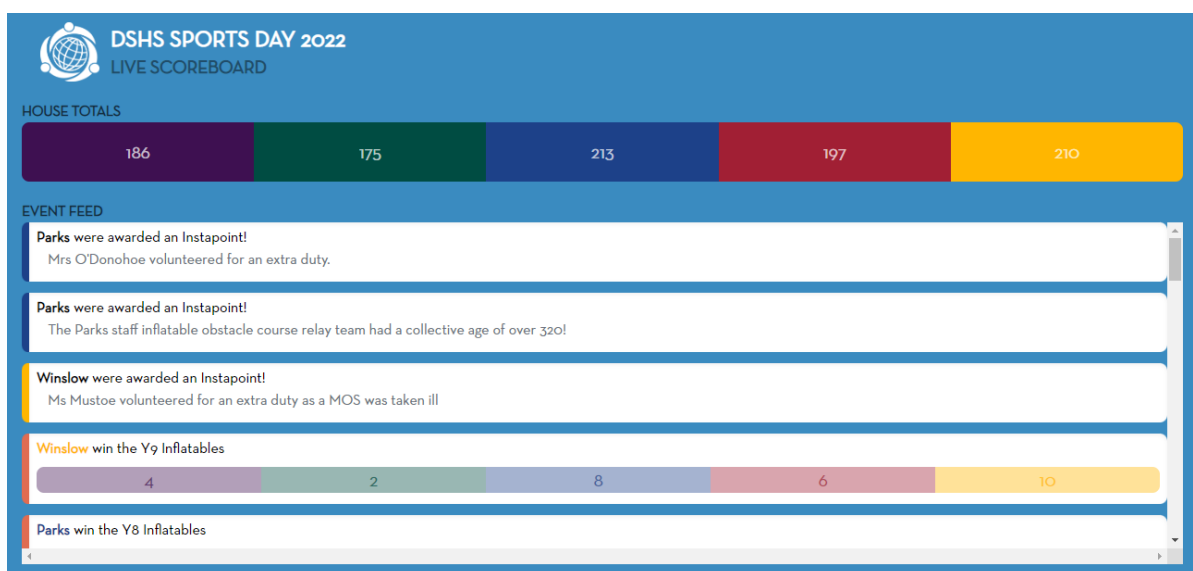


Newsletter

20th July 2022

Inter House Sports Day

The new House Cup competitions opened with this year's sports day. After a morning of conventional athletics and some more unusual races in the afternoon, Parks House emerged in first place with Winslow a close second.



Lit in Colour Student Conference

Grace Rusby, Felix Filkin, Alice Clarke, Daisy Evans, Lily William, Owen Exon, Hope Rose, Summer Goodwin and Nicola Pawlak attended the Lit in Colour Student Conference at Friends House in London. After a very early start, the students arrived to hear from a number of speakers, slam poets, publishers and writers including playwright Tanika Gupta and 2021 Roundhouse Poetry Slam Champion Maureen Onwunali. The students also heard from poet, Yomi Sode, and from the Keynote Speaker, James Aidoo.

The students participated in a number of writing workshops. Poets, publishers and participants voted Hope Rose, a Y12 student, the winner of the poetry slam competition. This was the culmination of an excellent day.



Chicks in the Science Department



Over the last 4 weeks the Science Departmentt has been incubating a clutch of eggs in an incubator. Of the 30 eggs put in, 15 did hatch (3 quail and 12 chicken). The first chick arrived early on Monday with the others over the next 36 hours, some even emerging during lessons.

The whole project was made possible thanks to Gareth Evans in year 12, who breeds and rears poultry on his family farm. He has been supported by his sister Bethany Evans in Year 8. Both have been able to provide instruction and advice to the science staff during this trial period. The Chicks will now go home with Gareth to see out their life on his farm. After this success the Science

Department hopes to build on the experience with more hatchings next year.

Sixth Form

Last week we reported on the Year 12 Biology field work in North Yorkshire. Some pictures of the activities are below:





Reading Role Model Challenge

There were a number of exciting entries for the Reading Role Model House Competition. In the end, **Grace Rusby's** poem took first place and earned top honours for D'Oliveira. Strong entries included an information poster on why reading is important, sketches for book covers for famous works of literature and book reviews. The top places were:

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| 1 | Grace Rusby | D10CMR |
| 2 | Ellie Clark | B10SAR |
| 3 | Felix Filkin | D9DGB |
| 4 | Alice Clarke | W8KAS |
| 5 | Nicola Pawlak | R9HSF |

Name: **Grace Rusby** House: D'oliveira Tutor Group: 10CMR

Another white dead man
Is this the exam boards plan?
To inspire and engage the youth of today
No hint of colour, not even grey

Dickens this, Shakespeare that
Some dated dude in a big old hat
No female authors to be seen
Women eradicated, equality wiped clean.

