



HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter—Autumn 2023

A message from Mrs.Dunbavin and Mrs.Fletcher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term. Pupils have worked really hard to settle back in after summer and it has been a pleasure welcoming our new Year 7's and their families to the school community.

As well as welcoming new pupils we also say goodbye to one of our youngest pupils, Shenice Thompson. Shenice and her family are relocating down South so will be leaving Hope High on 22nd December. We will be sad to see Shenice go as she has been a pleasure to teacher and a valued member of the school community. We wish Shenice and her family the best of luck with their move and hope they settle quickly.

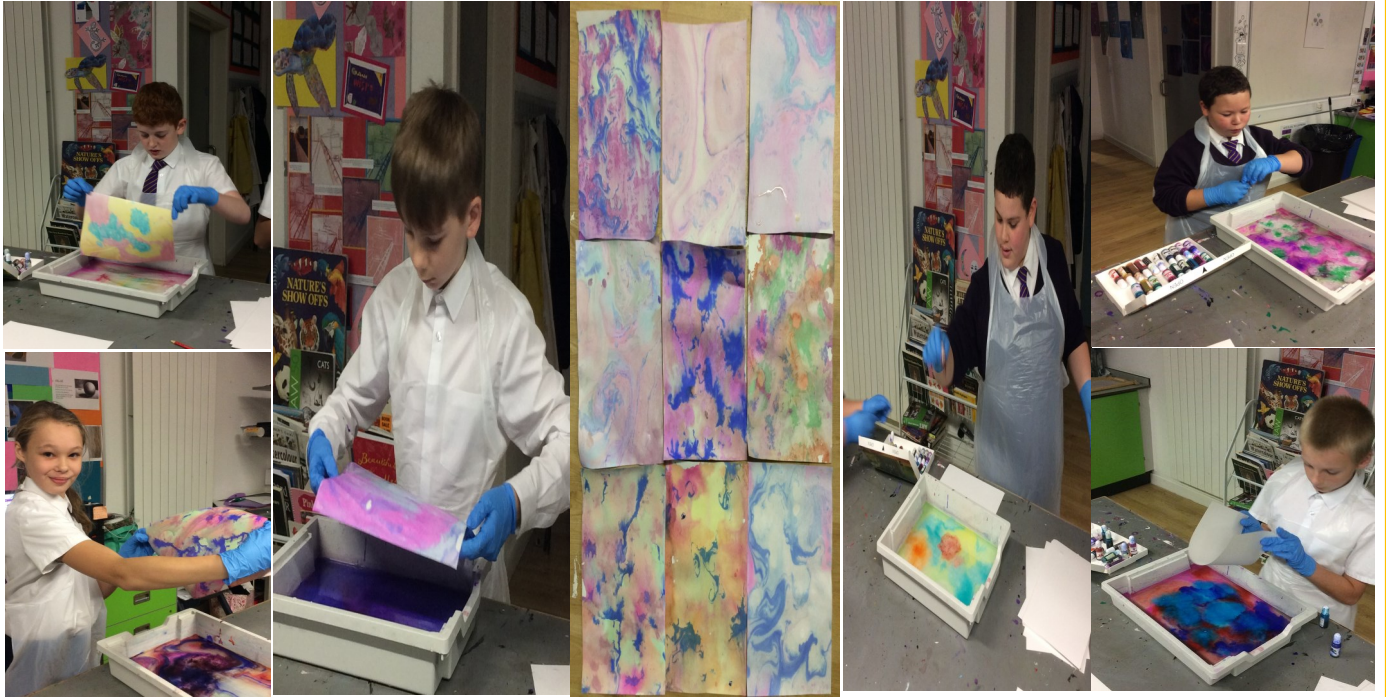
This term has been an action-packed time at Hope High with pupils being involved in a range of activities and experiencing a number of educational visits. This edition of the newsletter will give you the highlights and show just how busy our pupils have been. We are extremely proud of the way they have stepped outside of their comfort zone and represented the school in an extremely positive light.

We are looking forward to the new school term and January 2024 brings the exciting venture of collaboration with The Rose School, Burnley. This will be an opportunity for us to expand our support to even more families across Lancashire.

Thank you as always for the support you give to us. Our new school term starts January 8th 2024. Have a happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas with your families and loved ones and we look forward to welcoming pupils back in the New Year.

