

# Moseley Park School

## Key Stage 3

### Newsletter



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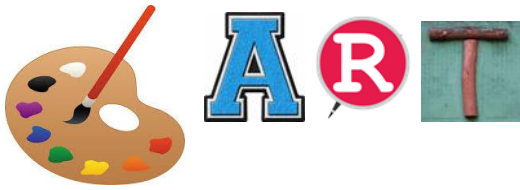
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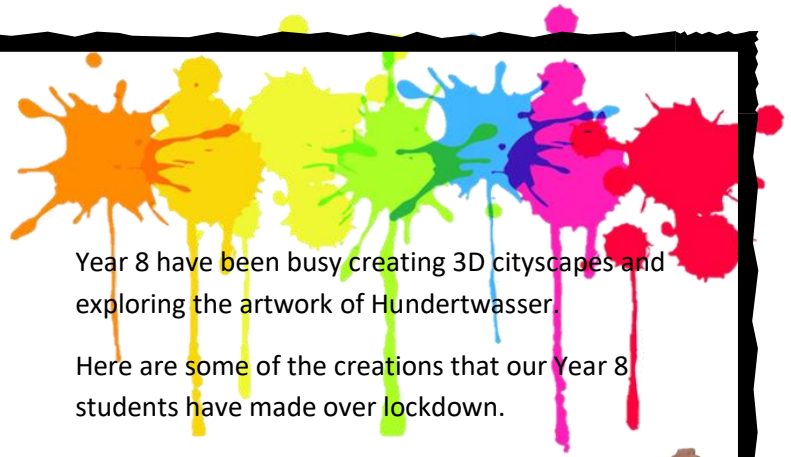


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Year 7 and 8 have been working hard over lockdown and have created some fantastic work.

Year 7 have been looking at the impact of plastic on our oceans, and exploring ways in which Artists can use plastics to highlight the issues through visual communication. We had a great selection of artwork submitted, and some really stood out.



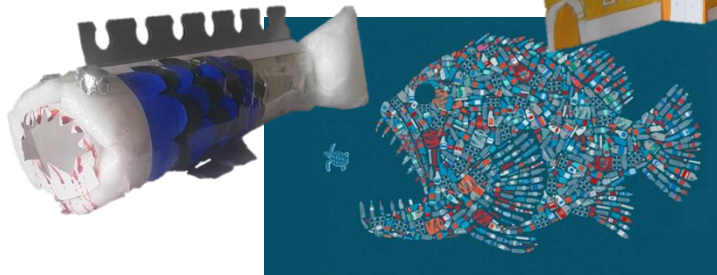
Year 8 have been busy creating 3D cityscapes and exploring the artwork of Hundertwasser.

Here are some of the creations that our Year 8 students have made over lockdown.

Artwork by Shaya Suman,

Jaspreet Multani,

Emmy Cox-Dickens

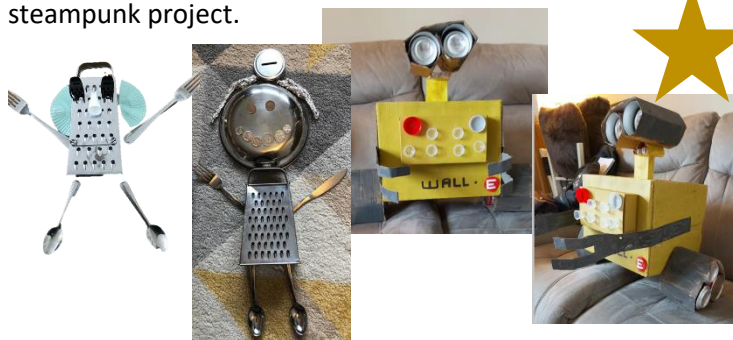


Artwork by Nikita Bangerh, Amira Matloob, Sanjana Chohan, Kobi Holyhead

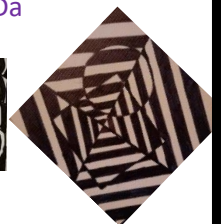
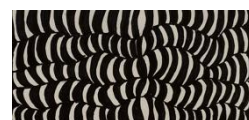
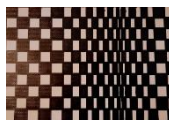
## Key Stage 3 Student of the Month – Jaspreet Multani

Year 7 have also been developing skills in visual communication by utilising unusual items to create pieces of art in the home as part of their robots and steampunk project.

