



NCS NEWSLETTER

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Headmaster's Message



It's appropriate that I write on midsummer's day about last evening's Year 7 production of *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Shakespeare wrote some of the finest words in the English language and it's right that we challenge our pupils to experience them at first hand. I have never been a prouder headmaster as I watched and listened to boys and girls – 11 or 12 years olds - deliver their lines, act on stage, co-ordinate their actions with such skill, energy and confidence. It was an enjoyable and astonishing spectacle with a

warm and appreciative audience. I am grateful to Mrs Donachie and Mrs Ritchie for directing and producing the show, plus the English Department for supporting each other as usual.

Many Year 10s are currently putting themselves forwards for senior prefect positions. As well as interview and application form, nominees give presentations to their peers. These are great life lessons, building confidence and oracy skills. Those seen so far have been very impressive indeed.

As I write, the pupils and staff on the Barcelona trip have safely returned to the UK, bringing sunshine and warmth back with them it seems. I've received email updates regularly and all seemed to be having a wonderful time. Once they have recovered, I expect to see lots of pictures and articles in future newsletters. Thank you to Mr Singh, Mr Doheny and especially Mrs Hayes and Mrs Jones for arranging such an unforgettable school trip.



1 - Midsummer's Night Dream

PTFA – CEST FEST

It is great to see many pupils organising their stalls for CEST FEST – Sat July 13th, 1200-1500. Please encourage your child to give it a go – it's good fun, develops good skills of organising, money management and teamwork, plus they get to keep the profits. I'm grateful to Mrs Reedy and Mr Miller for 'volunteering' to be 'gunged' this year. Both teachers are busy shaking their collection tins – the most money gets the biggest gunging. Please give your child loose change so they can pick their favourite victim and donate more money to them.

PTFA – Lottery, Bags to School

These two things are easy ways of raising more money for the PTFA – who have recently bought equipment for Engineering, the Soldering Club and the Art department. Please read the regular articles in this newsletter about how you can support the school in these ways.

Advanced Notice

Fri 28/6

Summer Music Festival Vanstone Hall 7-8pm TBC

Mon 1/7-Fri 5/7	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Mon 1/7	New Year 6 Parents Evening
Thu 4/7	New Year 6 Induction Day
Mon 8/7-Tue 9/7	Stratford on Avon Trip
Wed 10/7	Sports Day pm
Sat 13/7	CEST FEST 1200-1500

Deputy Reflections



Monday 15th July is our 5th Going Green for the Day Event. Pupils should wear school uniform AND wear a green accessory.

PTFA have donated £1000 and you can vote for which charity to support. Pupils will have an assembly showcasing each charity (Greenpeace, Greater Manchester Green City, Soil Association) and decide to put the token in the charity box at break time.

Subjects will have an environmental theme and, in that lesson, your environmental character traits will be recognised with a special Green Olympics Point.

Sodexo will provide a workshop during the day on sustainable food, packages, and waste management.

The previous week, Chef will provide Environmental Champion Food to taste for free at break time. Pupils vote for your favourite on Friday. The best dish is served as a main on the 15th!

Friday the 12th is a plant-based barbeque choice for lunch.

- See if you are on the [character news](#)
- Check out the latest [character development opportunities](#) or continue to build your [character bench mark certificate](#).

- [You can Nominate a Pupil for their Character Development here.](#)
- Pique your interest for the [cultural capital](#) and [send in your reflections](#)

These web links will get you ahead of some of the other themes. The numbers refer to the minutes in to the programme. What character traits and school values can you see and why? Email m.bell@ for character recognition!

0-1 [BBC iPlayer - Mammals - Series 1: 1. Dark](#)

45-50 [BBC iPlayer - Mammals - Series 1: 1. Dark](#)

30sec -2 [BBC iPlayer - Mammals - Series 1: 2. The New Wild](#)

14.5 – 16.5 [BBC iPlayer - Mammals - Series 1: 2. The New Wild](#)

40-43.5 [BBC iPlayer - Mammals - Series 1: 2. The New Wild](#)

35-36.5 [BBC iPlayer - Mammals - Series 1: 6. Forest](#)

47.5 – 48.5 [BBC iPlayer - Mammals - Series 1: 6. Forest](#)

56-58 [BBC iPlayer - Mammals - Series 1: 6. Forest](#)

Finally look at how Ruby H (Y11) helped to build this web article celebrating the environmental character of our school!

