

# Moseley Park School

## Key Stage 3

### Newsletter



# 12<sup>th</sup> Edition

## Summer Celebration

### July 2023



## **Year 7**

**This year has been fantastic year 7, the year group with the best attendance and the most rewards points. This year group really is something special. I am pleased to remain their Head of Year moving forward into year 8 and I'm sure**

**It will be another fantastic year. Thank you to all parents/carers for your incredible support and I wish you and all students a restful and safe summer holiday.**

**Kind Regards**

**Mr Mincher**

## **Year 8**

**This message will be my last as Year Lead for this year group as you will all be moving on to Key Stage 4, and will have a new member of staff to take you on the rest of your journey. This was the first year group that I had the pleasure of overseeing and it has been an epic learning curve for us all. There have been ups and downs, great successes, and moments of reflection but I have truly enjoyed our time together. I wish you all the best for the rest of your time at Moseley Park. Make the most of it, and I hope to celebrate your fantastic achievements in the future.**

**Mrs Shinton**

# ART

## Lost Lewis Chessmen

As part of the Year 7 project, 'Toys', Year 7 have enjoyed learning about the Lost Lewis Chessmen. They have explored pencil and charcoal drawings and have had fun making their own clay chessmen.

Here are two excellent examples made by Nateyah Campbell 7HW and Nuvleen Khakh 7MZ. Well done to the both of you!



Wishing everyone a lovely summer holiday!

Let's get creative over the summer

As we look forward to the summer holidays you may be wondering what you can do to keep you busy. Below are a few ideas:

[22+ Best DIY Suncatchers & Craft Ideas For Kids - Crazy Laura](#)

Why not follow the link and create your very own sun catchers using materials that you may have at home.

[Pom Pom Ice Cream Cones | Easy Ice Cream Craft for Summer! - YouTube](#)

You could use left over wool and materials at home to create your very own Pom-pom ice cream.

Well done Zenani for all your hard work!

Head Of Department  
Commendation  
award for Art and  
Design  
**Zenani Phakathi**  
**7MZ**





## Year 7

Year 7 have been studying non-fiction texts this half term. They have focused on local attractions such as Dudley Zoo, Cadbury World, and the Black Country Museum. Analysing and creating texts, the students have looked at leaflets, speeches, articles, and letters.

The students have also had a chance to perform their speeches to welcome the year 6 students into their school. Special shout outs to Mr Hough, Miss Bennett and Mr Fowkes, who were all named as 'the best teachers at Moseley Park'. Students also identified Kahoot! Blooket, and Just Dance as some of their favourite activities and of course, the famous Moseley Park chicken burger as the best thing about dinner times!

Well done, year 7, on a fantastic first year!

## Year 8

Year 8 have been taking part in an exciting module of film studies. Exploring diegetic sound, camera angles and shots, students have had a chance to analyse how text is adapted for the big screen.

To complete the study, students have analysed the 2018 film, *Black Panther*. After starting the year with Science Fiction writing, then completing a module on Afrofuturism, the film study has tied together many of the new skills learnt this year.

Year 8 have now completed their Key Stage 3 studies and will be moving on to Key Stage 4 after the summer break. Good luck year 8, use the skills you have learnt and enjoy the fabulous challenges ahead. You will be great!



Get fish and chips cooked the old way: in beef dripping.

Go to the canal boat tour through the limestones tunnels and try out 'legging'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4QqTLt4tA>

Go to the Victorian School and see what classes were like over 100 years ago.

Go to the Victorian fairground and play traditional carnival games.

It's important to plan your ideas.

Look at the example of ideas that could be written about if the suggested activity was a day out to the Black Country Museum.

Plan two more ideas in the same way. You can use the offered examples or your own suggestions.

**The Black Country Museum**

**Dudley Zoo and Castle**

**Cadbury World**

**Planning a day out**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50m\\_9Lqy6xQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50m_9Lqy6xQ)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rRgH2uOrk4>

# EXCELLENCE — ACADEMY —

## Cody leads Moseley Park into a greener way of thinking



# HAPPY EARTH DAY!

Year 8 Excellence Academy student Cody Cook spoke to students in assembly about Earth Day and the importance of tackling climate change.

Earth Day is an annual celebration that honours the achievements of the environmental movement and aims to raise awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations, in the hope that we won't have to apologise to our future generations.

