

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

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#HelloYellow

Newsletter October 2021



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly, I would like to extend our congratulations to our Year 11 and Sixth Form students on their excellent summer exam results, despite the challenges they faced last academic year. The high standards are a reflection of the dedication and effort that the staff and pupils put into their work, but also the support parents and carers give, working in partnership with school. Well done to all our talented students; your hard work has certainly paid off! We send our best wishes to those students who have successfully moved on to their chosen college courses and warmly welcome back those who have returned to our Sixth form.

Our new Year 7 students have made a great start to their academic and social life at Clare Mount. The transition to secondary school can be difficult, but this year particularly so with pupils not having had the opportunity to visit school beforehand as would normally happen. Despite this, it has been lovely to see so many settle in so quickly and get involved in the things we have on offer.

Our whole school community has pulled together to make this half term the happy success it has been. All our students and members of staff have had to go about their daily school life mindful of the Covid procedures still in place around school. I am delighted with the efforts of our students and staff as they look after each other and keep themselves safe. We have held several parent/ carer meetings this term including Annual Reviews, Welcome Evenings for Years 7 and Sixth Form and an IEP evening for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. Whilst we have endeavoured to hold some meetings face to face, for the safety of our school community, some meetings continue to be carried out remotely.

We have had several new members of staff join us this half term: Mr Gore (Performing Arts Teacher), Mr Basey (Humanities Teacher) and Miss Young (Mathematics Teacher). We are also delighted to welcome Receptionist Ms Morris and Teaching Assistants Mrs Williams, Ms Blessing, Ms Williams and Mr Bannon. We received very exciting news on October 1st as Ms Grindrod gave birth to her gorgeous twins. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the family and can't wait for the twins' first visit!

Trips and outings have started again this term and it is fantastic to see so many of our students able to take advantage of the sporting and educational opportunities available to them outside our school curriculum. We still face the challenges COVID-19 presents, however, and I would like to assure parents and carers that we remain as vigilant as ever for the safety of all at Clare Mount. With this in mind, I thank you all for your continued support, wish you a relaxing half term holiday, and look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 1st November 2021.

Kim Webster

Headteacher
October 2021



Our Banner has arrived for our achievement of becoming a



UNICEF SILVER Rights Respecting School!

We were so excited when, in September, we finally received our banner from UNICEF for achieving the Silver Rights Respecting School Award.

As you might remember, on Friday 2 July we had a virtual accreditation visit from Martin Russell, our UNICEF Regional Professional Advisor. It was an exciting morning with Martin meeting with myself and Mrs Webster for 30 minutes and asking us about how the Rights Respecting School's award has impacted on the school and our students. He then met with our panel of students, many of them from our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassador group, as well as with a panel made up of teachers, teaching assistants, a school governor and a parent. At the end of which we were awarded the RRS Silver Award.

The students were absolutely brilliant and we are all so proud of them.

Our Rights Respecting School Ambassadors are so excited with the new banner, which celebrates their and the school's achievement, as you can see in the photo,



Well Done to the Clare Mount Community!

Mrs Boyle





Rights Respecting Schools Award News



New lanyards for our Rights Respecting School' Ambassadors

On Friday 8th October, our students, who are a part of UNICEF's and Clare Mount's Rights Respecting School Ambassadors' group were given special lanyards to wear around school. This was not only to celebrate their hard work towards helping the school to achieve UNICEF's Silver Rights Respecting School Award but also to help make the award more visible around school. Students have been asking the ambassadors to tell them more about the award and Children's Rights, which is fantastic!

They are all very proud to be a part of the group. Please ask your child to tell you about the award, about the Convention on the Rights of the child and Children's Rights.

Mrs Boyle



HALLOWEEN

Halloween arrived early in the Food Studies room this week, when all the groups used their excellent and careful knife skills to make ghoulish peppers.

A great way to use up left over vegetables, potato, rice or pasta, supporting the Love Food, Hate Waste Campaign , plus a fun way to Eat a Rainbow! Why not have a go yourself during the holidays. 10 credits for all those who have a go and email me their ghoulish peppers.

Mrs Badzire



Halloween Pepper

Knife Safety - Using the hob safely

Prepare your pepper
carefully

Slice and dice
Bridge and claw hold

Cook the onions and mushrooms in 1 dsp of oil until soft
Add the cooked lentils and passata and cook for about 15 mins.
Make sure your mixture does not go dry. Season.

Stir in the quinoa / chickpeas or brown rice. Then dice up your vegetables
Carefully spoon into your hollow peppers and press in vegetables
Put the extra mixture into the bottom of your foil tray.
Put the peppers on top.
Sprinkle with grated cheese.