Year 8 have also started looking at optical illusions in lesson, and we look forward to building on these skills in school. Here are some bobby dazzlers to have a look at.



Artwork by Emily Frisby and Menaka Da



Artwork by Simran Sandhu, Skye Jackson, Joshua Smith

The Art Department look forward to welcoming everyone back and cannot wait to see what creations will emerge this term in school!!

Award for best sculpture goes to Joshua Smith in year 7 for his robot!

Keep an eye out for the NEW online KS3 Art Club coming soon!





# Drama

STUDENT OF THE TERM

**Ricardo Watkins**

*Well done!*

## What's happening in Drama?

This term, pupils have been exploring the roles of the set designer, prop hand, sound designer and lighting designer through the play 'Dracula' in year 7 and the Greek Theatre classic - 'Labyrinth' in year 8.

## Extra-curricular activities

KS3 have been participating in Drama club, performing and recording a variety of monologues each week ranging from 'Blood Brothers' to 'Matilda'. Well done for all of your hard work!

***Mrs Creighton's feedback:*** Ricardo has continuously applied subject terminology to his work appropriately, he has also completed tasks in a highly imaginative and provoking manner, allowing him to showcase his abilities as a theatre designer!

## DRAMA CORE VALUES.



### PEOPLE MATTER

Every individual has the opportunity to make a difference.

Be respectful, considerate and honest with one another.



### STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

Be open to and embrace positive change

Take risks – turn both successes and failures into lessons learned



### WORK TOGETHER

The best ideas, performance and results come through collaboration.

Focus on the objective and challenge ideas, not people.



### BE THE PERSON YOU WANT TO WORK WITH

Engage fully

Celebrate individuality

Bring optimism to your work

**Reminder!**

Every half term Drama rotates with Music, so if you studied Music before half term, you will be studying Drama this term! Please familiarise yourself with the core values in Drama

**COMING UP**

### This term in KS3 Drama:

- Playwright competition
- KS3 Drama club performances
- Options taster sessions



# English

In English we have been studying poetry. The poems were linked by themes: Contemporary Poetry for year 7 and Belonging Poetry for year 8. Students looked at the works of a range of famous poets including Imtiaz Dharker, John Agard and Carol Ann Duffy. After looking at the features of the poems such as their structure, meaning and effect, we thought about our own sense of belonging and place in the world.

Students ended the term by writing their own poems based on the styles they had studied.

**Well done to Maisie-Louise Bate in year 7 who wrote a fantastic contemporary style poem about the frosty weather we were experiencing:**

*Snowy nights followed with frosty mornings,  
Wrapped up warm to face the wind,  
With all the weather warnings,  
I go for a walk to clear my mind.*

*As the icicles dance like 1000 ballerinas,  
The slippery roads remind me of an ice rink,  
As the snow gracefully fell to the floor.*

*As my hot chocolate bubbled, my marshmallow sank,  
My hands freezing, even in my fluffy gloves.*

**Check out this awesome class poem created by 8xEn3 about the market in the town where they belong:**

*Bilston market, bustling and busy,  
You'll find what you want, don't get in a tizzy!  
Shiny shoes, cool trainers, slippers and socks,  
Phone cases, headphones and merch for your Xbox!  
Scissors, nuts, bolts and hammers,  
Wrenches, hooks, screw drivers and spanners.  
Smell the pizzas, waffles, burgers and fries,  
Steaming teas and coffees, hot dogs and meat pies.  
Bananas, apples, oranges and lemons,  
Pears, grapes, plums and melons.  
Spring greens, cabbages, broccoli and potatoes,  
Carrots, peas and bright red tomatoes.  
Cereals, cans of coke, tins of beans piled high,  
Crisps, jars of sweets and chocolate bars in abundant supply.  
From batteries to bird seed,  
There is everything you might need,  
A thriving enterprise, that's Bilston Market!*



## Upcoming Event.

World Book Day Vouchers will be available for KS3 students when you return to school. You will have until 28<sup>th</sup> March to spend your voucher so make sure you take advantage of the many books on offer.

