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Mathematician of the Month - February



Every month a student is nominated from each of the maths classes as Mathematician of the Month. These students are nominated based on their hard work, enthusiasm and efforts within the lesson.

The full lists of nominees for February for each year group are below - well done to them all!

Year 7

Daima H
Isabella G
Archie J
Casey B
Aisha B
Ho Kwan C
Aameina M
Muhammad
Yusuf P
Hollie K

Year 8

Hamzah M
Amelia G
Ruby A
Aisha A
Alfie W
Bryan B
Izaan A
Halima P
Aishah A
Shaniece C

Year 9

Finn W
Halima G
Ibrahim T
Fatima S
Leah S
Esraa A
Zoe A
Isabelle W
Khadijah P

Year 10

Abdur
Rahmann K
Lucas L
Eman I
Ali S
Sadiyo S
Samuel B
Megan M
Leah K
Angus L

Year 11

Crystal L
Aisha P
Hamzah D
Fatimah I
Reuben S
Aaron H
Anthony B
Samiro Y
Habib D
Laura S



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Poetry Competition: Through To the Next Round



A very well done to nine of our students (pictured above) who have had their powerful (and funny) poems chosen to be published in the Young Writers 'Power of Poetry 2023' anthology:

- Mustafa P - Year 11
- Hannah H - Year 10
- Ahmad A - Year 8
- Zakariyyaa I - Year 8
- Ayan A - Year 8
- Talisa W M - Year 8
- Khubaib I - Year 8
- Mason L - Year 8
- Sehar I - Year 7

Best of luck in the next round, where five students from across the country will be chosen for the grand prizes and trophies.

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Science Enrichment Newsletter

Educake Top Scorers

Well done to everyone who completed their home learning this week. The top scores for each year group are:

Year 7: Nidal M, Jack H, Declan J and Adelina J.

Year 8: Zaibaa D, Zahara C and Zainab G.

Year 9: Sohan P, Isabelle C, Diana SG, Jack N, Faheemah P, Umaynah B, Ameena P, Finley B, Adam E, Ayesha K, Khadijah N, Khadijah D, Husnain-Ali A and Zeemal AR.

STEM club

This week in the STEM club pupils learnt how to create glass! It wasn't the bland transparent glass we normally encounter...but colourful glass! The team mixed sugar, water and baking powder in a beaker. Once at a high temperature, the mixture changed from a dour milky broth to a shiny, transparent liquid. Using tongs, the hot beaker was picked up and its contents poured over another beaker (pictured). This produced a glazing to the beaker, with a pink dye used to create colourful glass. Next week pupils will be refining their technique!

Science career of the week

This week's career is 'Radiotherapy Technologist'. They perform quality assurance on clinical equipment and perform scans to treat disease. Information about experience opportunities, providers, entry requirements and much more can be found here: [Science career of the Week](#)

Please speak to Mr. Burke, who will provide you with more information about this, or any other, science career.





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Space News



Japan's Hayabusa2 spacecraft (pictured above) has detected a crucial building block of life on an asteroid in space. The compound Uracil is a building block of RNA, which is thought to pre-date DNA and one origin-of-life- theory suggests that ancient organisms relied on RNA to survive. Researchers have previously discovered similar substances on meteorites but as these had landed on Earth, it could not be ruled out that they had been contaminated with Earth biology. This discovery, therefore, is the first to find such molecules in space, where they could not be contaminated by terrestrial organisms.

Scientists have also experimented with Martian soil and have concluded that it may have all the nutrients needed to grow rice. The ability to grow staple foods on the Red Planet raises the future possibilities of extended stays by humans.

Escape the Lab

Last Friday, students competed in a Science Escape Room activity, using their scientific knowledge to solve a series of challenges in order to crack codes. The winners of the Year 9 Escape the Lab competition were...Myles B, Zaynab N, Mulki H and Yousuf P, who escaped with 3 minutes left! Congratulations!

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Zainab A for brilliant revision notes on Animal Farm. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Ganani K has written a lovely descriptive paragraph. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Abyan A for her good score on a poetry quiz. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Eman I for a great opening of a letter. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Mikaeel A for lovely revision notes on Benvolio. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Mohammed Zain P for lovely reading of Animal Farm.

Year 8

Ruby A who read an extract from Macbeth and analysed it really well.

Year 9

Charlie C for reading part of a poem well.

Year 10

Eve H for reading Living Space and critiquing the author.

Year 11

Zaid N for his improvement in reading and responding to 10 mark questions.



