



CORLEY ACADEMY

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NEWSLETTER

July 2023

Headteacher Welcome

We have had an exceptionally busy Summer Term. From exams to sporting events, we have managed to achieve a lot in the past seven weeks - some of which you will read in this edition of the newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff for their hard work and commitment to our students over the whole of this academic year. I wish all of our students, families and staff an enjoyable and restful summer and look forward to welcoming our students back to school in September.



Sports Day 2023

On Wednesday 28th June 2023, our whole school travelled to Pingles Athletics Track, Nuneaton, to take part in our annual Sports Day. Sports Day is a chance for students to take part in athletic events and perform to the best of their ability, competing for individual and team achievements. It was great to see so many students taking part and trying all the different events on offer. Students were proud of their achievements and were trying their best throughout the morning. All the students were fantastic representatives of our school offsite and everyone showed great positive social skills, through supporting one and other and cheering on their peers. A big thank you goes out to all the staff in the school for helping make the day a success. The event is planned meticulously by the PE staff team and highlights the best of our school community. Well done everyone for your efforts and sporting successes.



Panathlon Regional Round

Students from class 7 and two extra students, took part in the regional round of the Panathlon competition on Thursday 29th June 2023; this was for the whole of Coventry, Solihull Warwickshire. Panathlon is a sports event that students take part in a circuit of activities, in which they score points for the team. Most activities consist of target throwing skill games. Students represented our school fantastically - they all took turns on activities sensibly and showed great support to each other. The level of competition was high, and we were competing against 4 other schools who had to qualify to be there too. Proudly, we can say we came away with the silver medal and second place on the day. Well done all those students who took part!



Out of Africa

There is excitement in Science because our giant African snails are finally awake after hibernating over the winter. Our hardy snails have survived the cold Corley conditions by staying inactive for the Autumn and Spring terms and, sensibly, staying inside their shells. The famous five are now active and munching away on a diet of cucumber and cuttlefish. The cuttlefish provides calcium for their growth and repair of their shells and egg laying.

On 7th June 2023, we had our first batch of eggs laid which was so exciting!

The giant African snail can grow to the size of a human arm from hand to elbow and can live for about five to six years. Students have been enjoying the hands on experience.



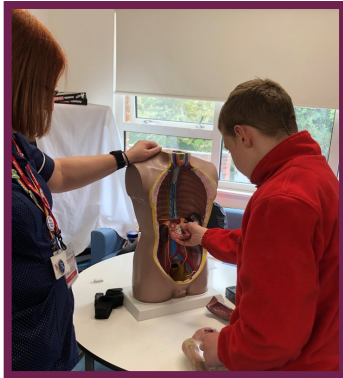
Drama Enrichment Performance

On Wednesday 17th May 2023, the Drama Enrichment group gave a wonderful performance of "Dave Whittington" at the Village Hall. This was the first year since before the pandemic that students were able to perform on the Village hall stage. Miss Lewis and Mrs Lyons were so proud of the way in which the students took on the pressure of performing to the whole school as well as parents. The performance was a HUGE success.



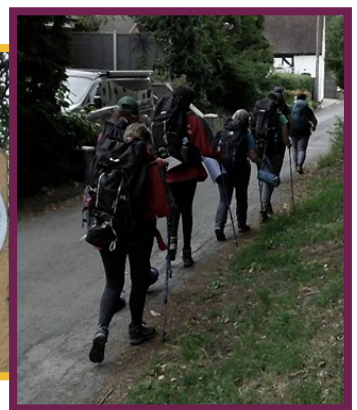
Key Stage 3 NHS Careers Session

As part of Key Stage PSHCE and careers curriculum, Classes 4 and 5 participated in a NHS careers information session. We enjoyed learning about different careers and found out that there are more than 350 careers within the NHS. The nurses brought lots of resources for us to explore including blood pressure monitors and heart rate monitors. Students also looked at the inside of the human body using the model.



DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition

Post 16 Students braved constant drizzle and endless insects on their Silver Qualifying Expedition from 28th to 30th June 2023. Despite facing many difficulties we kept moving forwards. Tents were constructed while it was raining, and the students showed excellent resilience to keep working together. Students were enthusiastic to assist with cooking the evening meal and maintaining the fire. The sense of teamwork was palpable as everybody looked after one another; if one student felt down because their ankle was sore, another student would encourage them. When we were forced to halt our forward progress after coming up to a footpath that was totally blocked by crops, the students barely complained and accepted the new route once it was found. Breakdown and tidying of camp was also smooth, with everybody helping and doing their part. The aim of the expedition was to inspect the quality of public footpath signs, and we found plenty of examples of poorly maintained markers to be included in their reports. Students who completed this expedition will receive their awards in September.



Dol-y-Moch Residential Visit

From Monday 3rd to Friday 7th July 2023, 16 students along with staff, embarked on their residential visit to Plas Dol-y-Moch. Students joined one of two groups; the Adventure Challenge Group with Mr Thornton or the Relaxation Group with Ms Lewis. As always, both groups thoroughly enjoyed their time and it was a pleasure for all to be able to enjoy this opportunity.

More photos and further details of the activities the students took part in can be found on our Twitter Page @corley_centre

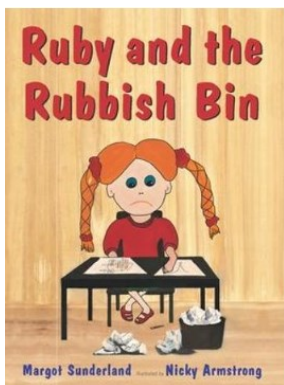
Wonders of Well-being

In well-being lessons this half term, students have been creating coasters using diamond art kits. Ms Lewis has been impressed by the way in which students have been willing to attempt something new. Some students have even gone so far as to ask parents to buy kits for them to complete at home. Diamond art has helped students increase their ability to focus and concentrate for the whole lesson, to communicate with others and to be proud of their achievements. Well done everyone!



Thank you!

Year 13 staff and students would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for the cake donations at the end of last half term. Students raised over £80 for the RSPCA.



Recommended Reads

Each newsletter we will feature a recommended read or a book review. In this edition of the newsletter, our recommendation comes from Ms Singh:

"I have used this book with my own children and in Play Therapy sessions. This book is simple to read and understand with lovely illustrations, teaching us how to move from feelings of insecurity and self-hate to self-respect and confidence."

HPV schedule changes from September 2023

From 1st September 2023, the HPV vaccine programme is changing. What does this mean for your child?

CURRENT YEAR 8 PUPILS- If your child has received one dose of HPV vaccine, they are fully vaccinated and will not require a second dose

ALL OTHER YEARS- If your child has already received at least one dose of the vaccine prior to September 2023, they will not require a second dose

MISSED HPV VACCINATION—If your child has missed the HPV vaccine at school, please contact the Immunisation Team on 02476 961422.

*Sending very best wishes to all our students and families
for an enjoyable Summer holiday.*

*We look forward to welcoming our students
back to school on Tuesday 5th September 2023*