

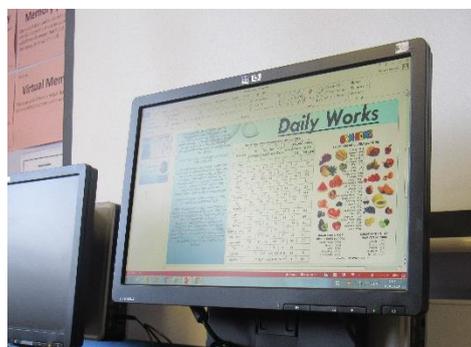
GREAT WYRLEY ACADEMY NEWS

WELCOME TO THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Personal Details

As a friendly reminder, please could you ensure all of your personal details are up to date and if you haven't done so already, please could you supply us with your email address so we can ensure we keep you informed with any important updates.



Aspire 4 Life Day

Thursday 10 October, saw the first alternative curriculum dropdown day of the year with a theme of Health. Students from all year groups took part in lessons, aimed at increasing their knowledge of a range of aspects linked to health, including – diet, coping strategies, self-identity and vaccinations. It was a very positive day with lots of great activities for students. We are already planning and looking forward to the next one!!



The Great Wyrley Writing and Performance Workshop

Before half term, students from each Academy in Windsor Academy Trust, attended Great Wyrley Academy to participate in the Writing and Performance Workshop. As part of the session, the students spoke via video link with a Birmingham based recording artist Jaykae.

Jaykae who has recently featured on Ed Sheeran's number 1 hit – Take me Back to London, told the students to believe in themselves and that they can achieve anything.

*Believe
in
yourself*



Parent Governor

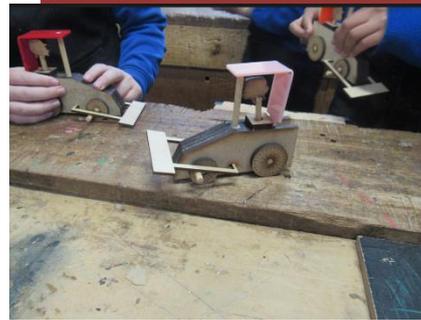
Have you ever thought about being a Parent Governor?

We are currently looking for someone to join the team.

If you feel this may be something that you're interested in, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Newman on 01922 419311 for more details.

Design and Technology Department

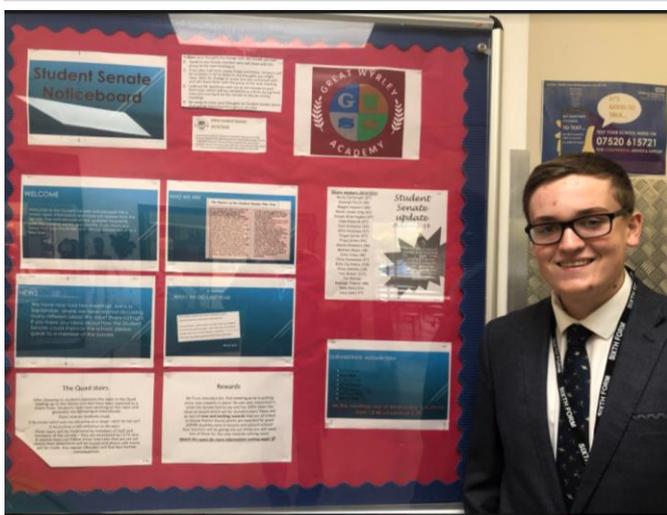
Before half term, we had the pleasure of hosting and delivering a STEM morning with 25 Year 5 and Year 6 students from one of our local Primary schools, Landywood. Students were involved in a Design and Make challenge which saw them work through production lines, to create a mechanical moving Digger. The students worked alongside staff and our current Y12 Engineers to create their Design and Technology project which saw them problem solve, manufacture and assemble a quality product – which was a delightful way to spend a morning with students from our local community!



The Student Senate

The Student Senate has been determined to improve reward systems at Great Wyrley Academy. Following lunchtime meetings with Miss Davis and Mr Frost they have requested that our revised behaviour policy includes a range of rewards. This includes the reward of house points on the basis of ASPIRE character qualities. Assemblies were held before half term, focusing on ASPIRE by using the story of World Championship, Gold medal winner, Dina Asher-Smith as an example of character.

- A – Active**, students are rewarded for having community spirit, being pro-active, leadership, team work and helping those around them.
- S – Sure**, students are rewarded for being confident, adventurous, reflective, making good decisions and being a good listener.
- P – Positive**, students are rewarded for being polite, sincere, genuine, honest and responsible.
- I – Imaginative**, students are rewarded for being curious, solving problems, displaying empathy, being compassionate and respectful.
- R – Resilient**, students are rewarded for bouncing back from setbacks, determined, focused, facing up to challenges and dedicated.
- E – Effort**, students are rewarded for being motivated, courageous, hardworking, purposeful and relentless in their learning.



Joseph Warner, the chair of the Student Senate, alongside our rewards board

Members of the Student Senate

Amelia-Mae Chambers
 Madison Mason
 Josie Jones
 Chloe Dummelow
 Billie-Joe Emery
 Chloe Connelly
 Tom Wilson
 Joseph Warner
 Kayleigh Tranter
 Ruby Davis
 Lucy Lane
 Becky Cartwright
 Kayleigh Patrick
 Maggie Hayward
 Reese Lander-King
 Jenson Wise Hughes

Jake Edwards
 Jack Arblaster
 Alfie Nicholson
 Teigan Carter
 Freya Green



The Student Senate continued...

