

Oasis Academy MediaCityUK is...

# Inspired

Spring 2021



## Welcome



One of the highlights of the term for me is reading our newsletter and this term I am even more delighted to share our newsletter with you, given it has been written

during lockdown. I am sure you feel the same sense of pride at all the wonderful work that has been done in our academy and wider community during this difficult time, in addition of course to students engaging in online lessons and learning so many new digital skills.

Our remote learning offer is something I am incredibly proud of and as we entered a further lockdown from January to March we were once again able to replicate the building timetable for our students, broadcasting five live lessons daily. Furthermore, a number of extra-curricular clubs continued virtually as did our mental health support, PSHE programme, assemblies and so much more. Therefore, I would like to pay a special thank you in this newsletter to all my colleagues for their dedication and enthusiasm in delivering our remote learning offer and for ensuring a breadth of experience through our virtual school.

I would also like to thank all our parents, carers and community supporters for their support at this time, whether it be through ensuring home learning, messages of support or generous offers to help, it is very much appreciated.

I do hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and I look forward to a time when we can once again meet in person.

*M. Dilla*

With very best wishes  
Marie Dillon

## DEBATE MATE

This term Debate Mate has been running in Oasis Academy MediaCityUK and it has proved as popular and exciting as ever.

Well done to Sarah M., Sarah C., Tiffany, Dana, Harshal and Emnet who participated in the UDL competition for Debate Mate, beating a team in London debating the motion 'This house believes radical methods of protest are more effective than traditional methods in tackling climate change'.

Extra congratulations to Tiffany and Dana, who also got the opportunity to participate in a debate in front of professionals from the Bank of America!

All the students involved were fantastic and so well-spoken.

We would also like to thank Ms Woodfield, for the effort she puts into making sure the club runs smoothly.



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# THE POLITICS PROJECT

LOCKDOWN

CLIMATE CHANGE

This term Year 9 and Year 10 students are working on the Politics Project, where they have an opportunity to explore political issues and ask politicians about the issues that matter to them.

On Thursday 25th February, we had the opportunity to interview our MP for Salford and Eccles, Rebecca Long – Bailey MP. We asked questions about everything, from life for young people in Covid – 19 Lockdown, abolishing GCSEs, climate change and the living wage.

It was great for us to get to ask about the issues that matter to us and we are looking forward to interviewing more politicians in the future.



LIVING WAGE

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## WORLD BOOK DAY

4 MARCH 2021

On Thursday 4th March it was World Book Day, and despite most students being at home, Ms Emery and the staff at MediaCityUK ensured all students enjoyed a day full of reading!



All staff began every lesson by sharing a text they loved with their classes. Period 5 was then dedicated to a 'World Book Day' session. In the session, students had the time to reflect on all the interesting things that staff read with them over the course of the day and entered into the competition to be the 'World Book Day Champion'.

At school and at home, staff and students were invited to dress up as their favourite book characters; we loved Nicole in Year 7 as Pippi Longstocking!

A special thanks to Ms Emery for her hard work in organising the day, which was enjoyed by all.

# STUDENT

# WRITING

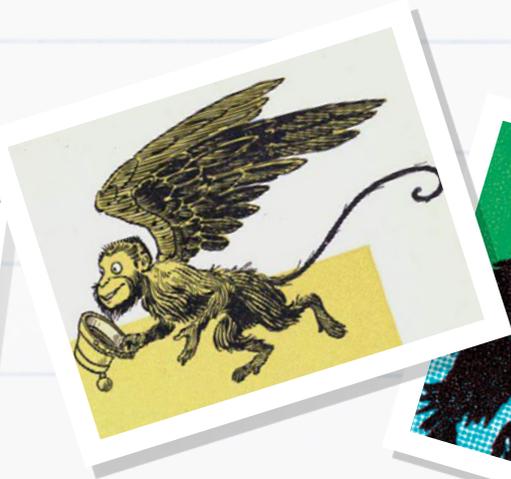
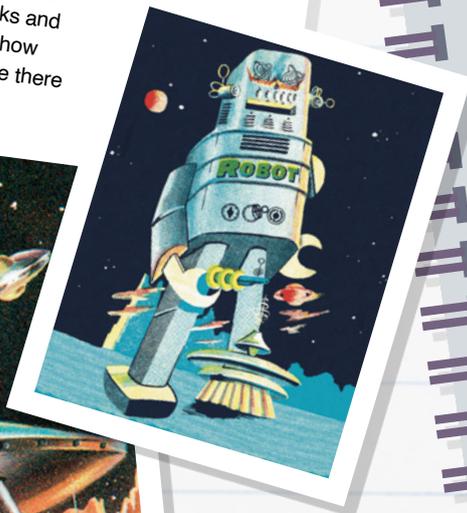
Students completed an incredible range of writing activities for World Book Day 2021. Here are a couple of our favourites.

