

NEWSLETTER 2020 - 2021











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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well. As a school, community and country we have all been though another very challenging school year. This newsletter would usually be full of news about our extracurricular activities, our trips and our events. Unfortunately, very little of those things have happened this year because of the covid situation. Our main focus has been on keeping our staff and students safe. We have also tried to ensure that whatever the difficulties, our students are still receiving an excellent standard of education and care.

We are very aware of the continued losses that our community has suffered in recent months. We send our condolences to all of you who have lost family and friends.

We are also very aware of how difficult things have been for our students and their families on so many levels. The closure of the school in January has led to our students feeling isolated and worried. We recognise how hard this must have been. We also recognise the impact on our students' education and the worry that will have caused them.

I am very pleased to be able to share how well students have worked and behaved in school this year. On their return in August and in March they displayed a maturity and resilience towards their learning. They have worked very hard and behaved very well. I do feel that having 'lost' their education for some time, our students now recognise how valuable it is to them. I also believe that the experience of working from home has made them more independent. As always, we are trying to take the positives from the situation!

I am very proud of the on-line education we were able to provide during the second school closure. We had learnt a huge amount about providing remote learning after the first closure. We ensured that all staff were well trained and ready to deliver lessons remotely. The school also ensured that we had prepared our students well for working on-line. We were also able to lend out over 300 devices so that all students could access their lessons.

I want to pay tribute to our students who attended well and worked hard, while the school was closed. Our attendance at lessons was 84%, which in the circumstances was excellent. Our students positivity and warmth kept us going in difficult times.

I also want to pay tribute to the Moat staff who have worked tirelessly during the lock down to keep our students' education going on-line. Support staff and teachers worked very hard as a team to ensure that we provided high quality remote education

I want to thank our parents, who have 'home schooled' their children. We are incredibly grateful for your support at such a challenging time. I'm sure that you will agree that home schooling has brought you challenges and maybe some joy!

We are sure that because of the collective efforts of staff, students and parents, much less learning time was lost in the second lockdown.

I am sure that we all hope that the next school year will be 'normal'. A part of this normality is that students should be in perfect school uniform for the new academic year:

A very detailed description of the uniform is included in this newsletter. Could you please ensure that your son/daughter has all of the necessary items for next August. Most of the compulsory items on the list are available at school-wear stockists. The blazer, tie and jumper are available to purchase directly from our official supplier:

Uniform Direct 54-56 Humberstone Gate, Leicester.

Telephone - 0116 2511844

Email: www.uniform-direct.com

Over the summer holiday I would, of course, ask you to ensure that your sons and daughters follow all the government regulations around safety. Our students would also benefit from reading as widely as possible over the summer and we will be putting suitable books on our on-line platforms to support this.

I would like to mention several staff who are leaving us this summer. These include: Ms Mansoor, Miss Whittingham, Miss Mercer and Mrs De Souza. They will all be sadly missed by all at Moat.

We will contact you over the summer by email, through our app and website with information about how the start of next term will be organised. This communication will include dates, times and any safety information.

Finally, I would like to finish by paying tribute to all the NHS and care staff who have worked bravely and tirelessly to keep us safe during the pandemic. I'm sure that as a school and community we would all wish to thank them.

Thank you for your support during another difficult year for the school.

We wish you and your families well over the summer. Do take care of yourself.