Go to [worldbookday.com](http://worldbookday.com) for more info.

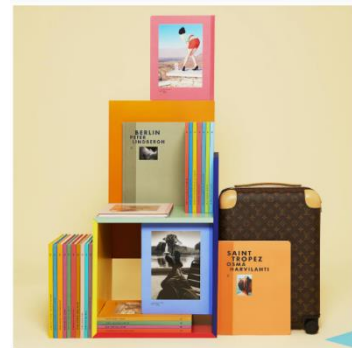


### Upcoming Event in France

#### Cannes Film Festival (Festival International du Film)

Movie madness transforms this Mediterranean town into a centre of films, visited by the rich and famous! Admission to films and parties is by invitation. Films play 24 hours a day on big screens. Takes place July.

### Chanel Haute Couture Printemps-Eté 2021



ART ET CULTURE - PUBLICATIONS LOUIS VUITTON  
LA COLLECTION FASHION EYE

Design a poster for the Cannes Film Festival. Do some online research!! Poster needs to be on A4 or A3 paper. Hand in to Mrs Bryne in E8 by end of March please. Winners announced beginning of April.

### Year 8

Year 8 have been looking at the importance of studying a language during Options Week. Did you know these facts?

- People who are bilingual often earn more. Bilingual workers **earn between 5% and 20% more per hour.**
- Having a language makes you far more employable – not just in areas like translation/interpreting/teaching: there is a real need for linguists in the Finance and Engineering sectors, for example
- 60% of business in the UK is done with non English-speaking countries
- French is the language that is most in demand

### Paris Fashion Week

Was this week!! A fabulous week of everything fashion and show-cased by leading designers like Chanel, Dior, Louis Vuitton!! An event to catch up on if you love your brands!! See if you can work out the details of the week below:

#### **2021**

*Mode Féminine* du lundi 1 au mercredi 10 mars 2021

*Mode Masculine* du mardi 22 au dimanche 27 juin 2021

*Haute Couture* du dimanche 4 au jeudi 8 juillet 2021

*Mode Féminine* du lundi 27 septembre au mardi 5 octobre 2021

### Year 7 Stars

We have had some amazing online lessons with the year 7 classes!! There are **too many students to mention** who have all worked so well from home!! Keep up the fantastic work year 7!!



# Geography



## GEOGRAPHY IN THE NEWS

### Mount Etna

Europe's most active Volcano, Mount Etna has been hitting the headlines recently after a series of spectacular eruptions. In Etna's first eruption of 2021, explosive lava foundations reached over 1500m in one of the most amazing eruptions in decades.



Mount Etna, Sicily, erupting in February 2021

### One to watch!

## Attenborough's Life in Colour



Available now on BBC IPlayer - Using the latest camera technology, David Attenborough reveals the extraordinary ways in which animals use colour: to win a mate, to fight off rivals and to warn enemies.

Student of the Half Term

Shaya Suman

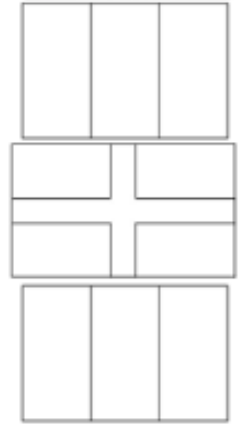


Miss Glover said: "Shaya has demonstrated a truly outstanding commitment to her Geography work throughout this period working online. Her latest piece of work analysing the brandt line and researching how a variety of development indicators allow us to understand a country's level of development was fantastic"

### Geography of Sport: Six Nations



Colour the flags with their correct colours and link them to their capital city.