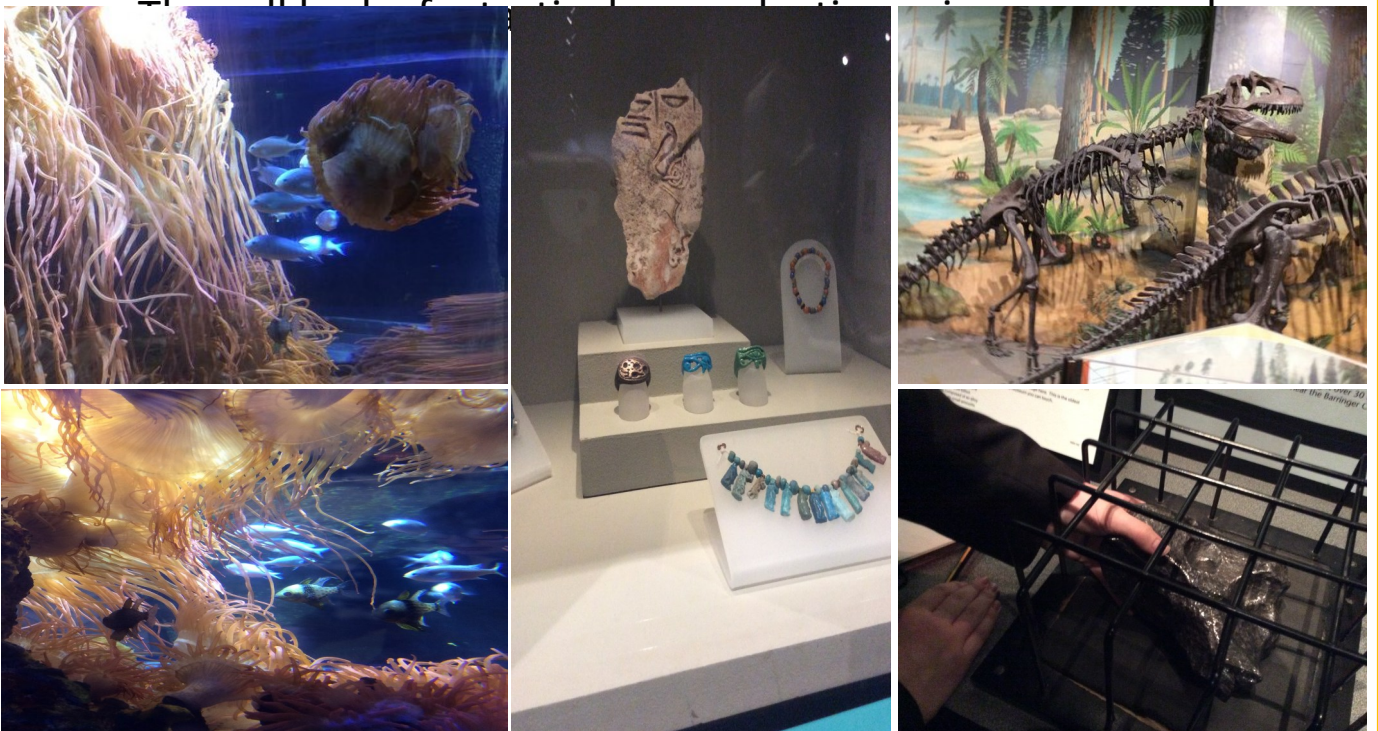
Art

In October our Year 7's were working on a Jan Pienkowski inspired Halloween project. They have really enjoyed it. They created some amazing marbled backgrounds as shown in the photos below!



Art Curriculum Trip - World Museum Liverpool, November

The students visited the World Museum in Liverpool to gain ideas and conduct first hand research for their art portfolios.



RE

In RE this term, Year 7 pupils have been discovering the importance of religious festivals, why we celebrate them and how they make us feel part of a community.



We took a trip to Roby Mill Pumpkin Patch and picked our own pumpkins to celebrate Halloween. Miss Forrester is so proud of her Year 7 groups for outstanding behaviour and working as part of a team on their first trip from Hope High School. It was particularly lovely to see pupils supporting each other when using the heavy wheelbarrows! We hope you enjoy all our pictures - we had so much fun together!



Miss Forrester was extremely proud of her Year 8 RE students who participated in a trip to Masjid E Salaam Mosque in Preston.



Our lovely inquisitive pupils had a wonderful morning touring the mosque, listening to the call of prayer, making their names in

Arabic and eating delicious food found in the Quran.

Our pupils represented our school excellently and have made the school, parents and carers proud of their respect, empathy and compassion for other cultures.



Miss Forrester was very proud of her Year 8 Group 1 pupils who had a fantastic RE lesson. They had been studying Judaism and created Challah bread. It was delicious!



Pupils were respectful, curious, understanding and empathetic. They truly enjoyed their cultural experience and even helped clean up at the end. Well done, group 1!



RE



Miss Forrester is so proud of her year 7. This term, we have been studying Christianity and Symbolism. To celebrate the upcoming Christian holiday, Christmas, year 7 have created beautiful wreaths. Well done to all our pupils who were respectful and empathetic.

In RE this term, we have been exploring Judaism. To commemorate the start of Hanukkah last Thursday, we foraged sticks from Forest School and created our own Star of David to celebrate the 8 nights. Well done, our wonderful pupils! Fantastic effort and respect shown to other religions and cultures.



DT

To remember Armistice Day, pupils were making wooden crosses in Design Technology. They engraved a poppy and a remembrance message on the crosses. Pupils then placed the crosses on the war memorial in Upholland to pay their respects.



Food Tech



As part of our horticulture pathway, students grew, harvested then cooked potatoes to illustrate the full cycle from field to plate!