[North Cestrian School – Environmental Champions - GM Green City](#)





2 - Silver Award Winners



3 - Silver Award Winner



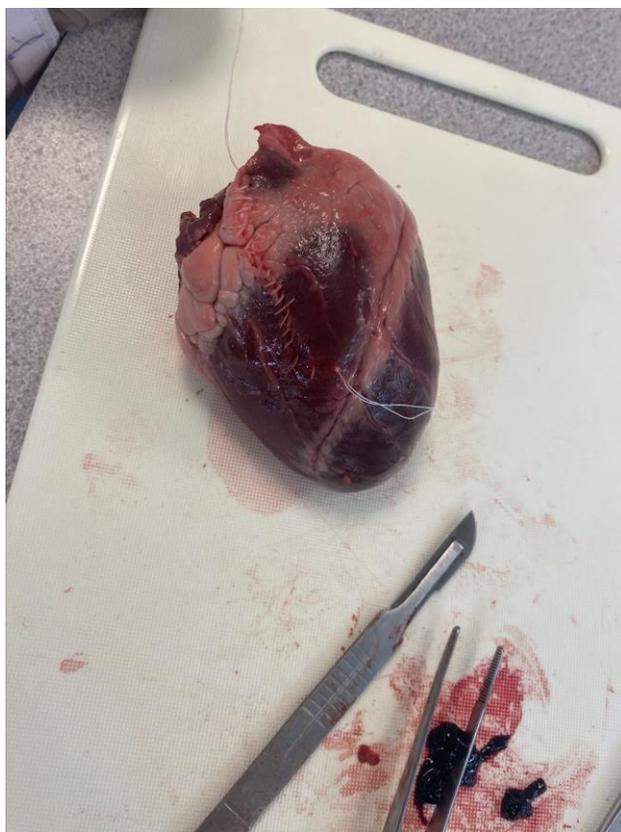
4 - Silver Award Winner



5 - Silver Award Winner



6 - Silver Award Winner



7 - Dissection

What is happening this half term in Science?

In Science lessons Y7 pupils will be completing their final assessment this year covering circuits, plants, chemical reactions and forces topics. Y7 will then spend the final weeks of term studying Earth and Space.

Y8 pupils are studying topics in electrical circuits and ecology. They will end the year with a final assessment covering both these subjects.

Y9 pupils are working on units of work which are designed to aid the transition to GCSE sciences.

We wish Y10 pupils all the best for their work experience placements coming soon.

Extra-curricular activities

Extra-curricular activities continue to be popular in science with this review of Soldering Club from Chloe W, 7JBa:

"In Soldering Club, you learn how to solder - join the metal to create a circuit. We have made a circuit for light bulb and fan before. Every time I completed my circuit, I found it satisfying as I finally achieved it. At first, I found it difficult to melt the metal, but now I am good at it and can help others. Also, I learnt from mistakes to make my circuit work. Participating in soldering club helps me a lot in Engineering because this is an essential skill if you want to become an electrical engineer".

Academic Rewards

Pupils have been keen to gain academic rewards in Science. Recently pupils who have gained their Silver Award took part in a dissection masterclass with Miss Smith (see the rather gruesome photos). Miss Taylor is busy organising a reward trip for pupils who have achieved their Gold Award. Bring your reward passport to Dr Rodger if you are close to gaining your Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards so that you can be included in the reward events before the end of the year.

10N1 and **10N2** took part in the online physics Olympiad Junior Challenge recently. Well done to all pupils who took part. Results below...



GOLD AWARD

*** Teegan G ***

SILVER AWARD

Melanie Z

Samantha L

Mia L

Aayan N

Ilies N

Tinghao W

Emily B

Zara C

Mica M

Sanjana S

Praise O

Tom P

Zanna L

Raneem Z

Makean A

Lushaan R

Sami A

Hesham D

Thomas B

Harley C

Zak K

BRONZE AWARD

Bridgette H

Niea L

Nadheerah H

Alice R

Sastika P

Max O

Amelia S

Neil R

Hassan A

Tashi Y

Ben S

Shashank J

Ryan C

Anthony O

Emily W

Annahita O

Sumayyah A

Dulcinea B

Isaac A

Hilda P

Tala O

Max L

Isabel N

Oliver M

Nicole N

Chinwe E

Matthew H

Jovie F

Tharshika A

Laura F

Cruise P

Adam N

George G

Jacob W



Laasya C, has this to say about Science Club:



"The Y7 Science Club is not only an ordinary science club but also an opportunity to learn and explore more about the scientific world in a practical way.

I really loved how the activities are so interesting like taking out the DNA of a kiwi, crystallisation, investigating different chemicals, and a lot more; they were sometimes based on special events like Halloween, Christmas etc. It is a great 1 hour after school to expand that scientific knowledge you have in your minds along with all the crazy experiments you can do. I would also like to thank Ms. Taylor to lead these fantastic science clubs and providing us a fun way to learn more about the STEM side".

Cest Fest 2024!

BAKE OFF

COMPETITION Ask your Form Teacher for an Entry Form or collect one from T3 from Mr. Millard



8 - Bake Off

You can drop off your cakes on **Friday 12th July 2024**, and I will store in fridges in T3 or on the day itself, Saturday 13th July 2024 between 11am to 12noon

The cakes will be Judged at 1pm and the results will be issued at 1.30pm.

Good Luck to all who enter!!



9 - Cest Fest 2024



10 - Cest Fest 2024



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