- |          |         |
|----------|---------|
| England  | Italy   |
| France   | Ireland |
| Scotland | Wales   |



# History

The Transatlantic Slave Trade **forcibly moved 12-15 million people from Africa to the Americas** from the middle of the 15th century to the 19th century. **Year 8 students have studied the experiences of slaves as part of their 'From Slavery to Civil Rights' topic.**

Good Morning everyone,

I am standing here to tell you the reasons why slavery should be abolished. I believe that slaves are treated very cruelly and are treated like animals. I have read a diary about how slaves are treated. The diary said that slaves have to work extremely long hours, from 16 to 24 hours.



It also said that slaves are not treated like humans because they put slave collars on them, quite like muzzles, which are usually used for animals. They get whipped, beaten and sometimes even killed!

They are treated very badly, and I believe that none of this is necessary. Why do you think they were hit? Probably because they didn't do their work properly or because they tried to escape? Don't you think that if they had to work fewer hours, they would do their work properly because they would get some rest?

Slaves are hit or killed if they try to escape, but we were the ones who brought them here forcefully and treated them horribly. We chained them to one another in a dark part of the ship and if some of them died they wouldn't even be moved onto a different part of the ship. They just kept them there until they reached their destination. They would barely receive anything to eat and would survive, only to work for us. They were even surrounded by vomit and other nasty things.

All of us know this happens. How would you feel if you were one of these slaves? They have not even had a say in where they go and work, and most of them are separated from their families. As I mentioned before, how would you feel if you were in their shoes?



In conclusion, I believe that slavery should be abolished because **slaves should have freedom, have a say** about what they want, and **have the right to be treated just like and as important as us**. At the end of the day we are all humans.

I hope you take all of this into account about why slavery should be abolished and I hope you vote for the abolishment of slavery so slaves can have freedom and escape this torture. Abolishment will massively change the lives of slaves, and also teach everyone about equality. Thank you for listening to my speech and I hope you all have a great day.

*A speech, written from the perspective of a 17th-century abolitionist - by Joelyn Sikand*



The Civil Rights Movement was an organised effort by black Americans to **end racial discrimination and gain equal rights** under the law. It began in the late 1940s and ended in the late 1960s. **Year 8 students have also studied its importance as part of this topic.**



Martin Luther King



Malcolm X was an African American Muslim minister and human rights activist who was a popular figure during the civil rights movement.

Martin Luther King Jr. was an African American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the Civil Rights Movement

### The importance of the Civil rights movement



Sojourner truth a runaway slave who won against a white man in court then became a women's/ civil rights activist and an abolitionist.

Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman



Freed over 70 + slaves



Refuses to give her seat to a white man on a bus.

Rosa parks , W.E.B Du Bois



William Edward Burghardt Du Bois was an American sociologist, socialist, historian, civil rights activist, Pan-Africanist, author, writer and editor

During the 1900s, people of colour struggled with fitting in and making choices (such as voting) because they had no rights. They were seen as the underdog that was worth nothing, controlled by rich and powerful men. It's important to remember that activists such as Sojourner Truth, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and Rosa Parks did everything they could to fight for the equality of their people, and have helped others along the way. Without them, we may not be living in the caring and equitable society which we live in today.

*A poster about the importance of the Civil Rights Movement - by LeShea Campbell*

# ICT



We need  
**YOU!**

A cartoon illustration of a hand with the index finger pointing directly at the viewer, positioned to the right of the text.

The ICT department are putting on a one-off taster session for year 8s to get hands on with programming.

Don't worry if you have never touched programming before, this session is designed for **EVERYONE** and by the end, you will all walk out of the classroom having developed your very own computer program!

This session will be ideal if you are considering taking GCSE Computer Science.

IF YOU WANT TO JOIN IN, HEAD OVER TO **O2 AFTER SCHOOL**  
**ON FRIDAY! 3PM-4PM.**





# Integrated Studies

Our Year 7 students have paid tribute to Sir Captain Tom Moore, who was an inspiration to millions of people worldwide during some of the most challenging of times in recent history, bringing the nation together in celebration of his fundraising efforts, raising over 32 million for the NHS and establishing the Captain Tom Foundation.