Our Year 9 pupil Masani baked and decorated a wonderful cake in his Food Tech lesson. Well done Masani, it looks fantastic!!

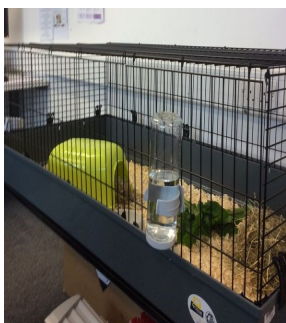


In other news....



In September we held a Macmillan coffee morning (which was a great success)! We raised a massive £281.20 for Macmillan. Thank you!

We are very pleased to announce three new additions to the Hope High family. Meet Diesel, Romeo and Malteser our (super cute) school Guinea Pigs! The pupils and staff have had a great morning getting to know them



World Mental Health Day

The theme of World Mental Health Day 2023 highlights, 'mental health is a universal human right'. Addressing the inequalities in mental health and working towards good mental health for all, not just for some.

Compass Bloom ran mental health workshops in October. The focus was '5 ways to Wellbeing'. The workshops are always well received by students at Hope High School.

Great Lancashire Debate Final



Our team of students attended the Great Lancashire Debate final at County Hall Preston. The team came away with second place overall and West Lancashire area winners!

The students delivered a powerful speech on the required provision for individuals with SEND in Lancashire and made some excellent suggestions on how this can be improved.

The judges were impressed with their presentation, maturity and passion for the topic that is close to their hearts. The students received excellent feedback including "how they referred to 'we' and 'our friends' so much - clearly young people with compassion for others".

All of us at Hope High are very proud of our students performance and we have been invited to another meeting on the topic of inclusion in Lancashire! A huge well done! The future is looking bright.



In other news....

Literacy Reward Trip



On Thursday 14th December, ten students and four lucky staff travelled to Liverpool on a 'Reading Reward' trip. Pupils were selected for the trip for reaching their targets in Accelerated Reader, and for showing effort and dedication to their reading.

First stop was Liverpool Central Library where pupils were amazed by this wonderful building with its modern winding staircases and rooftop terrace. We climbed to the top and saw great views of the library and the city. Next, we explored the historical Picton Reading Room which looks like something out of Harry Potter: a huge dome for a roof, and metal stairs and ladders to reach a wide range of books. Finally, we had the entire children's section to ourselves, and we explored and enjoyed the modern space. After eating our lunch, we walked over to enjoy the Christmas Market outside St George's Hall. Here, we got to enjoy a treat for all our hard work with students choosing something from the market: Hot Chocolate with marshmallows, giant cookies, chocolate covered doughnuts and German Frankfurter sausages.

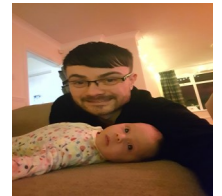
We had a fantastic fun filled day and we look forward to the next trip in the Spring! Any pupils who want to be considered for the next trip can speak to their English or Reading teacher for help on reaching their reading targets.



New Member of Staff



Meet Sox! He is one of our newest member's of staff. He joined us in November as our animal therapy dog who will join our students when having their interventions.



During our autumn term, two members of our staff welcomed new baby girls into their families. Congratulations to Miss. Askew welcoming Robin into the world and Mr. Baxendale welcoming Lily.

ATTENDANCE

This is just a reminder to all parents/carers, if your child has a medical appointment within the school day, please send proof of the medical appointment to the school office, if we do not receive this unfortunately it will have to be marked as unauthorised.

Holiday requests in term time will only be authorised if deemed exceptional circumstances, school will also be looking at your child's attendance when a holiday form is completed, if attendance is under 95% and you take your child out of school a penalty notice may be issued.

Thank you all for your continued support in improving schools attendance.

In other news....



For this years Christmas trip, our pupils and staff attended the Aladdin pantomime at St Helens Theatre. Over 70 pupils enjoyed the trip and we all got into the festive spirit!



Hope High School Christmas Fayre 2023!

Thank-you to everybody who came to our annual Christmas fayre! It was lovely seeing everybody having a great time. It was lovely to see so many people attend this community event. Our children played game's, sang and danced!

We had other visitors to our school including past pupil's, governors and Compass Bloom



We would like to thank all those who donated items for our tombola and stalls. We raised over £700 which is amazing and sincerely appreciated. These funds will go towards school trips and resources.



Up and coming....

Dates for Diary

Spring Term 2024

School re-opens: Monday 8th January 2024

School closes Friday 9th February 2024

Half term: Monday 12th February 2024-Friday 16th February 2024

School re-opens Monday 19th February 2024

School closes: Thursday 28th March 2024

Other

Thursday 18th January 2024—Jump into January

Monday 22nd January 2024—Vaccinations

Thursday 8th February 2024—Chinese New Year



breakfast

All children have the opportunity to have breakfast/east snack when they arrive at school and throughout the morning.

snack



A reminder for parents/carers to please ensure that uniform is labelled. We are regularly being asked about lost uniform but unfortunately it can be difficult to find.