Cover with foil and bake for 35 mins 200 c

W.A.L.T

W.I.L.F

- > To learn about how to use a grater
- > To learn how to use the hob safely
- > To follow instructions
- > Using the grater safely
- > Using the hob safely

Ingredients

50g mince

2

1 tbs
Cooked lentils
Or additional
chopped veg

2 tbs

1

1

tbs

Optional

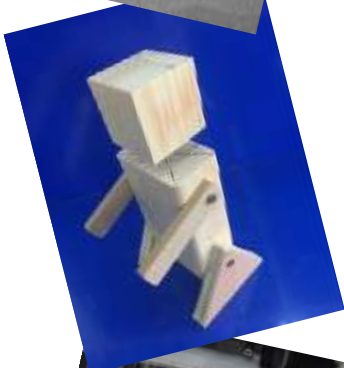
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DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



Pupils have all worked so hard in the workshop in Design Technology this term. Yr 7 designed packing for the digestive biscuit that we posted back to school to test their ideas. Yr 8 and 9 developing new skills using the machines and various materials to produce their wooden robots. Yr 10 designing their shipping container homes and manufacturing a passive speaker and Yr 11 developing their own individual personal study.

Mrs McBurney





The 6th Form work experience group has been working really hard on Wednesday in the workshop. They have been developing carpentry skills and starting to produce products for their small business enterprise. The products they produce will be put on sale and monies raised will be used to support the school charity. They have batch produced 17 planters and after half term we will buy plants and plant them up to sell.

Mrs McBurney





Students in the Year 11 group attending the Construction course at college have been working so hard over the last 7 weeks, learning various skills. Starting with bricklaying, cavity walls and basic damp courses. The boys then moved onto roof laying, setting up the roof trusses, attaching the battens and laying the roof tiles. This week we starting to learn about how to prepare and lay block paving.

Mrs McBurney



The Year 8's have been playing a variety of music on the keyboards and in particular have been working out how to play chords. They have then been learning how to play different drum beats so they can accompany each other. Maybe they will be the rock stars of the future? Keep on rocking Year 8!

Mr Gore



#Hello Yellow Day and Random Acts of Kindness Day

10th October 2019 was World Mental health day and, to commemorate it, Young Mind's started the #HelloYellow Day. This year it was on Friday 8th October and students and staff were asked to come into school wearing something yellow and to bring in money to give to the charity Young Mind's, which is the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. They want to see a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health, and all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

Saying #HelloYellow is a little thing we all can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health. Because a little yellow goes a long way. We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes and it's normal to have ups and downs. This year might have felt a little more down than up, but it's the little things that have got us through it - the morning walks, singing in the shower, the perfect cuppa, that Netflix show that got us all buzzing, the bestie who makes you LOL and the teachers and staff who have your back.

Young Mind's and Clare Mount think having these wonderful days helps everyone to understand that it is ok to talk about mental ill health. It is ok to have those conversations if you are struggling with your feelings.

Our Clare Mount community donated a total of £183.20 to Young Minds, which is fantastic!

We also celebrated the day by encouraging students and staff to do Random Acts of Kindness. It was a fabulous day of helping our students and staff feel appreciated and cared for.

Mrs Boyle

#HelloYellow



Pup-date

Hello everyone,

Mills here, I'm sure you have all seen me round school, but I wanted to let you know how my training is going.

I am doing quite well but still find some things very hard.

Mrs Nokes says I need more practice walking on my lead, so I will be doing lots of walking on my lead in the playground.

Please remember if I am wearing my blue coat I am concentrating very hard so do not distract me or ask to stroke me. It is sad for me too when I can't play with you but I need to concentrate so I can help people in the future.

If I don't have my blue coat on then it's OK to come and say "Hello".

Mills, Guide Dog in Training





Thursday 7th October saw Clare Mount students and staff spend another great day writing, enjoying and celebrating poetry. Students in all year groups celebrated National Poetry Day in English lessons, listening to, reading, creating and in some cases performing poems they had written themselves.



The ever-popular Michael Rosen and Roger McGough had students laughing out loud, while the much younger George The Poet provoked thoughts about how best to live your life in our older students.



Many students also enjoyed a virtual lesson led by acclaimed performance poet Simon Mole, in which students were guided to make choices and write creatively about their 'Dream Day'.

As always, we held a poetry competition. We always receive a high standard of entries, and this year was no exception, with students showing great creativity and using an impressive range of poetic techniques.



And thank you and well done to ALL students for fully engaging in the day and immersing themselves so fully, in true Clare Mount style.

It brings me great pleasure to announce the winner of this year's poetry competition as... Cole from 7H! Cole's poem impressed with its great use of hyperbole, ambitious word choices and fantastic descriptive language. Well done, Cole!

Mr Waters

Art Work by 7M

All of the students in 7M have made a great start to Clare Mount Life. They are enjoying their timetable and have been joining in enthusiastically with lessons. We are particularly proud of their beautiful pieces of rain art and how they have helped each other.

