



CORLEY ACADEMY

Inclusion Aspiration Perseverance Independence

NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher Welcome

Well, what an incredible half term it has been at Corley Academy! You'll read in this edition of the newsletter of the amazing opportunities our students have been involved in; STEM session, Poetry workshop, Performing Arts workshop, Sporting Panathlon event and our very successful Picnic in our Park. At all times our students have been a credit to our school community.

Our Year 11 and Post 16 students have, this term, started their final exams and we couldn't be prouder of how they have been focussed and prepared. We wish them all the best of luck as the exam season continues on our return from May half term break.



Picnic in our Park

On Friday 5th May, we held the most fantastic 'Picnic in our Park' to celebrate King Charles III coronation. We had an incredible turn out with over 100 parents, carers and residents from the local community invited to join in with the afternoon of fun and games, stalls and live music. All money raised through the raffle, cakes sales and games has been donated to the Prince's Trust. We raised an incredible **£406.10!** Luckily the weather was on our side and we were able to enjoy our beautiful grounds and relax in the celebrations and enjoy the community spirit. Students were able to take home a commemorative mug as a reminder of this special day.



Takeaways vs Fakeaways

As part of Class 10's Level 1 Asdan challenges, they have been exploring the health and financial benefits of cooking from scratch at home. This half term, students have used their Numeracy skills to budget for both ready meals and takeaways and their 'fakeaway' alternatives, comparing the facts and figures to see which are better for the pocket and the waistline. Students have impressed staff with their analytical skills in being independent and enquiring but also in their creativity in finding alternative recipes and ingredients to replicate expensive and often unhealthy takeaways in the Food Tech room. This forms part of Class 10's exploration of problem-solving and independent living as they look towards skills they may need in the future beyond Corley Academy.

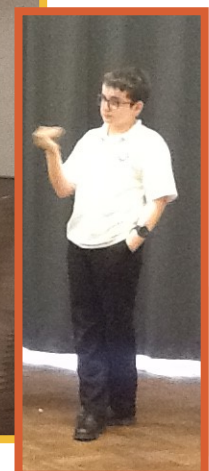
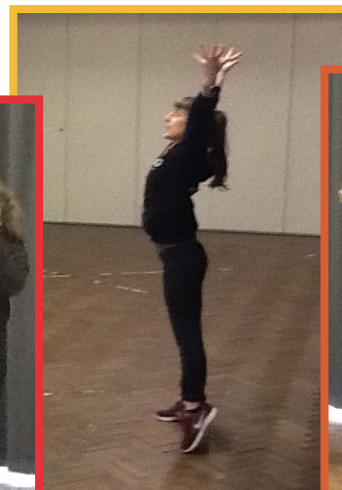


Poetry Workshops

Thank you so much to a local poet Emilie for creating fantastic 'I wish' poems. Students reflected on a piece of artwork we have in school 'Flowers all over'. Students worked onto seeded paper and then planted their poems around school to create reflective areas. Some fantastic and emotional poetry created in these workshops, well done to all students who took part.

Highly Sprung Performing Arts workshops

A selection of students with an interest in Drama were selected to take part in workshops with Highly Sprung. Students participated in physical theatre in response to two pieces of Artwork we have on loan in school for 2 years as part of a 'Take Two' Project with the Arts Council Collection. We were very proud of our students for being great ambassadors for Corley Academy.



Success at School Games Panathlon Event

Class 7 students took part in a multi sports event called Panathlon on Monday 24th April. We competed against Riverbank School in a series of different sporting activities. These activities included bowling at pins, throwing balls into hoops, beanbag throwing onto targets and rolling Kurling stones for accuracy and points.

Students were split into two teams. Both teams took part fantastically and supported each other throughout. The scores were exceedingly close with one point separating 3rd place from 2nd place and 2nd place from first place.

We are very proud to announce that our Corley teams came 1st and 2nd respectively!! Not only did our students get medals and a trophy for our school but they have also qualified to represent Coventry in the Midlands Regional finals later this term.



Spring has Sprung!

Post 16 students have been getting into the Spring season by planting sunflower seeds which we are hoping we will get to plant in our back garden once they are established.



STEM sessions

Balfour Beattie Vinci joined students from years 8 and 9 on Thursday 20th April, for two STEM sessions. The students were in teams and had to use STEM kits to make a wheelbarrow which could hold a cup full of water and go through a tricky obstacle course without spilling any! A fantastic engineering day! Well done to all students involved.



Art Exhibition

Students from class 5 will have their artwork displayed in Birmingham as part of a SEND exhibition. Well done to class 5 for working with a local artist and creating fantastic animations in the workshop, we cannot wait to see your work on display!



Join us for an exciting showcase of artwork created by young people from SEND schools across the West Midlands as part of the Arts Connect 'We Create' learning programme!

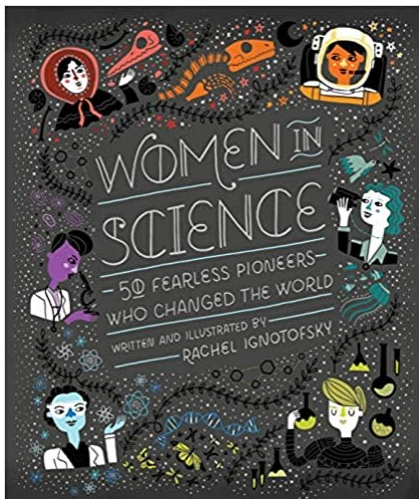
No booking required, families and friends welcome
Refreshments will be provided
Contact Becky at r.thompson6@wlv.ac.uk with any questions

Recommended Reads

Each newsletter we will feature a recommended read or a book review. In this edition of the newsletter, our recommendation comes from a Year 10 student:

Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World

"I have been really enjoying my Science lessons this year and have been inspired by this book because I am a female and I want to know more about women in Science who have changed the world. It makes me feel powerful!"



Arbor

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*Wishing all our students and families a restful half term.
We welcome students back to school on
Monday 5th June 2023.*