Alongside providing students with top tips on how to save the planet, Cody also linked the importance of Earth Day to our British Values with that of Respect and Tolerance. As Cody said,

"We all agree that, to get respect, we must give it, therefore not only should we respect each other, we need to respect the Earth. The better

we look after the Earth, the longer we will have it! By following my top tips, the resources that the Earth gives us, will remain healthy! The Earth provides us with food, water and a home! This is the same for animals too. By respecting the Earth, we can help keep ourselves surrounded by plants and animals for as long as possible!"



## Excellence Academy lead the way in protecting our community

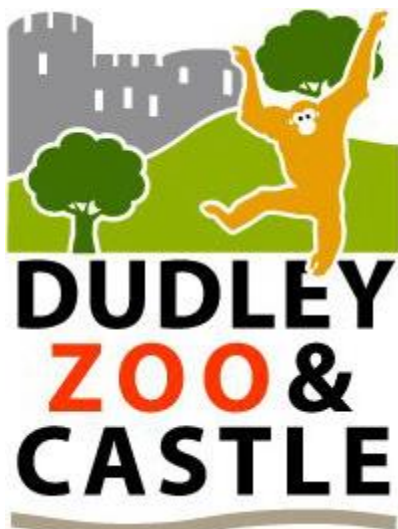
To commit to local conservation and improvement, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, our Key Stage 3 Excellence Academy worked alongside the city of Wolverhampton council in a community litter pick.

The students completed the litter pick in close proximity to the school, the surrounding area and the green. Students took the opportunity to speak to a number of the local residents about

taking pride in their local area and were thanked for their efforts.

We will be back out in the community to complete more conservation work in the near future.





# Eco Warriors visit Dudley Zoo

In an attempt to continue our focus on environmental issues, we have signed up to the Plastic Free Schools campaign. This is a program which aims to equip young activists with the tools to create positive, lasting environmental change. It teaches pupils that they should never underestimate the power of their voice and empowers them to help make real changes in their school and community.

Working alongside our Central Sixth students, our eco warriors will be pioneering this change at Moseley Park and were rewarded for their efforts so far this year by attending a Climate Change Workshop at Dudley Zoo.

Eco warrior, Marley Law-Baker said that “the recycling initiatives that the Zoo have in place has given us so many ideas on what we want to see happening within our own school community”.

We are looking forward to seeing the impact that these students make in the coming years!



**PLASTIC FREE  
SCHOOLS**  
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

# EXCELLENCE — ACADEMY —

# AWARD WINNERS







**Congratulations!**



As you enjoy your summer and think about the new school year ahead, here are a few comparisons to make between British Schools and French Schools.

### School calendar

School term dates depend on where you live. France is divided up into **three** zones, which each have different term dates. The start of term in September and the end of term in July is the same for all schools across the country, as well as the Toussaint (All Saints) and Christmas holidays. However, the **spring term dates** are staggered to avoid overcrowding during the holiday season.

### School routine

Generally speaking, the school day in France is from 8:30 until 4:30, but it varies depending on which area you live in. This is **longer** than the typical school day in the UK, but there is a longer lunch break and two other breaks during the day. There are **24 hours of lessons** a week.

Local authorities have the freedom to choose the length of the school week. Not all primary schools have classes on **Wednesdays**, and some only have classes on Wednesday mornings, but it depends on the area. Normally there are other **extra curricular activities** proposed on Wednesdays, which are offered by the *mairie*. Some schools offer early-morning or after-school clubs, which are also organised by the *mairie*. Although school is free in France, you have to pay for these extra activities.

### Lunch

Lunch breaks are much longer in French schools: usually at least one and a half hours! Students have a choice between eating at the school canteen or going home for lunch. Bringing your own packed lunch is usually not allowed, which is usually a popular option in the UK.

### Size of Classes

Class sizes are generally bigger: there are around 30 students in a class with one teacher.

### Uniform

French children do not wear a school uniform, which is compulsory in British schools.

### Languages

Learning a foreign language begins in **primary** school and a second language is introduced in secondary school. The main languages taught are English, Spanish and German, but it depends on the school in question.

### Class System

The French system **counts down** from Year 11 to Year 1 and finishes with terminale, whereas the class system in British Schools is in **ascending order**, starting with Year One and finishing with Year 13.