Mrs McNamara



Summer Results 2021

- Every Year 11 student achieved at least one GCSE
- 331 qualifications were achieved by 38 students - an average of 8.7 per student
- The average number of GCSEs or equivalents was 4.6
- % of Yr 11 who achieved 5 or more GCSEs or equivalent was 63%
- 56% of Year 11 students achieved a GCSE in English
- 68% of Year 11 students achieved a GCSE in Maths
- 45% of Year 11 students achieved 2 GCSEs in Science
- 45% of Year 11 students achieved a GCSE in Geography
- GCSEs were also achieved in Art and DT (3D Art)
- 74% of Year 11 students achieved a BTEC in Digital Technology (ICT)
- 26% achieved a BTEC in Sport
- Other qualifications achieved were: English Entry Level; Maths Entry Level; Science BTEC; PE Entry Level; Travel & Tourism BTEC; ASDAN Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The highest achieving student achieved: GCSE Grade 6s in English Language and Literature; Grade 6, 6 in Dual Award Combined Science; Grade 6 in Geography; Grade 5 in Mathematics; BTEC Level 2 Pass (equiv. to Grade 5) in ICT Digital Tech; Entry 3 in PE Fitness; PSHE ASDAN Award and Bronze in Duke of Edinburgh's Award

“Well done to all our students”

- You have completed many challenging assessments under these difficult circumstances and you have achieved success.

That is resilience!



Forest School

Our students have been enjoying some fantastic activities in Forest School sessions this term.....





Sixth Formers have been NON - STOP this half term! We have completed lots of our 'Towards Independence' and 'Personal Development' modules already plus we have had lots of our students start their long awaited Work Experience placements. We have had a record number of nominees for Head Boy, Head Girl and prefect positions and the votes are currently being counted.

If you thought that was enough - well it isn't! We have been boxing, played badminton, opened a wellbeing nail salon, made clay pots, started peer mentoring, been on numerous college visits, had lots of annual reviews, met our new travel trainer Kate - THE LIST IS ENDLESS!!

I can't miss out our traditional toast Fridays which have now turned into Bakery Friday (which has become a 'whoever loses badminton buys the cake' Friday) plus all the wonderful progress we have made using the local shop and walking in between sites.

PHEW!!! Quite possibly the best half term we have ever had! Well done Sixth Form - I couldn't be any prouder of you all.

Enjoy the break - you have definitely earned it.

Mrs Cooper-Shone

FORM

Sixth Form have reinstated their 'Positivity, Kindness and Helpful' Jar. Students and staff write little notes for anyone in Sixth Form who has shown support or kindness to them. Each week the jar is full to the brim! Every Friday, the staff read out the notes in our Year group assembly. We love ending the week on a huge high!



FORM



Last week Georgia was our sixth form maths star! She worked so hard and then helped out her friends. Fantastic Georgia!

Some of the Sixth Form students had a great time looking after virtual babies for the day. They had to take charge of their own virtual baby and supported each other throughout the day. Our students were very tired after their experience.



FORM

Clare Mount 6th Form has it's very own 007 in training! Ben has been using lots of courage and determination to do some incredible things. He has climbed The Big One in Blackpool! He has completed the high ropes course in Delamere Forest and at the weekend he went indoor skydiving!

We are really proud of your achievements, Ben.



FORM



6th Form Gardening began today with students studying the first conservationist John Muir. They completed a fact finding mission taking turns to answer questions. Wonderful team work and top answers!

A group of sixth formers turned their creative hand to ceramics this term! Mrs Cooper-Shone taught them how to make pots. Each lesson they will be learning about different clays and how we can use them. Great start guys!





Celebrating our Year 11 students

Well done to William for being kind and for helping other students.



Katie did a brilliant job helping out at summer school and is doing so well getting involved in extra curricular activities.

Thank you to Jason, who delivers laptops at the beginning of the day and collects them in later, putting them on to charge.



Finally, well done to Xander and Faith, who started their independent travel to school and from school this half term.



Congratulations to Molly, Year 11, who received the most merits this half term. Her prize is a £10 gift voucher!



Cricket club has returned to Clare Mount on a Thursday with a new time of 12 - 12:30 in the gym. When we return outdoors then we will work on the "old" MUGA from 12:30 - 12:55. I am hopeful we can arrange some competitive fixtures in the new season both indoors and then outdoors during Spring and Summer and all are welcome.

Mr Kearney



Active Maths

Children have been really enjoying active maths this year! They have been playing some great games using their physical skills whilst completing various maths challenges. At a time when physical activity is really important, active maths is being used as a tool to engage the normally disengaged and getting children active whilst also leaning their fundamental maths skills. Take a look at them in action:

Mrs Kearsley





On Thursday 14th October, 13 of our Year 8 students took part in an annual Merseyside-wide Dodgeball tournament at

Greenbank Sports Academy in Liverpool. We had so many students interested in taking part that a decision was made to enter two squads; The Ninjas and The Warriors! They both performed magnificently throughout the day.

