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ASHLAWN SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal

Yesterday, as a school, we observed the two-minute silence for Remembrance Day. Student behaviour was excellent and it was clear that everyone had taken on board the messages that have been shared this week through assemblies and through the video that we showed all students yesterday morning. The video focused on why it was important to observe the silence respectfully, both as an act of kindness to those who have been affected by the loss of loved ones in service as well as respect for those who have paid, and those who continue to pay, the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms that we enjoy today. I was so pleased that some students and staff chose to attend in their uniforms for the organisations that they represent – a positive visual reminder that service continues in our community every day and that anyone can offer service.

Consideration and service for others was, in my opinion, the most positive thing that has come out of the pandemic. The stories of people going above and beyond to support and serve friends, neighbours and even strangers are inspiring. We know that this continues in our local community and we are pleased that so many of our students and staff continue to be involved in these acts of kindness and charity.

Next week we will be supporting Children in Need and we hope that our community will be able to support this very worthwhile cause – a charity very close to our students' hearts. We are asking for a contribution of £1, but we are mindful that for some families, financial contributions are not possible right now. We want to support a charity that resonates with our students, but do not wish to put financial pressure on families, either for the charitable donation or for any pressure to purchase items for a non-uniform day. We are here to help – please reach out if you are struggling.

Siobhan Evans



Our Sixth Form Open Evening for prospective students currently studying in Year 11 will take place on Thursday 25 November. There are two time slots 6:00pm- 7:10pm and 7:20pm - 8:30pm. Bookings can be made via the school website. We look forward to seeing you then.

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This week in Geography

Year 10 students watched and took part in a live broadcast about jobs in the climate change sector hosted by the Environment Agency. It was great to see so many of them interested in potential future employment which will help the planet.

Leanne Ireson

Head of Geography



Dick Whittington Theatre Trip

Would you like to come to the theatre?

When: Wednesday 15 December 11.30am until approx. 4.30/ 5pm

Where: A coach trip to Derngate, Northampton

Who: Any student across school years can apply for a place

How: Come and collect a letter from Mrs Ballinger in Drama Room 2 and re-

turn your reply slips back to Drama to show interest. Letters of interest need to be returned by no later than 12pm on Friday 19 November.

Please note - We have a limited number of tickets so once we receive all responses, names will be put into a name generator to choose who attends.

Cost: £19 per student approx. however we do not require payments until the names have been drawn.



CARAMEL WEEK

WEEK SEVEN



Emily - Year 9





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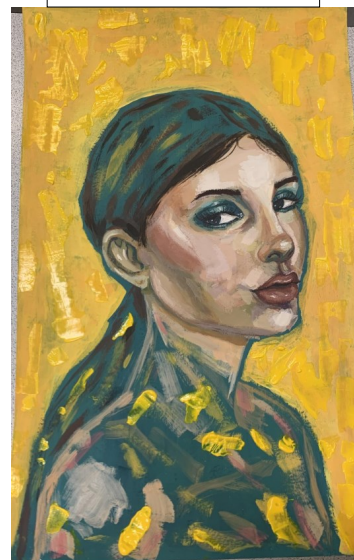
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By Blythe Year 10



By Millie Year 9

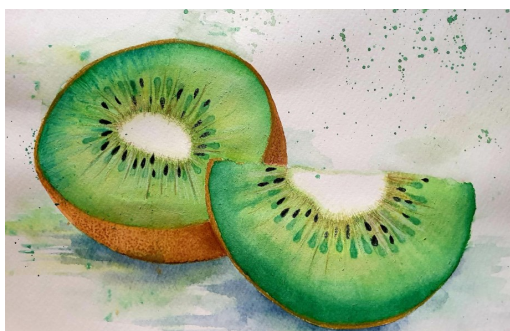
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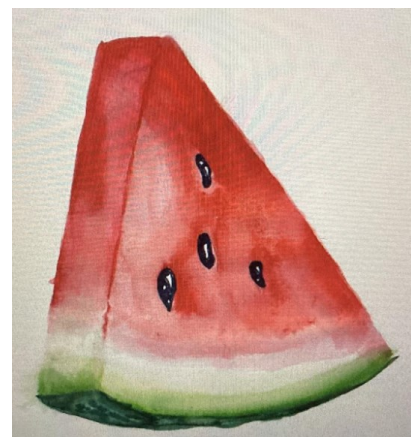
Art of the week



