



Ash Villa School Newsletter

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INTRODUCTION

A warm welcome to our newsletter for the Spring Term.

As you will read it has been a very busy time in school during what has been a relatively short term.

Our students have taken part in two national events, World Book Day and Comic Relief. The theme of our fundraising event for Comic Relief this year was A Mad Hatter's Tea Party. The event was great fun and, at the time of writing, had raised a fantastic £117! Thank you to all the staff and students for arranging the event and also to everyone who supported it and donated to Comic Relief.

We were very pleased to be able to arrange a trip to The Deep this term. It had been chosen by our school council as their preferred venue for an educational visit and the day was one that everyone enjoyed and found very interesting.

It has been extremely pleasing to see, on a day-to-day basis, the positive contribution to school life at Ash Villa that our students have made throughout this term. We look forward to this continuing in the Summer Term after Easter.

Finally, on behalf of all the school staff may I wish you a Happy Easter, Mr Bentley.

Terms 3&4

We are pleased to announce that the students listed below have received an achievement award for consistent work and behaviour during the Autumn Term. Congratulations to you all for your sustained effort in school.

*Ellie x4, Katy C x3, Hannah, Toby,
Saima x3, Katie B x2, Lena x2,
Natalie, Aaisha x2, Chloe x3, Conor x2,
Aiden*

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March we celebrated World Book Day in school by creating a display of all our favourite books. The students and staff selected quotes from these books to include on the display. We had such diverse choices as 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time', 'The Perks of Being a Wallflower' and 'Divergent.' Mrs Raeburn, Class Teacher.

St Johns Ambulance First Aid

On the 9th of February 2017 Steven from the St Johns ambulance came in to give us all some first aid training. We covered a range of topics including the recovery position, chocking, bleeding-bandages, fainting, shock, CPR, burns and scolds. We all participated in putting fake bandages on each other, putting each other in the recovery position and performing CPR on the dummies. We all received certificates for doing our level 1 first aid training. This was a fun activity as we were able to learn life skills which we can use throughout our lives if we are ever in the position where we need to. Ellie, year 13.



Pancake Day

On Shrove Tuesday, 28th February 2017 at Ash Villa School we made pancakes. All of the students and staff had a pancake flipping competition. Katy was the Champion with 68 flips in one minute, I came 2nd with 66 flips and Mr Bentley came 3rd with 64. After the competition Me, Ellie, Katy, Mrs R and Alicia made fresh pancakes for everybody to eat and had lot of toppings



such as, Nutella, bananas, blueberries, orange juice, lemon juice, golden syrup, sugar, strawberry sauce and honey. I really enjoyed Pancake Day as a whole because it was a different experience to my other years and there was good vibes. Aidan post 16.

Valentine's Day

In preparation for Valentine's Day, we all selected names from a hat and made anonymous cards for the person chosen. The task involved not making regular cards but rather contained inspirational quotes, images and decorations. On the 14th of February, we made heart-shaped shortbread biscuits alongside sweet potato brownies and in the afternoon had film club (where we watched 'supersize me') whilst enjoying our snacks. We all loved the process of creating and decorating the cards for a fellow class peer and it was an enjoyable task given that it gave us an opportunity to hand make something for somebody- a simple act of kindness that would put a smile on someone else's face. Saima, Post 16.



The Deep

On the 23rd February we all went to the deep in Hull which is an aquarium with lots of different sea animals and even penguins. We drove around 2 hours on the coach and watched the jungle book on the way, on the day storm Doris decided to hit the UK so we couldn't go over the Humber Bridge. We got there



in the rain and wind and got inside in the warm and started walking around. We saw so much Sealife. Massive fish in tanks, blue frogs, starfish and even little fish like Nemo! We carried on looking around and we



got to the penguins just in time for when they were fed so we saw a lady giving them fish and swimming under water and waddling around, they were very cute! We had lunch and after we looked round the rest of it and saw an ice wall which was cool. Finally to finish our adventures off we went into the shop and spent ages looking at little cuddly penguins and bouncy balls with glitter and fish in! Overall we had a really good day. Katy, Year 11.



Singing Group

The Ash Villa singing group is now an established part of the curriculum here in school. Each week we come together for a session, selecting songs from our now extensive repertoire! The students have really developed in confidence with their singing, and many will take on solo verses or sing in a duet with a partner. We have even been sneaking in some harmonies! A firm favourite with our students is Ed Sheeran, but we also sing songs by artists as varied as Beyonce, One Republic, Ceelo Green, Bryan Adams and Lukas Graham. Mrs Raeburn, Class Teacher.

BIIAB Alcohol Awareness course Level 1

During March, our students participated in a series of sessions on alcohol awareness in preparation for sitting the BIIAB Level 1 exam. The sessions covered a range of issues surrounding alcohol, including: understanding how licensed premises operate, learning about the levels of alcohol in different drinks and discovering how alcohol affects the body.

The students participated in a range of activities and discussions during the sessions and used resources such as the 'drunk glasses' to explore how alcohol can impair our ability to function normally.

Alicia, HLTA.

Wii Dance

As part of enrichment we have started doing Wii dance. This is a Wii game which we put on the TV that has controls which you hold with a sensor worn around your wrist. It detects how well you are dancing and gives you points for a specific dance routine. There's lots of routines to choose from and there is characters on the TV doing the moves which you then have to copy, it is very fun to do and it's very hard work to keep up and we all end up exhausted. It's one of my favourite enrichment activities and there is always tough competition between Mrs Raeburn, Alicia and the students. The students usually win however Alicia and Mrs Raeburn always give it their best efforts!!

Katy, Year 11.



Red Nose Day

This year for Red Nose Day we decided on a Mad Hatters Tea Party for this year's theme. We did



lots of prep all week, creating Alice in Wonderland themed crafts to decorate the room, along with plenty

of gorgeous cakes to bake and sandwiches to make. It was great that all of the students got a chance to join in



on the preparations, it was a true team effort, and the baking started on Tuesday!

There was much precision over decorating the centre piece cake which was a Victoria



sponge with a clock face hand painted on

top. The Tea Party itself was a real success with the huge dining table covered in gorgeous traditional tablecloths to replicate Alice's Tea Party. We had classic cucumber, egg and cheese sandwiches. As well as heart cupcakes, jam tarts, shortbread hearts, and fruit scones with jam and cream. We also had a raffle with lots of lovely prizes up for grabs, this managed to raise over £100 for Red



Nose Day! Thank you so much to everyone that bought tickets and donated to such a great cause! Alicia, HLTA.