## NICOLE ZUROVA-LUBGANE (YEAR 7)

Imagine you are a space traveller who has discovered a brand new planet...

If I would have discovered a new planet, I wouldn't tell anyone about it yet, only the team. First, I would do experiments and see how it feels to be there for a robot.

Then if the results showed that a normal human could survive there, I would go to that planet and take anything that we might need (for example: torch, self-inflating boat, lifejacket, photo camera, some food and drinks and also a live event camera to show people on earth how it is to be there and what is happening).



## JONATHAN AYOOLA (YEAR 9)

Make up a story about a rare species you found...

The weather was scorching hot, with a cool breeze flowing ever so slightly throughout the air. The sun seemed to be shining brighter than ever before. The towering trees were breath-taking, and bore the most beautiful fruits known to man. It felt like I was in a stunning unknown universe.

But, even in the midst of all of this beauty, the animal managed to stand out and outshine the entire forest. I could do nothing but stand in awe considering what I had just witnessed. I could have sworn the animal had travelled at least 100x the speed of sound.

The monkey came to a rest position after whizzing around for a good few minutes. It looked me in the eye as if what it had just done was a mere cartwheel. I was sure I had just discovered a new species.

This monkey looked like your average monkey, except it had wings, and it was extremely fast. I took many pictures and I knew had to share this with the world. I felt on top of the world, and it was the monkey who had flown me there.

# CAREERS

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ACADEMY  
MEDIACITYUK

As ever we have had a diverse and inspiring range of Careers talks and activities this term at Oasis Academy MediaCityUK, across all curriculum areas.

## CAREERS IN GEOGRAPHY



## CAREERS IN SCIENCE

In Science, Year 7 students were treated to a brilliant careers talk from Dr. Jessica Kevill who has a PhD in Virology.

She started off studying viruses in bees at the Ecosystems and Environment Research Centre at the University of Salford, but has since moved on to look at multiple other examples of animal virus and is now working on cutting edge science as part of the COVID-19 response.

The talk was fascinating and incredibly relevant to the current cultural climate.

Geography is highly respected by employers. It's often said that there is no such thing as a geography job; rather there are multiple jobs that geographers do.

As such, we have invited experts from a variety of fields to speak to our students. Year 8 and Year 11 students heard from Charlotte Rosser who joined us to discuss her career as a Development Manager at Peel Media LTD, the company who have regenerated the magnificent Salford Quays. We learned how planners design and implement new building and landscape projects.

Year 9 students heard from Phil Raynor and Hannah Cooper at Jacobs. We learned how they advise clients on the sustainable management of water, using scientific and engineering analysis and design expertise.

We look forward to welcoming more speakers into our Geography lessons over the coming months to enhance our students' knowledge of Careers in Geography and encourage all of our future urban planners, conservationists, geologists, volcanologists, travel and tourism entrepreneurs and many more to start thinking ahead!



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**Salford**  
MANCHESTER

DR. JESSICA KEVILL



## IN THE COMMUNITY

We may have spent the majority of this term in lockdown, but the staff at MediaCityUK were still out and about in the local community, conducting a meet and greet with our students and their families.

Staff handed out stationary, breakfast cereal, sanitary products, half term activities and pancake ingredients. They visited 5 different locations around the area, meeting and chatting with students and families, seeing over 60 students.

It was a great team effort. We would like to especially offer appreciation to our hardworking Hub Team (Hannah Miller and Rev Ruth Watson), Mrs Pathan and Mr Warmington for their support.