Western culture does prevail
Mostly white in the tale
Unless of course it's the servant or slave
Never the hero, never the brave

Do no books exist outside America or Britain?
Has no other culture ever written?
I want to read and be enthralled
It's our education after all.

In French **Jack Mason** and **Alice McElroy** both achieved a 5 on their writing papers for their end of year exams.

Well done to **Tom Mansfield**, **Dan Morris**, **Joel Park**, **Hermione Bolton-Warner**, **Oscar Fitzhugh**, **Olivia Perry** and **Alice Hughes** who this week have all read parts from An Inspector Calls.



Year 10 German students at Witton Middle School Languages Day

Well done to the Year 10 German volunteers who taught activities during Witton Middle School's Languages Day. The students had prepared the resources themselves and delivered them to small groups of Year 7 pupils throughout the morning. This made a very effective introduction to a new language.

The students involved were : **George Wharton** 10JB, **Jack Osbaldiston** 10JB, **Grace Simpson** 10JB, **Izzy Simpson** 10CMR, **Jaspreet Kaur** 10JB, **Lucas Colley** 10CT, **Ruby Boulton** 10LMJ/KVL, **Chloe Hodgson** 10SAR, **Lucy Davis** 10TFS, **Maisie Leah** 10TFS, **Izzy Lewis** 10SAG



We have been delighted to see many of Year 10 undertaking work experience placements this week in the local community: **Alisha Amphlett**, **Jacob Bastock**, **Gia Baylis**, **Sky Baylis**, **Sophia Birtles**, **Ella Blakemore**, **Hermione Bolton-Warner**, **Annabel Brannan**, **Erin Brodrick**, **Emily Brookes**, **Blake Burrows**, **Immie Carr**, **Ellie Clark**, **Harry Clarke**, **Lucy Cure**, **Emily Dutton**, **Jack Golding**, **Joshua Halkett**, **Ashleigh Hall**, **Bailey Hall**, **Ellie Harris**, **Mark Hewlett**, **Chloe Hodgson**, **Robyn Jackson**, **Maddie Jennings**, **Jaspreet Kaur**, **Jamie Layton**, **James Lettis**, **Tom Mansfield**, **Julian Nicklin**, **Joel Park**, **Nixie Pearson**, **Shannon Pedlow**, **Alice Ralphs**, **Dillon Richardson**, **James Rudkin**, **Barney Simpson**, **Emily Stanley**, **Molly Still**, **Calum Stock**, **Joshua Synnuck**, **Finley Walton**, **Sophie Watkins**, **George Wharton**. During the first newsletter of the new school year we shall be sharing some of their experiences, as well as reporting on the work-based experience programme in school.



Congratulations to **Mark Hewlett** who came 5th in the U16 Scottish Open Golf Championship.

10L4 have had excellent discussions around unseen poems this week.

The Frantic Assembly Drama workshop was part of Arts week. **Hattie Bird**, **Grace Oakley**, **Sophie Marley**, **Oliver Barker**, **Righley Burford**, **Emmie Clark**, **Emily Dutton**, **Corey Fincher**, **Grace Gittus**, **Leo Grzybek**, **Bailey Hall**, **Louise Hall**, **Ethan Higley**, **Erin Moss**, **Grace Rusby**, **Reece Smith**, **Emily Stanley** and **Katie Stroud** participated with enthusiasm and energy.



Nazar Samokhvalov is commended for adapting and settling in so well, and for his resilience in dealing with language barriers.

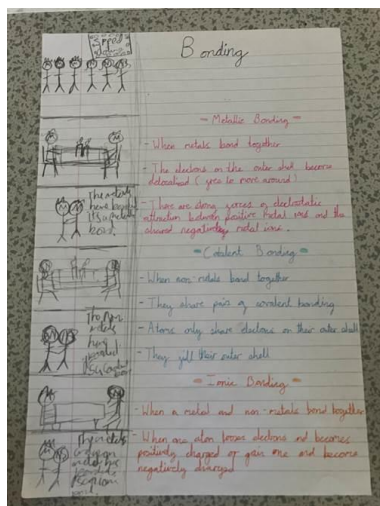
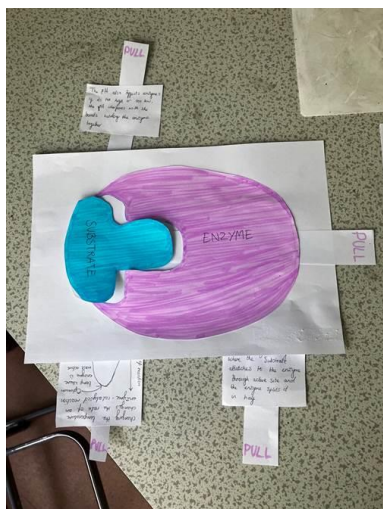
Grace Moore and **Isobel Sprague** have achieved outstanding end of year results in Physics.

