

Monday 27th March 2017

Spring Term 2017 – Newsletter II

Dear Parents

Junior Maths Challenge Team Success

A team of four students from Dunstable Campus took part in the Regional Finals of the UK Junior Mathematics Team Challenge. This was held on the 23rd of March 2017 at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences, Cambridge University. Thirty (30) schools from the Eastern region took part including a school from Brussels. The challenge had four rounds, a group round where the team worked together and the other three where they had to split up into pairs. The answers for the pairs were dependent on each other so they had to work with speed and accuracy. Our Dunstable team, Camden Douglass, Edwina Stedman, Ashlyn Stedman and Lloyd Tunley rose to the challenge coming 11th out of the 30 schools. They thoroughly enjoyed the day. Well done for a sterling performance in our debut team challenge competition. We can only get better next year!



Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to drive the team to and from Cambridge.

House Cross Country Event Wednesday 29th March

This year's whole school cross country event will take place at Abington Park, Northampton this Wednesday 29th March at 12-2.15pm. There will also be a cake stall for which pupils are encouraged to bring a pound to buy a cake **after** the race. All parents, families and friends are warmly invited to attend.

Pupils will come to school as normal and leave for Northampton at break time after lesson 2. You will need to contact your local transport coordinator for further information about pick up times etc.

Pupils need to wear their coloured tops with their number on. They also need to bring some warm clothes to wear whilst they are waiting and watching. Pupils are encouraged to eat at break time and then after they have run.

There is now a video on our school website <http://dunstable.focus-school.com/> showing the thought provoking talk given by Mr Ben Sharp from neuroblastoma UK at our assembly last week.

So far we have raised nearly £2500, thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We are still 50% short of our £5000 target though so please donate to the charity at our justgiving page below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Focus-School-Northampton-and-Dunstable>

If you want to find out more about this charity then please visit



www.neuroblastoma.org.uk

Bonjour Tout Le Monde

On Thursday the 23rd March Year 10 students went to a GCSE French Conference in London. This is what one of the students had to say about the trip:

“The day started off with much hilarity that continued throughout although there was also lots learnt. The teachers there taught us what techniques to use in our exams so that we can all try to come out with As.

The day ended with Barnaby Stedman going on stage to play “The Chase” he had to answer questions in French, it was awesome and a good end to the day.”

Stockwood Discovery Centre

We went to Stockwood Discovery Centre to discover what transport and items would have been seen in the 1800s in relation to our English course. In English we are studying *Hobson’s Choice* and *A Christmas Carol*. We found a number of carriages that would have been seen at the time when these texts were set. We all had a really good time. Thank you Mrs Timms, Mrs Howlett, Mr Sherman and Mrs Colman for driving us to the venue and back.

Rylan, Claude and Hugo - Year 10

One School Skills Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have accumulated enough commendations in each One School Skills category to qualify for a Bronze or Silver Award:

Bronze: Tyler Barnes, Y9, Xander Godden Y9, Tiarn Douglass Y8, Lucy Rowles Y8, Jenson Tuffin Y8

Silver: Tierney Calder Y7

These will be awarded in an assembly later in the term.



Key Stage 2 Stars for this week

Shannon Magee: Working extra hard towards achieving her targets.

Crawford Moffitt: Persevering with a challenging task.

Blake Magee: Responding positively to his current targets.

Calendar for the Week

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	27 th March	28 th March	29 th March	30 th March	31 st March
March 2017			Joint House Cross-country Event at Abington Park, Northampton – 12.00pm		

Best wishes

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