By Will Year 8



By Zara Year 10



By Viv Year 8

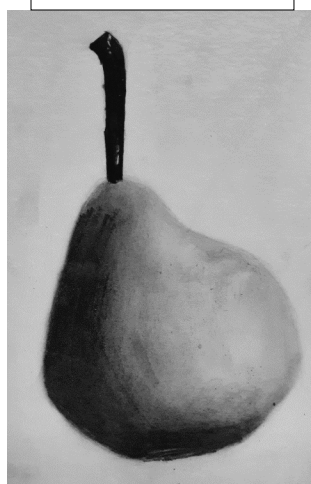
By Rebecca Year 13



By Danielle Year 7



By Dhruti Year 13



By Emily Year 13



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Science Club

There will be no science club on 15 and 22 November, we will be back on 29 November in Lab 10.

Please see Miss Slaney or Miss Lodge for details.

Ashlawn Singers

Do you enjoy Singing? Have you thought of singing? There's a wealth of research that proves the benefits of singing on health and wellbeing across a person's lifespan. It shows that singing can relieve stress, stimulate an immune response, increase your pain threshold and improve lung function as well as developing a sense of belonging and connection. When you sing in a group, the act of collective singing causes your body to release endorphins which can help promote positive feelings, and develop a strong sense of community and social inclusion.



Ashlawn Singers meet weekly on Mondays after school (3.30- 4.30) in MU2 and as well as all the benefits listed above, is fun and welcoming to all. There is no audition, just come along and join in. We sing a wide range of music and are currently working on Christmas Carols, Disney songs and Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody. It is open to all year groups and there is no charge. Hope to see you soon!

Mrs Solway

Menu for week commencing 15 November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HMD: Meatballs and Spaghetti with Garlic Bread	HMD: Hunters Chicken with Rice	HMD: Chicken Curry and Rice with mini Naan	HMD: Sweet and Sour Chicken Balls with Rice	HMD: Fish, Chips and Mushy Peas
HMD: Vegetarian Meatballs Spaghetti and Garlic Bread	HMD: BBQ Quorn with Rice	HMD: Quorn Curry and Rice	HMD: Sweet and Sour Quorn with Rice	HMD: Cheese and Onion Pasty with Chips
Jacket Potato and Tuna	Hot Pasta King Meat	Jacket Potato and Cheese	Hot Pasta King Meat	Jacket Potato and Beans
Hot Chicken Fillets	Hot Pasta King Vegetable	Hot Cheese and Tomato Bagel	Hot Pasta King Vegetable	Hotdog Rollover
CMD: Chicken and Stuffing Sandwich	Hot Sausage Roll	CMD: Chicken and Bacon with Mayo	Hot Chicken Burger	CMD: Hot and Spicy Chicken Mayo
CMD: Ploughman's	CMD: Ham Salad	CMD: Egg and Cress Sandwich	CMD: BLT Sandwich	CMD: Cheese and Pickle Sandwich
	CMD: Tuna and Cucumber Sandwich		CMD: Cheese Salad Sandwich	

Please note that all meal choices are subject to change at very short notice due to supply chain issues. Refunds will only be possible in the case of known dietary needs such as allergies.



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BBC

Children in Need



FRIDAY 19
NOVEMBER

£1 donation to
be handed in to
your Head of
Year on the gate

If you would like to make a
bigger donation then you can do
this through ParentPay



NON-
UNIFORM
DAY!



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Bullying

Anti-Bullying Week takes place next week (15 to 19 November). Bullying has a huge impact on the lives of many children and young people; as such, we feel this campaign is important to promote within our school. During form time next week students will explore what bullying is and how to report it. The message that we will be promoting is "One Kind Word"



If your child would like to wear 'Odd Socks' to acknowledge that we do not tolerate bullying then we invite them to do this on Monday 15 November.

As a reminder to all parents if your child is experiencing negative interactions with other students in school please contact their form tutor in the first instance.

As parents we encourage you to check your child's phone or devices on a regular basis. We receive a large number of reports relating to online peer on peer abuse. Please monitor and check your child has the right settings and review what activity is taking place.

For more information on this please follow this link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Lorna Pountney

Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead



Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership asks the public not to buy e-scooters this Christmas

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership is urging the public not to buy e-scooters this Christmas because it's currently against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place in the UK. There are also concerns for the safety of e-scooter riders and other road users.

Inspector Jem Mountford said "Before you consider buying an e-scooter this Christmas it's important to know that although you can buy one, it is illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter in any public space including roads, pavements, parks, town centres or canal towpaths for example. This means most people will be breaking the law if they use an e-scooter."