RED  
NOSE  
DAY

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We celebrated Red Nose Day this term by jumping on our bikes to cycle as much of the length of the UK as we could - from Lands' End to John O'Groats. That's a whopping 874 miles!

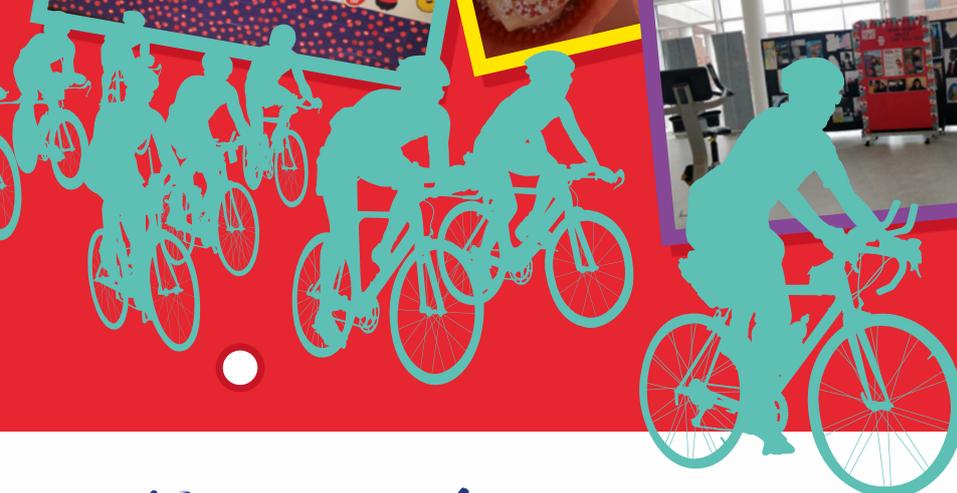
All week in the run up to Red Nose Day, 3 exercise bikes were set up in the academy for students and staff to take in turns to join in the fun and help us reach our target.

Mrs Hough also made boxes of 'Red Nose Day' themed cupcakes, sold for a minimum donation of £3, with all money going towards Comic Relief.

We are delighted to say we raised £419.68 for Comic Relief this year. Thank you to everyone who got involved and donated.

We also achieved 216.5 miles on the bikes - a great effort from everyone!

A special thank you to Mr McGrattan and Mrs Hough for their fundraising efforts.



# Dwain Brandy

## 100 INSPIRING TEACHERS

We would like to offer massive congratulations to our very own Dwain Brandy, who has been shortlisted for the 100 Inspiring Teachers campaign for The Guardian.

Dwain was particularly recognised for efforts in creating positive Black representation in education and the Anti-Racist approach he has spearheaded and which is being implemented within Oasis Community Learning. This approach is used to tackle institutionalised racism in and beyond our schools.

As Mr Brandy says, *“creating classrooms where all students can prosper and be the best version of themselves, where we can improve the life chances and aspirations of future generations, is the greatest reward and justification for entering the profession.”*

theguardian



# READING CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to our Reading Champions Disha (Year 8) and Lesley (Year 9), who both penned these fantastic write-ups of an inspirational woman from the world of Mathematics – Marie-Sophie Germain.

## Disha (Year 8)

Firstly, Sophie Germain was recognised as a mathematician who fought against the prejudice of the patriarchal society of her time. She is well known for her work in number theory and her work in the theory of elasticity, which is also very important in mathematics.

She was a French mathematician and physicist who faced harsh obstacles and circumstances as people had stereotypical views. This is why when she started her career she pretended to be a man so she could continue her job.

Secondly, in 1804 she began corresponding with Carl Friedrich Gauss, which is ironic since both of them are now known as the 'Prince of Mathematics' and 'Princess of Mathematics'. She was fascinated by his work, so out of curiosity she sent him some of her work on number theory.

Finally, due to her hard work, determination, courage and resilience she won as the first woman to win the grand prize from the Paris Academy of Sciences for her essay on the subject. After overcoming the obstacles that she faced, she proved to the society that their assumptions were incorrect and that women can also be genius at Maths. Though she was unable to attend a university, she became one of the best role models in Mathematics.