Marco Jansen 7PT

Congratulations to Balhaar Sandhu who was awarded an E-Learning certificate from Head of School Mr Morgan for a fantastic, original creation story, here is a snippet for you all to read:

*For an eternity, we have had humans who can disclose how they feel, we have animals that can respire, we have oxygen that can be inhaled we have light and dark to signify day and night.*

*But what was life like before the universe was created?*

*The barren space that tormented the distinct site, the prepossessing incandescence of one star that structured the silent persistent sound of tranquillity. The black walls sealing in the air within the illumination of the starlight. Suddenly, the most miniscule bit of rock began to levitate then with no sudden movement it dropped so fast that it you could physically see purple sparks flying of the sides. As it fought its way to the core of space. All of a sudden a petal jumped out of the rock the sides began to lengthen. This was the establishment of mankind...*

## Upcoming Event

Excellence Academy students to send first Pen Pal letters to "The Walk Centre" school in Kenya.



## Student of the Half Term

Nikita Bangerh 7PT



Miss Hickson said "Nikita was able to use detailed and specific historical knowledge and apply it to a GCSE style question successfully. She weighed up a vast amount evidence and came to a well-informed conclusion on whether Churchill should be considered a hero or foe. A true historian in the making!



# Maths



## Maths event of the month!

World Maths Day was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021, and is a celebration of maths all over the world.

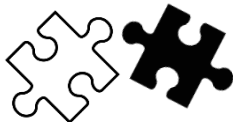
You can participate in an online competition with people all over the world. The competition involves mental maths activities, and working with your teammates to solve problems! Everyone gets an award at the end!

Every year, millions of students and mathematicians come together to celebrate World Maths Day.

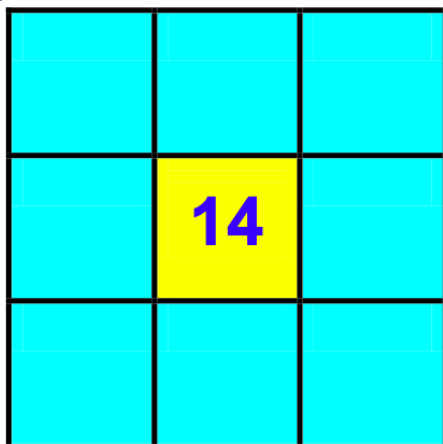
Last year, in fact, people participated in the competition, AND even dressed up as famous mathematicians on social media – some people had human-sized calculators as part of their costume!

Did you participate in World Maths Day?

What famous mathematician could you dress up as next time?



Can you put the numbers 1-8 in the squares, so each side adds up to the middle number (14)?



## Student of the Half Term

**Year 8: Joshua Eaton**

“Joshua has shown great commitment to his online learning, especially when the work has been challenging! Using knowledge of ratios, he was able to complete and explain his answers for direct proportion questions. Well done, Joshua!”

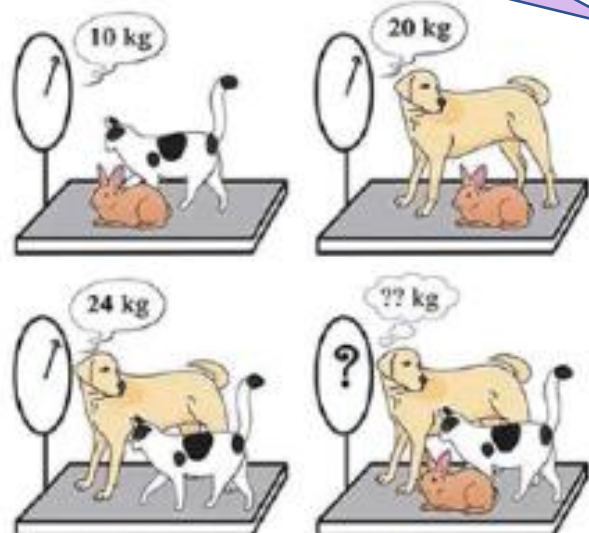
## Upcoming Event

**Pi day on the 14<sup>th</sup> March.**

Pi is a special number used to calculate the area and circumference of a circle. Nobody knows all of the digits of pi! It goes on forever!