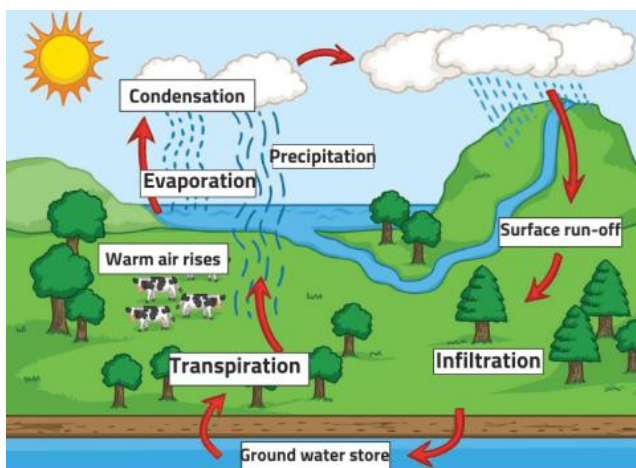
At the end of *equivalent of our year 11*, students take an exam called *le brevet* which is the equivalent of GCSEs in the UK. At the end of *lycee (college)*, students take an exam called *Le baccalaureat (or bac)* which is the equivalent of A Levels in the UK.

# GEOGRAPHY

Year 7 have been working hard this term learning about single-use plastic!

Pupils have become experts in knowing what single-use plastic is, how it benefits us, and the issues it can cause on a global scale.

Through learning about this topic, we are hoping to see less litter out on the quad!



Year 8 have spent this half term learning all about the water cycle and rivers!

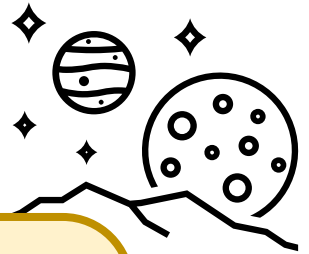
Pupils have now become experts in all things water, and can describe how it moves around our earth, and how it ends up in our rivers and seas.

As well as this, pupils are now able to identify key points in a river, and are able to describe how rivers change as you move from the source to the mouth!

This knowledge is going to be particularly helpful to those pupils who have decided to carry on their geography journey into GCSE.



# MATHS

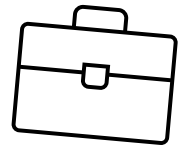
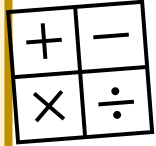


## National numeracy day

How do I know how much of each ingredient to add?

This term in maths, some classes researched how they can use maths in their future careers

Here are some of the real-life examples we used to talk about maths in everyday life



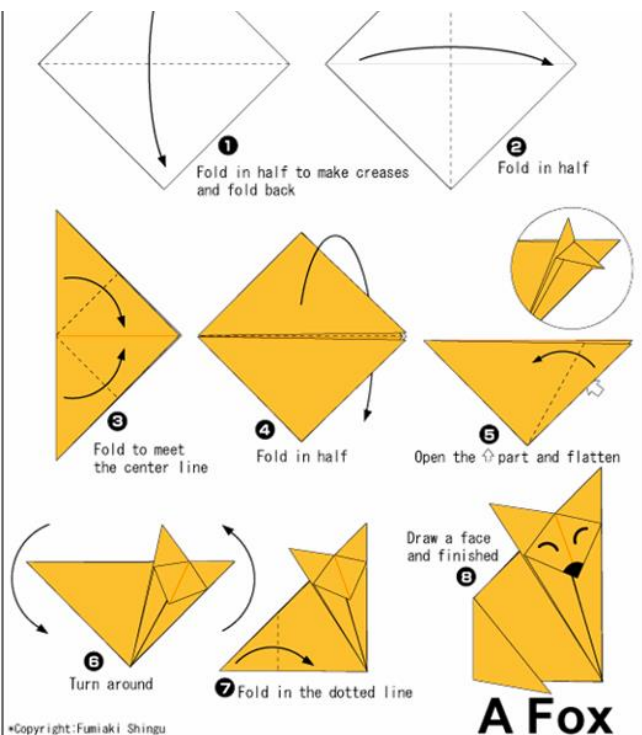
Are there ways that maths will help you in your future career?

You can start to have a think over summer!