## Lesley (Year 9)

Marie-Sophie Germain was a French mathematician, physicist and philosopher, born on the 1st April 1776. As a young girl she was able to gain education from the books in her father's library, despite the disapproval from her parents and society.

Her great accomplishments included winning a grand prize at the Paris Academy of Sciences for her essay on the subject of elasticity theory and her work on Fermat's Last Theorem, which provided a foundation for mathematicians exploring the subject for hundreds of years.

However, because of the prejudice towards her gender, she was unable to make a career out of maths, but worked independently throughout her life. Before her death, another well-known mathematician by the name of Gauss had recommended that she be awarded an honorary degree, but that never happened.

On 27 June 1831, she died from breast cancer. On her hundredth anniversary, a street and a girls' school were named after her. The Academy of Sciences also established the Sophie Germain Prize in her honour.



# Book reviews

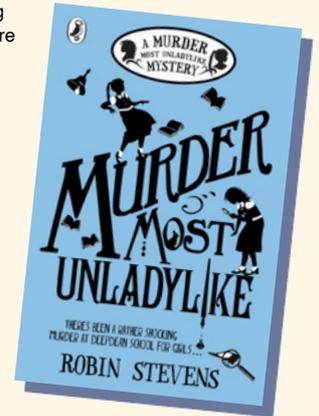
## Murder Most Unladylike

When I began to read this book I thought it would be a thrilling mystery, but after a few chapters I realised just how much more it was. The book was about a Chinese girl who moved from Hong Kong to join an English boarding school.

When there she meets a pretty English girl who's not quite who she seems to be. Once becoming friends, they create a detective society; this leads them to the murder of their science teacher Miss Bell. After reading this book I realised that not only was it a mystery book, but one of friendship, murder and horrifyingly good description of the tiniest drops of blood.

I would recommend this to other readers but with a warning; this book is not for the faint hearted!

Amelie



## Katy

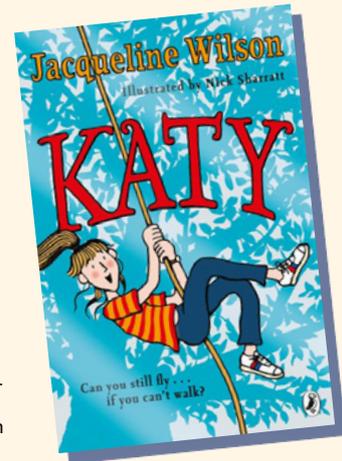
When I first began reading this book, my first thought was that Katy, who is the eldest of her five younger siblings, is very dauntless, courageous and an unintentional trouble maker. I was afraid that her outgoing spirit would lead herself to disappointment and ongoing danger, not only to herself, but also to her five other siblings, who dearly look up to her.

As I continuously read the book, I started to dislike Elsie and Izzie (Katy's step-sister and stepmother), as they didn't get along with Katy and Elsie always seemed to get her way. I quickly grew to a character bonding with the main character 'Katy', so whoever she disliked I also thought I had to dislike.

When you start getting to the middle of the book, that's when Katy has her injury after she fell from a loose rope on a tree. She was paralyzed and people thought that they had the need to feel empathetic towards her and show pity. However, Katy did not like the way she was getting treated differently and how she got more attention because she was in a wheelchair.

If someone else was to read this book, I would tell them that it has a powerful narrative which shares the important issues around how people with a disability get treated, without preaching or forcing the message onto them. Overall, this book is worth reading for the captivating and strong second half.

Divine



## Pride and Prejudice

When I began reading this book, my first thought was that Mr Darcy was selfish and didn't care about anyone except himself.

As I continued reading the book, I found out that everyone judges Mr Darcy without truly knowing who he actually is.

If someone else was about to read this book, I would tell them to get ready for drama and romance. Finally, after reading this book, we know that a happy marriage should be built on true love between like-minded people and people who choose marriage for financial security before love will come to regret it.

Stephania



The Greater Manchester

# VIRTUAL BAKE OFF

We were blown away by the student entries into the Virtual Bake Off competition that ran this term.

