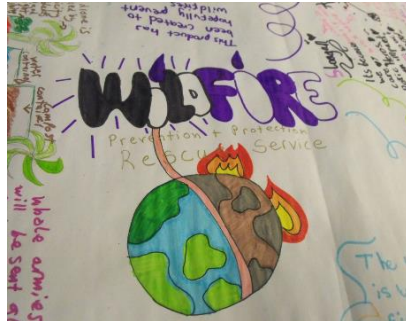
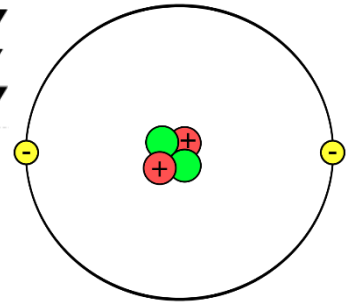
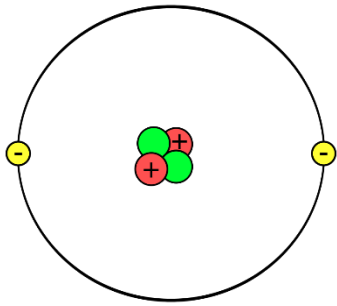
MVP
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Benchball - Dodgeball

Football - Netball



SCIENCE



This term in Science, year 8 have been working to respond to sustainability challenges as part of the Big Ideas Programme. Pupils learnt about how science, technology, engineering and maths can help to solve issues our planet faces during the big ideas day. Pupils have been working hard to create solutions, complete with business plans.

After Christmas some pupils will be looking to compete with teams from other schools across the UK. If the teams get through the regional finals, then they will present their idea at the National Final that takes place at the Palace of Westminster and is hosted by a group of MP's – good luck all!

A message from Miss Ripley:

I have had the pleasure of teaching a new Year 7 group for the past few weeks. Not only have you shown respectful behaviour, you have tried really hard to make sure you do well in Science.

A special shout out to Ryan Davies and Lloyd Harmitt for being excellent helpers every week. We even managed a practical using acids and alkalis!

You have all tried really hard. Enjoy a lovely Christmas break. Lots more exciting Science to come in the New Year!