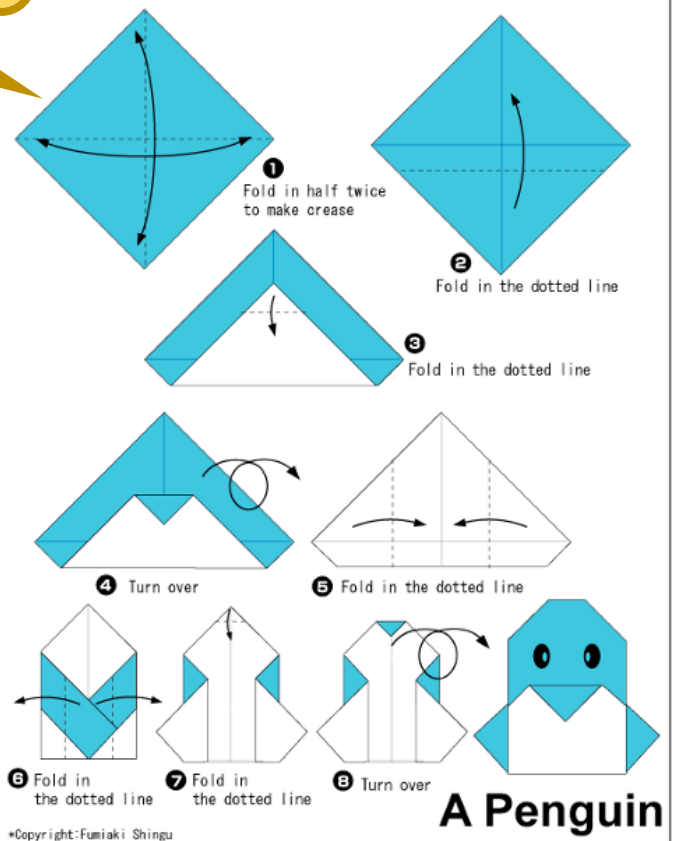
If the pool is 25 metres long, how many lengths do I need to swim to get my 50 metres badge?

I have £2, how many sweets can I buy? Can I buy some for Koko too?

For a challenge over the holidays for maths and Culture Day, have a go at these origami animals! All you need is a square piece of paper



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# MUSIC



On the Djembes we have pictured above left, Adam Khalil and Harrison Stanford and right Amy Millward.

Far right Zenani Phakathi on the Dhol, Harley Frost on the smaller tambourim and Ashton Sweet - Campbell playing the red conga drum.



Currently year 7 are exploring various world music, they have studied Gamelan music from Indonesia, Samba from Brazil and folk music, during their Samba music studies they all played a Samba Batucada class pieces where they used varied playing techniques on percussion instruments.



Congratulations to so many KS3 pupils participating in this year's Talent Show. You were all amazing and high praise is deserved to you all. The winner in first place this year was:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor Edmunds
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaliyah Walker -Hinds
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ethan Shaw
- 4<sup>th</sup> Penny Wilkes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Molly Bastable



Students in year 8 have been learning to arrange their own music, working in small groups they have been given 'Pachelbel's Canon in D major' and they have arranged these melodic layers creating their own arrangements in their chosen music style whether using new time signatures or changing instruments or remixing their melodic layers and chords into an EDM version or reggae style.

# SCIENCE

Over 60 year 7 students visited the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham this term. The fair included lots of hands-on activities, shows and experiments allowing students to discover exciting possibilities and connect to inspiring role models in STEM.

There were a range of exhibitors including Robotic maze, National Grid, Amazon, Code4Drones, The Royal Air Force, BBC, TUI, Specsavers and more! Students had an enjoyable morning and left with lots of goodies!





Students marked the King's Coronation with a good old British Tea party



Helplines/Website  
School Nurse Text Services:  
07507352631  
Childline: 0800 1111  
Kooth.com

Students marked Mental Health Awareness Week by wearing green. Mental Health Ambassadors were also trained to give advice to student who are struggling with their mental health.



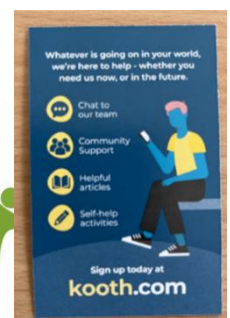
Moseley Park students were delighted to be invited to a church service at Windsor Castle to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Empire Windrush. Students were lucky to meet our King during the service who said "Moseley Park from Wolverhampton, wow what a distance, thanks for coming". What an experience for our students and I'm sure an experience which will stay with them for the rest of their lives



Moseley Park's DNA society have been busy creating some badges and coaster to celebrate Pride Month. Students have also engaged in an assembly to understand how we are protected from discrimination via law and why it is important to show tolerance to other views and beliefs.



Moseley Park's community this year have raised over £1000 for charities such as Comic Relief, Stonewall, Genesis Sun & Children in Need.





Moseley Park School Annual Whole School Careers Fair took place on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and proved to be a huge success. With over 35 exhibitors and a good mix of employers and training providers showcasing their careers, it was great to see all the students across all the year groups interacting and encountering a memorable experience. It was great to welcome a variety and range of sectors to the careers fair providing information and opportunities for all our students.

It was very pleasing to see a couple of former students present willing to give up their time to return and offer advice and guidance.

The fair allowed students to experience career guidance from across an incredible range of sectors. We would like to thank all of the universities, colleges, sixth-form schools, apprenticeships providers, military and employers who came along to inform and inspire all the students who attended.