The Greater Manchester Virtual Bake Off was a competition involving schools from all over the Greater Manchester area, with all entries judged by celebrity guest Candice Brown, the winner of the 2016 series of The Great British Bake Off.

The challenge was to "create a show-stopping cake" and we certainly think many of our students did that!



# ART AT MEDIACITYUK

Our students have been producing some beautifully engaging and thoughtful artwork this term, in both their KS3 and KS4 lessons and Art Club.

Here are some of our favourite pieces.





# School

## Enrichment

Register your interest with the teacher or your Pastoral Leader. Our offer will expand over the coming weeks.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Year 8 Hub</b> Lunch Time *Invite ONLY*		<b>Year 7 Eco Club</b> Lunch Time	<b>Art Club</b> After-School Creative Open-Space Mr Di Mauro	<b>Year 7 Puppet Making</b> After-School Creative Open-Space Mrs McSparron
<b>Drama Club</b> After-School Training Room Mr Adshead		<b>Politics Club</b> After-School Training Room Ms Marsh	<b>Politics Club</b> After-School Training Room Ms Marsh	
<b>Debate Mate</b> After-School Auditorium Miss Woodfield		<b>Food's Around The World</b> After-School Food Room Mrs Hough		
		<b>Coding Club</b> After-School ICT Mr Naylor		



# NEWS



This term we've welcomed Rev Ruth Watson to the Oasis MediaCityUK family. Ruth is our new minister here at MediaCityUK Church and she is spending lots of time getting to know the community and working on some exciting church projects. If you would like to speak to Ruth you can contact her at [Ruth.Watson@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:Ruth.Watson@oasismediacityuk.org) or on 07811 859706. She'd love to hear from you!

## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

We are excited to announce the return of the Easter Holiday Club with Oasis Hub MediaCityUK and Salford Community Leisure. The club will run from OAMCUK on Monday 12th April – Thursday 16th April from 10am – 2pm each day. The club is FREE and includes a hot lunch. There will be sports, art, dance and drama activities each day. Places are limited and online booking is essential:

<https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/event/hh-scl-oasis/>

Visit the hub website for more information and keep checking our social media for updates.

## CAREERS CLUB

Thank you to those who took time to fill in our Careers Club questionnaire (it's not too late if you still want to send your reply: <https://bit.ly/39DvqXV>). After the Easter break we will be launching a series of short webinars to support those in our community looking for employment, and to help those with small businesses to grow and develop further. Everyone is welcome to join and we will share more details with you after Easter.



# ECCO CLUB

Eco club is aimed at KS3 students for those who want to make a difference in their environment and community.

We investigate the effect we have on our environment and how we can make positive changes to the world we live in. In our initial meetings will talk about the academy environment; students can share their ideas about how they can improve their environment, with a focus on how to be sustainable in our fast paced consumer society.

They will then become the academy's eco-warriors and share their ideas on how the academy and surrounding community can be a better and more sustainable place.

Eco Club meets Wednesday lunch time in HW5.

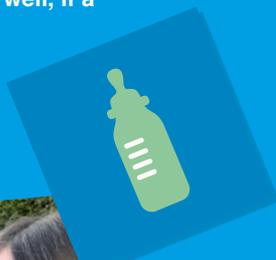
Please contact Miss Bastable or Miss Gregson for more information.



## Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to our wonderful Ms Fleming, who gave birth to baby Max in January of this year. All the family are doing well, if a little sleep deprived!

We cannot wait to meet Max in person; till then, I'm sure you'll join us in sending on our best wishes.



## UPCOMING DATES

DATE/TIME	EVENT	YEAR GROUP
FRIDAY 2ND APRIL	Good Friday/ Easter break begins	<i>All years</i>
TUESDAY 20TH APRIL	Return to the academy	<i>All years</i>
FRIDAY 23RD APRIL	HPV 2 Immunisations	<i>Year 8</i>
FRIDAY 30TH APRIL	HPV 2 Immunisations	<i>Year 8</i>
THURSDAY 13TH MAY	Year 10 Parents Evening	<i>Year 10</i>
FRIDAY 28TH MAY	End of half-term	<i>All years</i>

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