

The Prescot School

Year 7 Newsletter February 2022



Welcome



The half term after Christmas always seems to be a long and difficult half term; the mornings are dark, the evenings are dark and the weather is cold and often wet and windy too. Hopefully now we can look forward to warmer, longer days. I noticed some buds

appearing in my garden and I love a vase of daffodils in my kitchen which brighten everything up and remind me spring is on the way.



Year 7 this term have been working very hard. They recently sat their first formal assessments in the sports hall and were mature and sensible throughout. They showed integrity and ambition by doing what was asked of them and revising hard for their assessments. Well done year 7.

Mrs Thompson

Head of Year 7

Headteacher's Award



So far two of our year 7 students have been presented with the Headteacher's Award. Last term Samuel B was the first student to receive the award, which was given for having a fantastic start to secondary school, being hard working, enthusiastic and thanking staff at the end of lessons. Our latest recipient was Melissa B, who received her reward for always being

polite and friendly and trying her best in every lesson. Melissa told us she wishes school was open longer and even at the weekend as she loves to learn.



Act of Kindness

Two of our year 7 students recently showed integrity when they rescued a dog who had escaped from the garden as the back gate was open. Eleanor W and Kiana P knocked on the door to let the owner know, however there was no reply. They informed the owner's next door neighbour who helped them capture the dog and return it to the owner. The dog's owner was very grateful and contacted school to say they wanted to thank the girls personally and give them a small reward. We are so proud of these students for the kind act carried out within our community.



Neurodiversity Project

Hello, my name is Adina. Recently, I, along with some other students including Nell M from year 7 took part in a neurodiversity project which was designed to help children with additional learning needs such as ADHD and autism. The project looked to show people how we should treat everyone fairly despite any differences or additional needs they may have.



I was very proud to have been chosen to participate in the project. Parents were also asked if they would like to assist with the project and my mum decided she would like to come in and be filmed. The project was led by Alt Bridge School with filming completed by Keyhole Productions, whose director is an ex-student of The Prescot School. I am looking forward to seeing the finished film.

PE Achievements

We continue to have large numbers of year 7 students attending after school PE clubs. Unfortunately, due to the large number of covid cases in the area, some sporting tournaments have been cancelled so there has been little opportunity to play other schools this half term. However, students have been practising hard at a variety of sports including netball, basketball, badminton, football and fitness. Students have shown fantastic commitment to sport after school and are improving their skills whilst having fun.



Computer Science at TPS

Year 7 are currently looking at significant people who have shaped the computing world. They have researched people such as Charles Babbage, Ada Lovelace, Alan Turing, Tim Berners-Lee and Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan. Here is an example of part of a piece of work from a year 7 student.

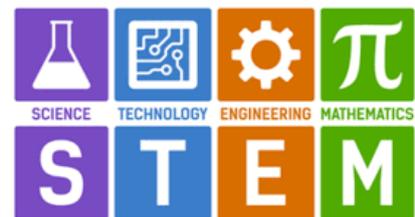


Post War Alan Turing

- Alan Turing liked his best friend. He was gay. His best friend sadly died when they were young.
- Alan was a the main person behind cracking the Enigma code during World War 2.
- Alan was persecuted because of his sexuality. At that time it was against the law to be a homosexual.
- Alan passed away on 7th June 1954. He committed suicide. He was awarded an OBE for his work during the war. He saved millions of lives.
- A film was made about his life called The Imitation Game.

Stem Club

STEM club allows us to look at some different aspects of science, technology engineering and maths that we don't get chance to do in lessons. In STEM club this half term we have made our own indicator from red cabbage and used it to identify whether household products are acids or alkalis. We have also extracted the DNA from strawberries, using washing up liquid and salt. Our plans for next half term include carrying out investigations to help the Royal Society of Chemistry with some research, and completing a Crest award, which is a nationally recognised STEM award that will be a great addition to college applications in the future. We are also planning some fun engineering makes, and some other exciting things you wouldn't do in your normal lessons. Stem Club is on every Wednesday after school in Lab 2, we would love more year 7's to attend, so come along, have some fun and learn something new.



Mrs K Williams

Have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing all students back to school on Monday 28th February at 8.35am