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STEM 'Bubbles' Poster Competition



The Maths department ran a competition during STEM week where pupils were asked to take a photograph involving bubbles of some kind. Bubbles spherical shape comes from it attempting to minimise its total surface tension and ongoing research is looking at the various real-life ways their properties can be exploited. The three winners, chosen from some excellent submissions, were Safiya I, Eiman A and Huma L.



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STEM Week in the Maths department

To celebrate STEM week, the Maths department set pupils the challenge of completing a mathematical Scavenger Hunt that they could complete in the home or the local community. Pupils submitted photos to meet the criteria such as numbers that represent something else, a group of things too large to be counted, a group of things whose colour, size or shape follow a pattern and a tessellating pattern amongst others. It was a very difficult competition to judge with lots of wonderful entries but after careful consideration our winners are Safira T, Mia J R and Aamira H. Congratulations to all and enjoy your treats!



A group of things whose shape, colour or size follow a pattern

Maths Scavenger Hunt 2023



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Year 7 Netball Tournament

A big well done to the Year 7 netball team (pictured right, and below in action) who took part in their first tournament at Bolton School on Tuesday evening. With 16 teams entered and 8 in our group, it was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to experience a lot of netball in 2 hours! It was clear the team was very nervous at the start, however, as the games went on and they gained their first win against Smithills, the nerves settled and the girls started to demonstrate some good netball and showcased some brilliant teamwork throughout the evening. Although the team didn't progress through to the next stage, it was fantastic to see the girls enjoying their netball and to witness their improvement since September! Special mention must go to Lorna S who had a fantastic tournament at GD. Well done, girls!



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Sharples vs Bolton School



A big well done to both our KS3 and KS4 football team (pictured) who travelled to Bolton School on Thursday evening for a friendly fixture. Up against a mixture of their A & B teams, both squads knew it would be a tough evening! With the KS4 team up first, the opening 10 minutes saw chances from both sides, however, Bolton managed to score 2 goals in quick succession before Grace G found the net to make it 2-1 going into half time. Spirits were high going into the second half and the girls started to play some great football but, after a couple of substitutions from Bolton, the game started to run away from Sharples and the match ended 7-2 in favour of the opposition. However, our KS3 team ensured we came away from Bolton School a game a piece after playing some of their best football all year. A hat-trick from Talia D and some great midfield play from Sifan A and Hollie K ensured the game finished 3-0 to Sharples! A brilliant evening and great to see so many girls involved!

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Sharples vs Mount St Joseph's



Year 10 (pictured above) played Mount St Joseph's at home on what can only be described as a very heavy pitch. It was a very physical battle from the first whistle to the last. Sharples opened the scoring with a well taken goal from Haruna M and it wasn't long before he managed to grab a second. Having gone 2-0 up Sharples took their foot of the gas and conceded 2 quick goals. The second half was very closely contested and Haruna did have the chance to put sharples 3-2 up after taking the ball round the keeper but unfortunately put it wide. With 10 minutes to go Mount managed to nick a third and that was the game. A tough, well fought game and a great performance from our MOM Issac H.

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Attendance Information

Reporting an absence:

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school before 9.30am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. The attendance email is the easiest way to contact school as the phone line can get very busy.

The school attendance email is: attendance@sharplesschool.co.uk

If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Attendance Data

Year Groups attendance this week:

Year 7 = 96.08%
 Year 8 = 94.74%
 Year 9 = 95.12%
 Year 10 = 93.50%
 Year 11 = 92.82%

Best forms this week:

7Ples5 = 99.18%
 8H = 99.55%
 9E = 98.55%
 10P1 = 99.45%
 11S = 100%

134 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th to Friday 31st March:
 Year 7 & Year 8 whole school exams

Monday 27th to Friday 31st March:
 Y11 photography exam this week

Wednesday 29th March: Murder Mystery Night (16:00 – 17:30)

Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April: Easter Holiday



PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS3 Swimming	KS3 Netball practice	Sports Leaders @ Bolton Arena (P1 & P4)	Game On	
KS4 Netball practice	Yr 9 Football v Little Lever (h)	KS3 Swimming	Football practice	
KS4 Girls fitness suite	Yr 10 Football v Little Lever (a)	Running club- all years	KS4 Boys fitness	
Yr 7 Football v Little Lever (h)		Basketball- all years	Badminton practice	
Yr 8 Football v Little Lever (a)				
Yr 11 Football v Canon Slade (a)				

Week beginning 27th March

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Sharple's School Iftaar Celebration 2023

Year 9 Only

*A celebration for muslims
and non-muslims alike.*

مَرْحَبًا بِالسَّلَامِ عَلَيْنَا كَم

Monday 27th March

*AT 6:30, staff and student talk
followed by prayers.*

AT 7:45, traditional food is served.

*Come down to Sharple's to
celebrate Ramadan
as one community.*

