

Parent & Carer Newsletter

March 2024

Marvellous March!

A very warm welcome to our parents, carers, and wider Audenshaw community.

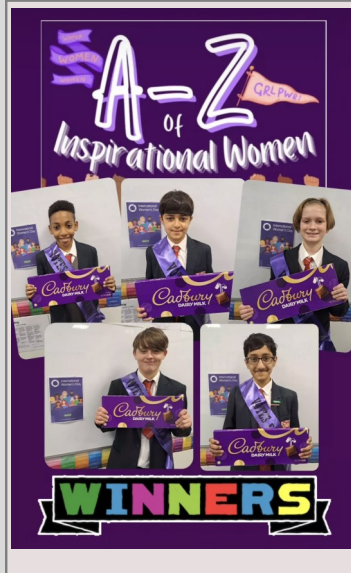


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It really has been a fantastic month! I will start with the recognition of International Women's Day taking place earlier this month. The students took part in such a variety of activities, one being an Inspirational Women Information hunt as the students moved around school site reading all about so many inspirational women who have shaped history and the world around us. You can see the lucky winners proudly displaying their 'yummy treats' – well done to all and of course to Ms Sheridan for organising this.

This month also saw our annual World Book Day celebration, another very special day here at Audenshaw school. We had so many outstanding student costumes on display, and they were in great company from the many staff outfits that were on show also in support of the event. Literacy and Reading remain a key currency for students to access the school curriculum and we know just how important celebrating reading really is. This year we have invested much to ascertain accurate reading ages for all students and use this information to further enhance reading across all subject areas – we remain wholeheartedly committed to this knowing just how important the skill of reading is – for life.



In other news this month the school hosted two key Rugby tournaments that are very much part and parcel of our legacy. One namely being the Brian Beson's Rugby



7s and the other being the U15s rugby 7s Dean Schofield tournament. Both tournaments consisted of over 25 different schools visiting our site across two different days and the students involved did our school proud, Mr Sutherland and the rest of the Rugby staff were extremely pleased with all involved. To round off sporting and Rugby news our under 14s were victorious winning the plate competition at Kirkham School.

Tameside Mayor visits Audenshaw School

It was an absolute pleasure this month to welcome to school Madam Mayor, Councillor Tafheen Sharif, who visited our school and delivered an excellent presentation/talk to over a hundred of our students in the main hall. Madam Mayor Sharif shared her own journey to the position she is now in and it was powerful to see in action our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience feature prominently in her speech. The students who were members of our school council then asked some insightful questions and so many students mentioned just how special this event was. Madam Mayor Sharif is the first ethnic minority person to take up the position, again an important milestone and a powerful fact for our students to hear.



Mr Baines and the STEM Ambassadors have been very busy this month creating some excellent creative ideas for recycling tyres (a global consideration for all), and then as part of the CREST Award our students explored new materials for fire fighters to use which some simply exceptional ideas. This is just one of many examples of the ingenuity and skillset our boys possess.



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This month has been very much pre-spring, as our allotment club, led by Mrs Hardy, get prepared for the 'growing season' ahead.



The group have an allocated area of our school field and the students involved really do take such pride in our green areas! Other clubs have also been well documented on our socials, from the inclusion club that I myself need to pop into soon, and the language leaders managed to pop into Poplar Street Primary and deliver an excellent language class to the younger students, bravo to all involved!

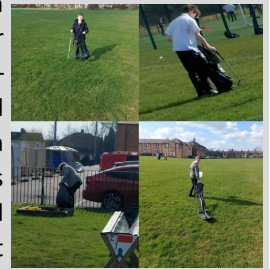


Finally, It would be remiss of me not to mention a superb trip to Edinburgh that has just taken place these past 4 days. The students who attended this trip were an absolute credit to all families and the school. The students experienced one of the most jam-packed itineraries possible given it was a distance to travel and 4 days, they looked exceptional in all of the socials, and we

are immensely proud of them all. Thank you to Mr Sutherland, Mr Donnelly, Mr Leach, Mr Clegg and Mr Humphries for their planning, supervision and support that made this trip what it was.



Keeping our school site clean and tidy is a key priority for our student and staff body – as responsible citizens and also as part of taking pride in our physical space. This month saw Mr Hardy joined by members of our student body across year groups take part in litter picks on site, such an excellent community act of good will and kindness and one of many examples of that social responsibility we know is a key part of our school values.



Our Y11 students enter the final period of their chapter here at Audenshaw. As I type this newsletter, we have our second Y11 yearly progress evening taking place as our amazing teaching staff share those final words of wisdom, share guidance and support to ensure each and every young person does all they can with literally weeks to go. We know just how supportive all parents are and continue to work in partnership to squeeze every ounce of potential all Y11s possess. In what is the final push now we expect each student to attend any Easter Revision offered, period 6 as per expectations and just be the very best version of themselves in each lesson – this is that key period we know can shape the rest of their lives in such a positive way.

Some of our fantastic Year 7 boys had a great time this month taking part in a visit to Ashton Mosque. They had a great time learning about Islam, important phrases, and names in Arabic, washing rituals and tasting some dates! It's also lovely to hear how impressed those adults at the mosque were about the impression made from our young men.



I want to wish all our families celebrating the holy month this month well. It's been amazing to hear about this special period of fasting before Ramadan as it is the plans ahead for the end of the holy month. Finally, I wish all families celebrating Easter an amazing experience, whether it be Easter services, easter egg hunts or just family time it really is always a special occasion.

Have a restful break and we will look forward to seeing students back here on site on Tuesday 16th April 2024 following our INSET day.

Mr P Taylor

Principal

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