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Antarctic Flag Competition



Once again Mr Poole and the geography department have run the Antarctic flag competition. 2023 was our biggest year yet for the Antarctic Flags Project which pairs schools with scientists travelling to Antarctica, who carry copies of flags designed by students to fly on the continent, returning photos and certificates to the schools upon the conclusion of their expeditions.

This year we had a fantastic selection of entries and it was very hard for the geography team to pick a winner. We would like to congratulate Millie in 7S4 for a fantastic flag that brilliantly encapsulated the spirit of Antarctica.

Millie's flag travelled to Antarctica with Carrie Marell Gunn. Carrie is a marine biologist for the British Antarctic Survey. She took the above photo at Maiviken, South Georgia on one of the fur seal study beaches. [You can view the certificate itself by clicking here.](#)

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Mathematician of the Month



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

Well done to this month's nominees for fantastic work in maths lessons!

Year 7

Phoebe B
Kaleb C
Faatimah B
Alyssa E
Lolita L
Nafisa B
Isa A
Mahdiya P
Mo A

Year 8

Leo L
Jacob M
Safa D
Sam R
Jack H
Abshire A
Aisha I
Afia Z
Adam I

Year 9

Zain B
Talisa W
Owen D
Anson L
Zaem P
Hannah D
Zaibaa P
Peter F
Amelia G
Ruby A

Year 10

Joshua J
Hatim K
Adam J
Jamie H
Ziyaad M
Maryam P
Abdul H
Halima G
Harvey B
Ellie T

Year 11

Ella M
Josh M
Tanky C
Thomas B
Max J
Muzen S
Ryan H
Thomas R
Freya E
Martin N



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English Department's Stars of the Week

Work of the Week

Year 7

Aizah A has shown excellent effort in her work on the story Sredni Vashtar. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 8

Maddison R has written a brilliant review. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 9

Hadiya R has shown excellent analytical skills in her poetry work. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 10

Adam U has written a well planned and improved poetry essay. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Year 11

Daniel S has shown great commitment in his poetry work. [Click here to view the work.](#)

Readers of the Week

Year 7

Archie W for confident and expressive reading in front of an audience.

Year 8

Annabelle B reading fluently and clearly extracts from Harry Potter.

Year 9

Oliver H for always volunteering to read aloud and becoming even more confident.

Year 10

Ahmad P for reading from A Christmas Carol enthusiastically.

Year 11

Talal K for always reading aloud and expanding his vocabulary.



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Science Enrichment Newsletter

Educake Top Scorers

Well done to all the students who completed their home learning task this week. And a particular congratulations to the following highest achievers, who all scored 100%.

Year 8: Zaara M, Dua R, Zara K, Rayyan Y and Aameina M.

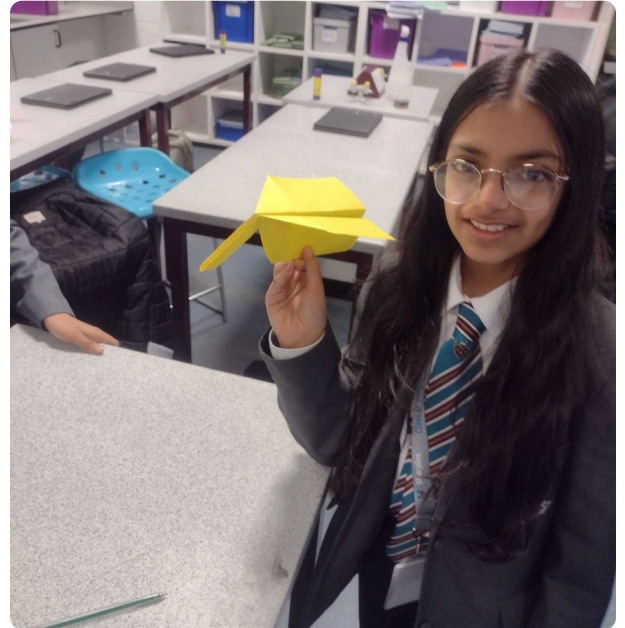
Year 9: Aamina P, Amirah A, Joe J, Maryam I, Mia P, Safiyyah I, Leah H, Zainab P, Ethan EA, Cody R, Dylan F, Henry R, Abdullateef A, Samaarah C, Hamzah M, Aleksandr H, Anson L and Yusuf P.