As the competition progressed, although both teams had fantastic wins against most of the other teams, the Ninjas finished the group stages in 2nd place and the Warriors in 4th place; and so we went on to contest both the overall final and the 3rd and 4th place play-off.

Sadly, in both final games, we narrowly missed out (8-4 in the final and 12-10 in the play off) but most importantly the teams grew in confidence, team spirit and skill level as the tournament progressed. It was amazing to see the tactics improve throughout the day.

A big shout out to Charlie and Lewis for captaining both sides brilliantly.

Well done all.

Can't wait for the next one!

A very proud Mr Byrne!!



DISABILITY FITNESS SESSIONS

WESPA

Inspired by the Paralympics?

We are now offering a Group Gym Training Session specifically for those with Disabilities.

The session will be coached by Paralympic Footballer, Ollie Nugent who played for Tranmere Rovers and Chester Fc before moving to America on a football scholarship. Ollie was classed out of Cerebral Palsy football due to his physical ability exceeding the limits of the sport. Ollie wants to use his experience to show others that it's possible to overcome your disability with hard work and self-belief. Proving your disability is not inability.



WESPA GYM - BIRKENHEAD

Our Aims

- Improved fitness levels and strength
- Improved performance in sport
- Learning to deal with disability
- Being part of likeminded community
- Make new friends
- Build confidence
- New challenges and targets

Get Involved

- WESPA Gym Birkenhead
CH416EY
- Mondays 5-6pm
- Email:
nugento@lifewirral.com
- Monthly membership £40



Science Club

Autumn Term



What an explosive return Science Club has made this term?!

Firstly, I would like to welcome Mrs. Devlin to our club. She will be helping to support students who may be a little anxious with the equipment.

Secondly, a huge thank you to Mrs. Maycox who has been setting up our equipment each week and helping out when we need an extra pair of hands and eyes.

It has been lovely meeting some of our new Year 7s and we have had a great time lighting Bunsen burners for the first time and burning wire wool. We also made some gorgeous chromatography decorations.

After half term we will be looking towards Bonfire night and Christmas with lots of themed Science experiments.

New members are always welcome!

Mrs Fogarty



Coming soon...

To a Science Lab near you

Firework week!

Flame tests

Sparklers

Safety!!



History and traditions of
Bonfire night

Fireworks in
other cultures



Monday 1st - Friday 5th November 2021



e-Consent...it's so easy!

Working in partnership with Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, we're delighted to introduce a new way for our parents and carers to consent to their school aged children's vaccinations.

[You can now provide e-Consent for all your child's vaccinations with the click of a button, using your mobile phone, computer, laptop or tablet.](#)

The new e-Consent process is:

- safe and secure
- easy to use
- convenient and saves time
- friendly to the environment - saves paper

How it works:

- you'll receive an email or text from ourselves with a link to the e-Consent form
- the form is simple and easy to complete
- once you've completed the e-Consent form, click 'submit'
- you'll receive an email to confirm the form has been received securely
- the Trust's Immunisation Team will receive your child's form via a secure portal
- if you've consented, your child will have their vaccine here in school

Remember, the new e-Consent process is easy, secure and convenient!

For information of ALL school age vaccinations please visit wchc.nhs.uk/econsent/

Each school has a unique code to access the consent, please see your child's school code below.

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College CODE: : WC105129

If you have any queries about the new e-Consent process, please call the Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.

Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn 1	Wednesday 1 st September – Friday 22 nd October 2021
School closed to pupils	Wednesday 1 st September 2021
School open for Year 7	Thursday 2 nd September 2021
School open to all	Friday 3 rd September 2021
½ Term	25 th – 29 th October 2021
Autumn 2	Monday 1 st November-Friday 17 th December
School closed to pupils*	Friday 26 th November 2021
Christmas	Monday 20 th December -Monday 3 rd January
Spring 1	Tuesday 4 th January - Friday 18 th February 2022
School closed to pupils*	Tuesday 4 th January
½ Term	21 st – 25 th February 2022
Spring 2	Monday 28 th February – Friday 8 th April 2022
School closed to pupils*	Monday 28 th February 2022
Spring Break	Monday 11 th April – Friday 22 nd April 2022
Summer 1	Monday 25 th April – Friday 27 th May (Monday 2 nd May is a Bank Holiday)
½ term	30 th May – 3 rd June 2022
Summer 2	Monday 6 th June-Thursday 21 st July 2022
School closed to pupils*	*Monday 6 th June 2022 & Monday 27 th June 2022
School closes	Thursday 21 st July 2022

*Please note the additional inset day Monday 6th June 2022 to
celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