**Can you find a cool fact about pi in the world and share with your class before 14<sup>th</sup> March?**

Can you work out the weight of each individual animal?





# Music



## Rock Star of the week in YR 7

Students in year 7 have studied their guitar skills slightly differently during their online lessons and their research on various types of guitars and the music associated with each style has been outstanding, congratulations go to **Sanjana Chohan** and **Nikita Bangerh** for their fabulous presentations and **Tegan Beech** as she also added great illustrations of the smallest and largest guitars in the world pictured here. WOW amazing facts everyone.



**World Music...**World music has been another area studied, focusing on the features and origins of Samba and Gamelan Music, pupils have chosen their own world music to explore alongside these mentioned and have had the challenge to compare and contrast the three styles. Well done to **Marco Jensen** for his extended research on Gamelan as he found out about the Gambang, he said ' it's like a xylophone instruments used among people of Indonesia, it was wooden bars opposed to Metal like the metallophones and is used almost exclusively used for special ceremonies!



Well done **Anya Detheridge** and **Kieran Wilkes** for their superb topics on bands that' have lasted over the decades. Their work was well presented and full of interesting facts.

## Year 8 MUSIC STAR!

Year 8 pupils have studied some key skills including notation. They have explored treble and bass clef as well as the duration of different notes. A massive WELL DONE to **Ethan Shaw** and **Quae Lemierz-Wright** who created some wonderful fact files

**How to read treble clef and bass clef notes**

Try and name these notes

### What is the duration of notes and rest?

The normal rule in common notation is that, for any line of music, the notes and rests in each measure must "add up" to exactly the amount in the time signature, no more and no less. For example, in 3/4 time, a measure can have any combination of notes and rests that is the same length as three-quarter notes. On a musical staff, the duration of a particular note or rest is defined by how long it lasts compared to a whole note. ... The higher a note sits on the staff, the higher it sounds. To find out the duration of the note, you look at the tempo and the time signature and then see what the note looks like. Dotted notes are notes with a small dot written after them. A dot increases the length of a note by one half its value. A dotted quarter note is equal to a quarter note tied to an eighth note (quaver). A dotted half note is equal to a half note tied to a quarter note (crotchet).

Notes	Rests	Notes	Rests
Whole	Whole	Half	Half
Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
Eighth	Eighth	Eighth	Eighth
Sixteenth	Sixteenth	Sixteenth	Sixteenth

Quarter Notes: 4 (one whole note)  
 Dotted Quarter: 4.5 (one whole note)  
 Eighth Notes: 8 (one whole note)  
 Dotted Eighth: 8.5 (one whole note)  
 Sixteenth Notes: 16 (one whole note)  
 Dotted Sixteenth: 16.5 (one whole note)

Students have also looked at Blues Music and some keyboard skills. They have looked at the origins of Blues music and how the Blues has influenced modern day music. They have used virtual keyboards to begin creating their own music during lockdown.

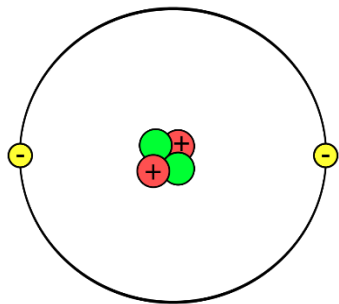
Congratulations to **LeShea Campbell** who created a wonderful presentation on the Blues and **Emily Frisby** who created some lovely fact files on B.B. King and Muddy Waters.

### Famous Blues Musicians – B.B. King

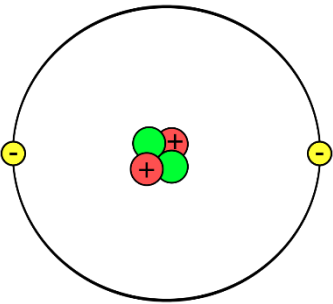
Born: 16<sup>th</sup> September 1925  
 Died: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Riley B. King, known professionally as B.B. King, was an American singer-songwriter, guitarist, and record producer. He introduced a sophisticated style of soloing based on fluid string bending, shimmering vibrato and staccato picking that influenced many later blues electric guitar players.