Year 10: Javeriya A, Sherjeel I and Hatim K.

Year 11: Dan S, Ella M, Zainab P, Samuel B, Khadijah P, Aaliyah P and Mohamed E.

STEM club

This week in the STEM club pupils (pictured right) were flying high with their aeroplane designs! Pupils investigated the role that wing surface area, airspeed and atmospheric pressure have on the generation of lift. There was a competition to determine who could launch their plane the greatest distance with Zeynab Y and Bilkees H emerging as eventual winners! Their ambitions were soaring with plans to build bigger and better planes in future!



Science Career of the Week

This week's career is 'Field service engineer'. Field service engineers design, install, or repair equipment related to different sectors of the technology world. 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.

Revision Skill of the Week

Revision skill of the week is... 'Start Early'. Exams may seem a long way off, but don't wait until the last minute to start your revision. By starting as early as possible,



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you have enough time to cover everything you need to and can identify the difficult concepts that you can go over multiple times.

High Lawn Escape the Lab

Students in Year 5 at High Lawn completed a set of science tasks in order to 'Escape the Lab'. The groups were given 10 minutes to work out puzzles based on biology, chemistry and physics in order to find keys and codes in order to complete the challenge. All the groups managed to escape, well done!

UK Space Agency Talk



On Monday, Year 7 students were treated to a special talk (pictured above) from an Engineer from the UK Space Agency. Students learnt about the role of the UK Space Agency in the Artemis Moon mission, which aims to send people back to the Moon for the first time in 50 years. Students were then set a task to engineer a solution for living and working on the Moon for up to 2 months. The students were very creative, creating living quarters, spacesuits and power storage devices.

Meteor Shower

Last night was the peak of the Geminid meteor shower. If you missed this, don't worry, as the shower will still be visible this evening. If you look eastwards once the skies have gone dark, you should be able to see the remarkable display of light and colour across the sky in the constellation of Gemini.

Mr. Fowlds - Science Enrichment Coordinator



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Year 7 Netball vs Essa



It was a tough game for our Year 7 netball team (pictured) against Essa on Monday evening. The girls came out flying but failed to keep possession of the ball and struggled to feed it into the circle. Essa capitalised on this and were leading by 3 after the first 2 quarters. The girls seemed to settle going into the second half of the game but it wasn't enough to get ahead in the match which resulted in a loss for the girls. The girls will next be in action in the new year when they take part in the Bolton Year 7 tournament!

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Basketball Tournament



The basketball squad (pictured) have been training weekly with Mr Grundy since September and Year 7 & 8 had their first tournament of the season last week. Out of their 5 games Sharples only lost one match and narrowly missed out on making the final after going out of the competition in a shoot off with Turton. It appeared that the team even shocked themselves with their performances as they showed how far they have come since starting playing the sport in September. Top scorers were Year 7 pupils Kobe and George. Also, a special mention to star basketballer Sol in Year 8 who officiated games for all schools, showing great leadership and doing a fantastic job.

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Girls Football vs St Josephs



The unbeaten run continued for our KS4 football team (pictured) on Thursday evening when they faced St Josephs in the penultimate game of the season! Khadija V came out flying and secured a hatrick within the first half before netting another after the break. Izzy F also got on the score sheet which ensured the girls came away with a 5-0 victory. The KS3 team also got off to a great start in their game and it was 1-1 heading into the half time break thanks to a stunning strike from Hollie K. However, an unfortunate injury to our goalkeeper meant we had to change the team around and the girls were unlucky not to hold on for the win. The final game of the year will be against Smithills next Tuesday.