The Student Senate has had a very productive first half term.

We have had two very productive meetings so far – the first meeting was all about rewards within the school, which we have made a priority.

We invited Mr Frost to the meeting who is in charge of the rewards this year and he listened to everyone's ideas and took them back to Mr Bourne and Mr Moreton. Mr Frost advised that the ideas had been successful and we can tell you that house points are very, very important in the new reward system – so make sure you are getting plenty of them!

Our second meeting, focused on the Student Senate Summit, which we will be participating in on Friday 15 November at Windsor Business Centre. The Summit is a chance for all the Senators in the Windsor Academy Trust family to get together and share ideas, so hopefully we will be coming back from this with even more positive ideas for our school. We are really looking forward to this trip and hope to contribute some new ideas at Great Wyrley Academy.

Senate members will be available every Friday lunchtime in Q7, should any students wish to speak with them about any issues, ideas or concerns they may have.

We are currently looking for Year 7 members to join us! If you are in Year 7 and are interested in taking part in this exciting opportunity, then please see Miss Davis in Q7.

We look forward to updating you on our progress again near Christmas time!

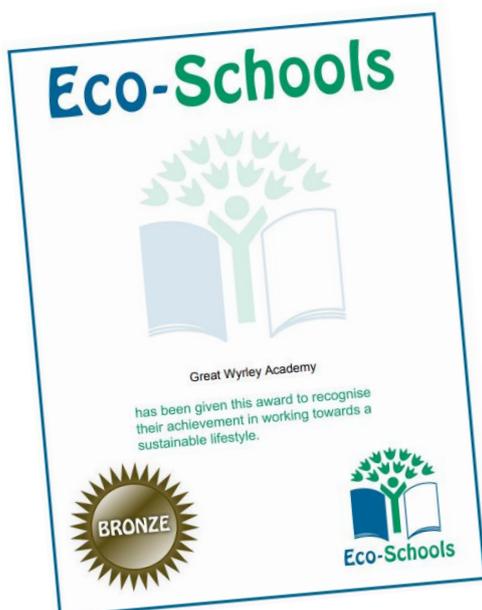
Welcome to our Eco Corner

We have some great news to share with you, since the previous newsletter... we have been awarded our bronze Eco School award and we are well on the way to completing all the tasks for the silver award!

We have implemented recycling around school and have now started recycling paper, bottles and cans as well as our crisp packets.

We have massively reduced the amount of waste being placed in the general waste skip and are well on the way, to filling the green skip each week. We have a dedicated team of recycling reps who help us to recycle each week. This will be an ongoing project our eco club will work on, aiming to find more ways to reduce our waste.

The new eco committee members met this week and agreed that they would like to work on improving biodiversity on the school site. Lots of ideas between them for improving habitats including bees, ladybirds, birds and hedgehogs. Watch this space for how they are going to achieve this!



On Friday 21 October, our local Councilor, Janet Johnson visited the school to attend the Bin It Roadshow! Which was aimed at inspiring children to tackle litter. Our Year 7 students took part in the Bin It tour, developed by Mars Wrigley Confectionery. The tour encourages young people to work together to make a lasting change to their local area, by helping to play their part in tackling litter. Our students were certainly engaged and entertained by the lively performance given by the team. The survey completed after the roadshow, highlighted the majority of students felt they had stronger knowledge of littering issues.

We have seen positive changes around the school site and hope that our students grow to respect the community they live in. Councilor Janet Johnson, was very pleased to have been invited and said the work we were doing in this area, was first class!

Well done everyone!



E-safety Guidance

The Internet has become an integral part of children's lives, enabling them to undertake research for school projects, talk to their friends and access information from around the world. Increasing provision of the Internet in and out of schools brings with it the need to ensure that learners are safe. Internet development is constantly evolving into ever more innovative areas with many websites enabling amazing creativity and interaction between peers.

Unfortunately, there are times when Internet use can have a negative effect on children. Young people and parents should be aware of the potential dangers, taking measures to ensure safe usage by all.

As the internet is now part of all children's lives, it is important that they manage the risks more effectively and develop the skills to do this.

We recommend the following websites for you to explore e-safety with your child:-

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- www.childnet.com/young-people
- www.wiredsafety.com
- www.childnet.com
- www.kidsmart.org.uk

The web sites below are aimed at developing your knowledge and understanding of e-safety:-

- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents
- www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers
- www.cybersafezone.com

I would also recommend viewing the films on the website below to inform both you and your child of the possible dangers on-line.

- www.eastsilc.org/page/e-safety-videos-1

If you wish for some additional support in E-safety then please contact the school.



History Department

A big well done to Mrs Cornwall's Year 7 History class, who have excelled themselves in making Saxon and Norman shields. We are currently studying the infamous Battle of Hastings, which occurred nearly 1000 years ago in 1066. Students have been learning why (spoiler alert!) the Normans won.

One of the key reasons for the Norman victory was because they managed to break the Saxon 1 mile shield wall. So students were given the homework task to design their own Norman or Saxon shield so we could role play the battle and the use of the Norman tactic of the feigned retreat. Well done to all students. Mrs Cornwall.

Activity Week 2020

I am really pleased to announce that we have two confirmed foreign residential trips running during activity week in July 2020. We have 37 students heading to Krakow, Poland and 39 students travelling to the Opal Coast in France. For the students who have opted to take part in an activity in school during activity week there will shortly be a list of activities on offer which students can sign up to. Mr Stephenson's Bush Craft is still an option for students to choose from but the Mountain River Adventure is no longer running. We hope to get this out to students this half term. Mrs Cornwall.