Year 9

Esther Duerden achieved very high marks in her recent English assessment.



9LT have produced some excellent alternative book covers for our class reader, 'Pig Heart Boy' Photos are of work completed by **Max Rigby**, **Morgan Carroll**, **Hayden Priddy**, **Chloe Field**, **Emily Gandy** and **Ashton O'Keeffe**.



Well done to 9RR who for creating a revision aid in 20 minutes. Points were awarded for content and creativity. Particular congratulations to **Baillie-Mae Bull**, **Jacob Reid** and **Tom King** for their creative way of modelling ionic bonding; **Amelia Burton**, **Esther Duerden** and **Emily Chatfield** for their enzymes model including a moving substrate molecule; **Medi-Rose Souter-McHugh** and **Evie Felgate** for their cartoon depiction of different types of bonding.

Mrs Davie-Smith commends 9LD for their invaluable efforts in helping to organise the books for the new Reading Hub. Special thanks go to **Summer Griffin** (Bulman) and **Megan Holder** (Rowling), who took a leading role.



Congratulations to all students in Year 9 who cooked last week in their food lesson with Mrs Littley. Students in 9A1, 9A2, 9B and 9C made a chilled citrus flan that relied on a chemical reaction between protein and acid (coagulation) to set their tangy fillings. They were very artistic with their presentation, creating some bright and colourful flan tops. The fresh smell from M4 also drew a lot of interest.





Year 8

Sophie Holland is commended for being an excellent Tutor Captain of 8FS this year

Izzy Shewell was a big help in organising Sports Day.

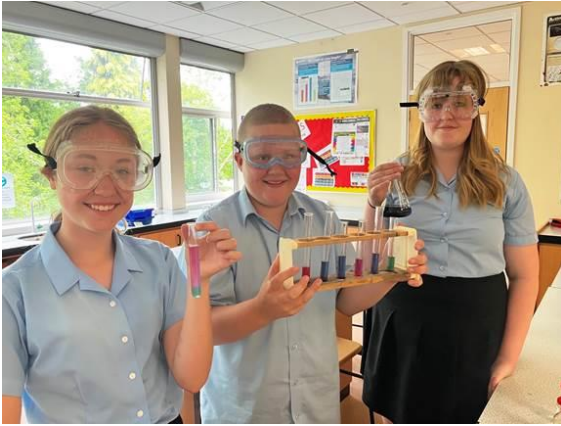
Danni Treadwell volunteered for many Sports Day events and activities, and willingly plugged gaps on the day.

We should mention that **Henry Catlow** in 8FS is running a half marathon to raise money for his football team. His page is <https://gofund.me/9f37173e>

Cameron Buckler filmed and edited an impressive version of The Simpsons introduction for 8LR's Drama Challenge entry.

8RD have been learning about francophone countries. These students contributed some impressive research during their homework: **Levi Curtis**, **Steph Lloyd-Rogers**, **Amelia Scattergood**, **Sophie Edwards**, **Holly Smith**, **Jocelyn Cheah**, **Rameen Menaal**, **Jamie McCammon**, **Owen Hancocks**, **Emily Warne**, **Jayden Farr**.

8LA and 8RA worked really hard to complete tasks for the Great Spanish Language Challenge house competition.



8LR and 8LH had a great time making red cabbage indicator this week and using it to test the pH of different substances. They explored combining substances to create different



8RR have been investigating in Science the formation of craters on the moon. Students designed their own experiments and demonstrated their experimental skills, including using vernier callipers for the first time.



8 Members of the DSHS Science Department braved the extreme heat on Sunday morning to complete the 5Km Race for Life. Despite the conditions they all made it round the course in under an hour. This takes them about half way to their fundraising goal of £1500, the average salary of a cancer specialist nurse. Staff ran the race to inspire all those who are to work in STEM jobs in the future, developing treatments and supporting people on their cancer journey. If you would like to support the Science staff (Mrs Moss, Mrs Limburn, Mrs Steenton, Mr Snell, Mrs Blake, Mrs Woodings, Ms Southerill and Mrs Burton) please use our link :

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/rachels-race-for-life-327469645>



DSHS Science - Race for Life



Rachel Burton

Total raised

£434.00

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To inspire the next generation to keep beating cancer with STEM linked jobs.

My Story

We are a team of 10 people who work together at Droitwich Spa High School in the science dept.

1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Helping them through this journey is a team of people, seen and unseen, from specialist nurses in hospital to research assistants and scientists processing data on new drugs in labs. Most of these jobs have a science foundation and every one is important to ensure more people survive a cancer diagnosis.

We are running the race for life this year to raise awareness of the need for these jobs and to hopefully inspire the pupils we teach to consider a wider application of science in the world outside school.

We want to raise the average monthly salary of a cancer specialist nurse to highlight how valuable jobs in this area are.

Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's groundbreaking work, so please sponsor us now.