



Ash Villa School Newsletter

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Welcome to our Summer Term newsletter. As you will read this term has seen lots of visitors and events in school and has been a busy end to a busy school year.

Our annual Personal Safety themed week provided plenty of discussion and information across a range of workshops while in PE the students have enjoyed cricket coaching provided by Lincolnshire Cricket and tennis coaching delivered by Grantham Tennis Club.

This term has also seen the staff and students learning new skills in a circus workshop and taking part in a mock crime scene investigation courtesy of a forensic science workshop.

Congratulations to Mrs Smith who won the World Cup competition and to Liam who was the highest placed student, the competition was good fun and had a heightened interest this year due to England's achievements!

In school the students have continued to work extremely hard, whether that has been on their mainstream studies, our curriculum or their exams. All the students deserve great credit for their efforts.

As we reach the end of the school year I would like to give my thanks to the school staff and governing body for all their hard work and efforts throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a good summer break.

Leigh Bentley, Headteacher.

Terms 5 and 6

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

*Katyx4, Charleighx3, Abbie,
Florencex2, Liamx3, Zoe, Ellie*

Swing Ball

As an addition to our summer activities we have been playing Swing ball in our school garden. It has given us a chance to do a less intensive sport while enjoying the sunny weather. Swing ball can be a 1 or 2 player game and consists of hitting a tennis ball alternate ways. However as it is attached to the pole you don't have to run for it! Students and staff alike have enjoyed this activity. Miss Tetley, HLTA.



Safety Week

As it is safety week at Ash villa school we have been having talks from positive health, Kate has been coming most days to discuss with us about healthy relationships and the risks of unhealthy relationships. We have covered topics such as: relationships and consent, contraception and STI'S, risky behaviours and HIV and AIDS awareness. I think it's important to have these talks in school before we are put in the situation where we have to know what to do, so from these talks we will know and understand what to do and also tell other people if they are unsure. We watched a video on how easy it is to spike a drink and I found this really interesting but also really scary so I can now take precautionary measures to make sure this doesn't happen to me or anyone around me in the future. Katy, Post 16.





Alzheimer's awareness Cupcake day

This term at Ash Villa School we celebrated dementia awareness by participating in a nation-wide cupcake day. We began the celebration by deciding on recipes and preparing a raffle and games to play on the day, like pin the cherry on the cupcake. To raise awareness of the Alzheimer's Society we made blueberry oat muffins, vanilla cupcakes, vegan chocolate cakes, lime and



courgette muffins, shortbread decorated with fondant and banoffee muffins with salted caramel sauce. It was a lot of fun making

them and the feedback was very positive. We all thoroughly enjoyed raising awareness of dementia through this fundraising activity and I would happily do it again! Charleigh, Year 11.



Virtual Babies

Over the past few weeks we have been taking care of virtual babies and have created an ASDAN on how to look after them. The young people thought that it was a challenge to look after them because they were unpredictable and they wouldn't stop crying. We received feedback on how well we looked after the babies and we did quite well considering it was the first time we looked after them. Overall looking after the babies was a fun experience and some of us would like to do it again in the future. Ellie, Year 12.



Cooking on a budget.

For a level 2 ASDAN, for the whole day, I cooked a three course meal that I made for Miss Tetley and Dr Makevit. For the starter I did hummus flatbreads, for main meal I did a butternut squash and sage risotto and for dessert I made a chocolate pudding with chocolate custard. I made sure that the table looked really nice and that we did everything in time. Miss Tetley



helped me throughout the day and in the end it turned out really well. I made it my goal to make the food all vegetarian and made sure that I didn't use

much dairy as I had to cater to some dietary requirements. Overall, I did enjoy doing it but it was a bit stressful as I don't cook often but I think that will come with practice! I would recommend doing this ASDAN for anyone who is interested in baking and cooking! Its good fun!!



Katy, Post 16.

Cricket



For the past two weeks, on a Thursday afternoon, Angus from the Lincolnshire Cricket Association has been in to

teach us how to play cricket. We've played cricket based games for warm-ups before practicing our batting and throwing techniques. Everyone found it quite tiring due to the hot weather but we all enjoyed it. We had a mini game of cricket where we took it in turns batting, bowling and fielding. My favourite position was fielding because I enjoyed catching people out, however I would like to work on my bowling skills as I struggle to keep my arm straight. We are all looking forward to the next few weeks of Cricket. Zoe Post 16.



Taste Test

As one of our students is studying Food technology at GCSE, she decided to expand on her topic of branded and non-branded products to create a taste test for the school. There were many foods to try such as Pringles, digestives, cereal bars, Weetabix, Oreos and orange juice. To add another dimension the student also baked 2 batches of chocolate muffins; one made with branded ingredients and one with 'smart price' budget ingredients. The taste test was then open to the whole school and everyone filled out the feedback forms to mark which product they preferred. The results were very



interesting as smart price muffins ingredients won by far! The branded Pringles, digestives, Weetabix and cereal bars

had lots more votes however the Oreos and orange juice were about 50/50. We found the results thought provoking as with many of the items although the branded product was chosen, it wasn't miles greater. We decided that it would be a wise decision to look at how much price difference there is to see if it's really worth paying the price for branded products.



Miss Tetley, HLTA.

World Cup Article

This year in school, Mr Bentley has launched a competition to celebrate the World Cup. We all chose eight teams who we thought would succeed, and we also selected one special team who we thought would do really well. Mr Bentley has created a complicated points system based on goals achieved, goals conceded and games won or lost. We have all been anticipating the outcome of the games, and it has added a new level of excitement to the World Cup. At the time of writing this, Mrs Smith is in the lead, I am in 2nd place and Miss Tetley is in 3rd. There's definitely an element of competition in the atmosphere! Liam, Post 16.



Islam Awareness Talk

In June, we welcomed guest speaker Ghada, from Islam in Lincolnshire, into school. Ghada spoke to the students about all aspects of Islamic belief and practice and brought with her a range of artefacts for us to look at. These included a copy of the Qur'an and beautifully decorated prayer mats. Ghada talked through the Five Pillars of Islam; giving an insight and awareness into each one and explaining how they impact on a Muslim's everyday life. Ghada encouraged our students



to ask questions in relation to their understanding of what it means to be a Muslim in modern Britain, and overall, the talk was very informative and interesting.

Mrs Raeburn, Key Stage 3 & 4 Tutor.



Splat's Circus Skills Workshop

On the afternoon of Tuesday 10th, Gemma from Splat's Circus Workshop visited with a range of Circus equipment for us to experiment and play with. This included Scarf juggling, Flower sticks,



plate spinning, Pedal-go and Diablo. We really enjoyed challenging ourselves by multitasking the plate spinning and pedal-go which was very difficult as you couldn't concentrate on both tasks at once, we managed to master it in the end though! We also enjoyed talking to Gemma about her experience with circus skills and what her job entails. It was a nice change for a Tuesday afternoon! Zoe, Post 16.