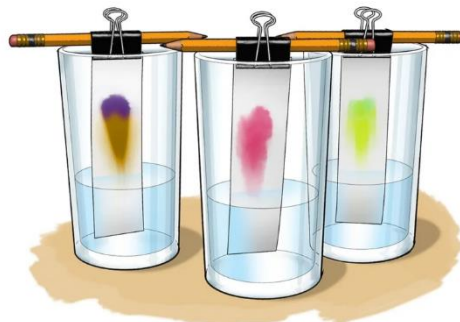




# SCIENCE



## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



British Science Week is upon us again! This Year's theme is 'Innovating for the future'.

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between the 5th-14th March 2021. Getting involved in British Science Week is really easy, and you can take part in lots of different ways.

This year, Moseley Park STEAM Club and the Science Department will activate a number of activities on TEAMS to get everyone signed up and on-board for this year's celebration of Science. So keep checking your Session 5 TEAMS Year Group posts this Friday, when activities will be released.

In the meantime, checkout this 'activities' list by following this link:

<https://bit.ly/380DnFo>

## Try this at home

### SCAN ME



## 10 minutes with...

**Who are you?**

I'm Helen Elwood, Science Technician at Moseley Park. I am from Birmingham but live in Wolverhampton now.

I provide technical support for the science department; I set up all the practical work for science lessons. I also help out in STEAM club

**What were you like in school?**

I really liked school, I loved science, art and any practical lessons.

**What do you wish you could tell your 11-year-old self?**

Make the most of any opportunity to learn new skills. I wish I could sew, make clothes and speak another language fluently

**Who would win in a fight, a gorilla or a bear?**

A bear, more teeth and claws

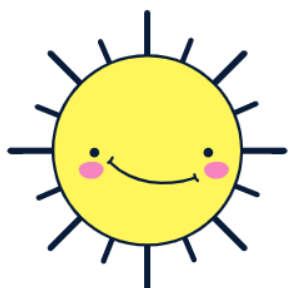


## Science Super Star

Our "Science Super Star" is Emmy Cox Dickens in Year 8!

Miss Mall said,

*"She is always challenging herself and completing all online work to a fantastic standard."*



Happy Birthday Einstein  
(March 14th)





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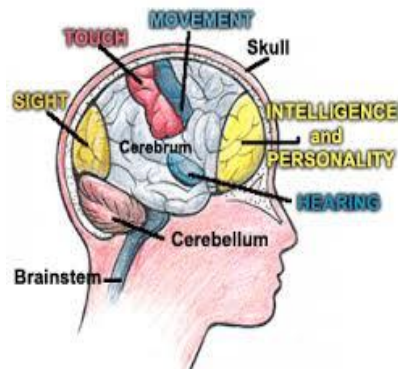


## BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK

Dana Foundation

### What is Brain Awareness week?

Brain awareness week is a global campaign to increase public awareness and support about the progress and benefits of brain research. It is a week-long celebration organised by the Dana Alliance in mid-March every year. This year it will be the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2021.



### The history of Brain Awareness week

Brain Awareness Week began in 1996. The goal was to educate people on brain research, the importance of research and the hope for treatments, preventions and possible cures for brain diseases.

### What Are The Three Main Areas of The Brain?

**Cerebrum** - The front and larger part of the brain is called the cerebrum. The cerebrum is responsible for the senses, thinking and memory.

**Cerebellum** - The smaller and back part of the brain is called the cerebellum. This part is mainly responsible for motor control.

**Brain Stem** - The brain stem is the part of the brain which is linked by the spinal cord to the rest of the body. It is responsible for all the unconscious activities, such as breathing.

### Brain Facts

The human brain is like a powerful computer that stores our memory and controls how we as humans think and react. It has evolved over time and features some incredibly intricate parts that scientists still struggle to understand.

The brain is the centre of the human nervous system, controlling our thoughts, movements, memories and decisions

The brain contains billions of nerve cells that send and receive information around the body.

The human brain is protected by the skull (cranium), a protective casing made up of 22 bones that are joined together.