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as MOT, licensing, tax and insurance.

As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

Warwickshire Police have legal powers to seize e-scooters and prosecute riders and between March 2020 and November 2021 31 e-scooters were seized in Warwickshire.

Whilst penalties for illegal use include a Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a £300 fine and six penalty points, officers will also be using Section 59 of the Police Reform Act to issue a warning to riders of e-scooters and educate them as to the legal requirements. If a rider is under 16 years old then this advice will also be given to the parents.

Inspector Mountford continued "As well as being illegal, we have real concerns about the safety of e-scooters. In the first ten months of 2021, nationally there have been nine deaths and other casualties involving both e-scooter riders and other road users." (Source: PACTS)

Whilst some parts of the country are taking part in Government trials for e-scooter hire with a view to making them legal to use on the roads, Warwickshire is not currently part of the trials so e-scooters cannot be hired at this time.





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Reporting Home Lateral Flow Device Results

We would like to remind and encourage all students to test twice weekly so we can keep our community safe. If your child tests positive follow the link to log the positive home test result: <https://ashlawn.org.uk/coronavirus-notification/>

Facial coverings

We have fallen below 1% of positive cases across the school for the first time since the second week of term, so face coverings are only necessary in indoor communal areas where it is not possible to socially distance.

If you would like to continue to wear a face covering, please feel free to do so. We will keep this under review and should we see cases rising and/or linked cases, we may need to implement the wearing of masks again.

Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 7-11

The date for the Nasal Flu Immunisation has now changed to Tuesday 18 January 2022

Dates for Your Diary

19 November 2021

Children in Need, Non-Uniform Day

25 November 2021

6th Form Open Evening

26 November 2021

Teacher Training Day

27 November 2021

PTA Uniform Sale

Term dates for this year can be found on the link below.

[Term Dates](#)

Important Visitor Information

All visitors **must** report to Main Reception via the pedestrian gate so that they can sign in.

Please **DO NOT** enter the school via other open gates as this will activate an intruder alert.

PTA Uniform Sale

Our next uniform sale is to be held on Saturday 27 November. It will start at 10 am and close at 11.30am. Donations will be most welcome on those days or they can be dropped into school reception during term time. We will be located in the canteen to the left of the main reception.

Please remember that our sales are only as good as the variety of donations we receive.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Should you wish to assist with sorting through donations at any of these sales from 9am then please do message us on Ashlawn PTA Facebook page.

Free Sanitary Items

Students can collect free sanitary wear at school. They are available from Reception, Student Services and the PE changing rooms. Tampons and sanitary towels are available.

Mrs Pountney
Assistant Principal



Food Bank

If you are struggling financially and would like a food parcel or food bank voucher, please contact Mrs Pountney or Mrs Lavery as we have a few food parcels left and we are happy to deliver.





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Safeguarding Advice

What to do if you are worried about your, or someone else's safety.

Tell a trusted adult at school.

We are here to help, and our team of Designated Safeguarding Leads will provide support.

You can also call on the following number: 01788 573425.

If you are in immediate danger then phone 101 or 999.

Here are some other ways things you can get the help you need:

- Tell a trustworthy family member or safe adult who may be able to help you
- Call Childline on 0800 1111 and talk through how you are feeling and your concerns
- Email the Designated Safeguarding Leads at school at safeguarding@ashlawn.org.uk
- Speak to Young Carers if you are looking after someone at home. Tel: 02476 217740
- Look online for support from the Family Information Service at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies
- If you feel unsafe or in danger call the council helpline on 01926 414144

If you are struggling with your mental health and want some reassurance and advice, then contact your form tutor or Head of Year. They would love to hear from you and they will help alleviate your worries.

Mrs Pountney

Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

The Family Information Service can provide a wide range of information/support/ referrals for families in Warwickshire either via our helpline or on a face to face basis.

FIS Brokerage Service is a 1:1 early intervention service which can be used to support families with children age 0 to 25 living in Warwickshire to access services where there are barriers and/or complex needs.

To access this service please contact them using the methods below:

fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

- [Twitter – @WarksFIS](https://twitter.com/WarksFIS)
- [Facebook – Warwickshire Family Information Service](https://www.facebook.com/WarwickshireFamilyInformationService)
- <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

01926 742 274.

The Family Intervention Service can help you with topics such as:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare
- health and wellbeing

Please don't hesitate to get in touch. They are there to help!.

Mrs Pountney

Assistant Principal