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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 (Monday 4th to Thursday 7th December)

Year Groups attendance this week:

Year 7 = 96.86%
Year 8 = 95.58%
Year 9 = 94.55%
Year 10 = 96.23%
Year 11 = 95.31%

Best forms this week:

7Shar5 = 98.20%
8Shar4 = 98.62%
9P = 96.97%
10S1 = 97.24%
11P = 98.45%

427 pupils have achieved 100% this academic year.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th
December:
Sharples Family
Meal - SHAR
(14:15 – 15:15)

Monday 18th and
Tuesday 19th
December:
Photography PPE

Tuesday 19th
December:
Sharples Family
Meal - PLES
(14:15 – 15:15)

Wednesday 20th
and Thursday 21st
December: Art PPE

Career of the Week: Stage Manager

Stage managers make sure the sets, equipment and props are ready for the opening of a performance.

Average Salary: £ £22,000 Starter £48,000 Experienced

Typical hours: 39 to 41 variable (per week)

You could work: evenings / weekends / bank holidays away from home

Qualifications:

- You can get into this job through a university course, a college course, an apprenticeship or working towards this role
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree.

Skills required:

- Business management skills.
- Leadership skills.
- Customer service skills.
- The ability to use your initiative.
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure.
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail.

Relevant Subjects:

- Performing Arts, Music, English, Art.



Information sourced from: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/stage-manager>



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PE Lunch Time Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Y7 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y8 Football (Big Astro) - PGR	Y9 Football (Big Astro) - AHM	Y7 Football - (Big Astro) - AHM	Y8 Football (Big astro) - AHM
Netball Yr 7/8 (SH) - SCU & LAL	Y7 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL	Just Dance- all years (SH) - SCU	KS3 Dodgeball (SH) - LAL	Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA
Y8 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y11 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y7/Y8 Basketball (Gym) - LAL	Y9 Football (Small Astro) - JBA	Y10 Football (SH) - LAL
Boccia (Gym) - SCU & LAL	Sports Studies catch up (G32)- AHM	KS4 Boys Fitness Suite - PGR		
		Y10 Football (Small Astro) - JBA		

WEEK COMMENCING - 18th December



PE After School Clubs - This Half Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Y10 Football v Canon Slade (h)	KS3 & KS4 Girls football v St Joseph's (h)	Yr 8 detentions for incomplete hm/wk	Yr 9 detentions for incomplete hm/wk	
	Yr 7 detentions for incomplete hm/wk			

• Football & badminton fixtures will be arranged throughout the term!



Raise **£400** per tonne for your school.

Sharples School is participating in the Rag Bag textile recycling scheme which provides regular fundraising for the Eco/Gardening Club, other charities and raises awareness about recycling.

Please bring any of the below unwanted items in a securely tied plastic bag by for collection between Monday 8th January-Monday 22nd January 2024, to Meeting Room 1 in Hill Cot House.

Rag Bag can accept good quality clean Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together).

The bags will be collected and transported to the Rag Bag factory where they will be sorted and graded for reuse or recycling.





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**SEE THIS TEACHER FOR MORE INFORMATION AND STORY
STARTERS TO INSPIRE YOU:**

Miss Hartley (U8)

HAND IN BY:

Friday 22nd December

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Early Help Parenting Drop-in

For all families with children under 18

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that families need extra support at some stage as children grow up.

Targeted Early Help Workers will be on hand to offer advice and support.

We can offer signposting to helpful services, organisations and community groups.

Poor school attendance?

Are they being excluded from school?

Are they anxious or struggling with self-esteem?

Are you struggling with your child's behaviour?

Not sure what services there are available that can help to support you?

Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat if you want any advice or information about parenting.

Drop-in sessions, 9.30am - 3.30pm

Farnworth King St Centre 20 Jan 10 Feb 2 Mar 23 Mar 20 Apr

Oxford Grove Children Centre 6 Jan 27 Jan 17 Feb 9 Mar 6 Apr 27 Apr

Tonge Children Centre 13 Jan 3 Feb 24 Feb 16 Mar 13 Apr



For more information please contact:

Targeted Early Help Tel: 01204 337390

Email: earlyhelp@bolton.gov.uk



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