Mr B Killeen Principal





SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



| Item | Acceptable | Unacceptable |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Trousers | Plain black, school style Flat or pleated front Full length bootleg or straight style. | No black jeans, combats or denim style. Skinny/clingy trousers are not allowed. Trousers tucked into socks. Cropped trousers/shorts No decoration e.g. gold/silver buttons, embellishments, motifs, large zips, buckles, laces. Leggings/jeggings/tracksuit bottoms (only for PE) |
| Skirt | Skirts must be plain black and knee to ankle length Pleated or A-line style | Denim, tube or skinny fitting styles/jersey/lycra Slits Floor length No decoration e.g. gold/silver buttons, embellishments, motifs, large zips, buckles, laces. |
| Shirt/ Blouse | Plain white collared shirt with either long or short sleeves School range Plain white t-shirts/vest tops may be worn under shirts | No polo shirts Coloured shirts, Patterned/Embroidered Capped sleeves Midriff on show, Sheer/transparent |
| Socks/ Tights/ leggings | Plain black Leggings - full length, worn underneath a skirt | Crop leggings Leggings worn alone without a skirt Patterned or footless tights |
| Jumper/ Cardigan | Moat Logo jumper/cardigan purchased through the school supplier | Jumpers/cardigans without the Moat logo are not to be worn No hoodies allowed |
| Religious clothing | Plain black hijab/topi | No fancy embroidery or embellishments on headwear |
| Shoes | Plain black shoes School range Shoes you can polish/shine | Logos i.e. Nike, adidas, puma, Lonsdale etc Trainers Coloured laces Large buckles, on shoes Trousers tucked into boots Plimsolls or Canvas shoes Flip flops or sandals Heels over 2"/large platform soles |
| Outdoor wear | Jackets/Coats | Should not be worn in the building |
| Lanyards | These are part of the uniform and should be worn at all times | |
| Jewellery and accessories | Small studded earrings only Belts - plain and small and only used for practical purposes. Headbands, bobbles, clips must be small and plain black without decoration | Excessive Jewellery is not permitted Hats, caps and hoods are not to be worn in the college building at any time. |
| Makeup | Some discreet makeup is allowed | Students will be asked to remove makeup that is considered to be extreme |

COLLEGE UNIFORM - BOYS



Compulsory items

Moat logo blazer

Moat tie





These College items are available from:

Uniform Direct 54-56 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 3PJ

Telephone 0116 2511844

Compulsory items

Plain white cotton shirt (must have a collar)

Plain black trousers

School style

Full length





Purchase from any shop

Compulsory items

Socks (Plain black)

Plain black shoes (Shoes you can polish/ shine)



Purchase from any shop

Optional item:

Plain black Moat logo jumper (worn underneath the college blazer)



This College item is available from:

Uniform Direct 54-56 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 3PJ

Telephone 0116 2511844

Optional item

Plain black topi



Purchase from any shop

COLLEGE UNIFORM - GIRLS





Compulsory Items

Moat logo blazer

Moat tie





These College items are available from:

Uniform Direct 54-56 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 3PJ

Telephone 0116 2511844

Compulsory Items

Plain white cotton **shirt** (must have a collar)

Plain black trousers

School style

Full length





Purchase from any shop

Compulsory Items

Plain black skirt

Pleated or A-line (knee length or longer)





Purchase from any shop

Compulsory Items

Socks – Plain black

Tights – Plain black (worn underneath the skirt)

Leggings – Plain black, full length, (worn underneath the skirt)

Plain black shoes (Shoes you can polish/ shine)



Purchase from any shop

Optional item:

Plain black Moat logo cardigan/jumper (worn underneath the college blazer)

Plain black hijab -(no fancy embroidery)





Jumper/cardigan available from:

Uniform Direct

Hijab - Purchase from any shop

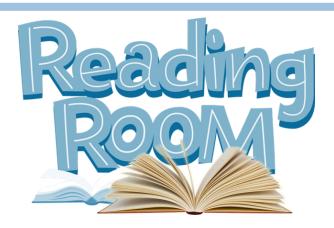


PE UNIFORM - GIRLS & BOYS



| White t-shirt or polo-shirt (short or long sleeves) | Purchase from any shop |
|--|------------------------|
| Plain black sweatshirt | Purchase from any shop |
| Plain black tracksuit bottoms/shorts or leggings | Purchase from any shop |
| Trainers worn with white socks | Purchase from any shop |

- Students must remove all items of jewellery before participating in physical activity, for safety reasons.
- During the winter months, students are allowed to wear extra layers but not wear their coat/jacket for PE.



Moat Book Day 2021 A Reading Day to Remember!

March 25th 2021 will go down in the annals of Reading Room history as the date of the very first Moat Book Day – World Book Day the Moat way!

This bonanza for bibliophiles was an opportunity to celebrate our love of books and reading by taking part in book themed activities aimed to further enthuse those who are already voracious readers and to tempt those who might need some extra persuasion.

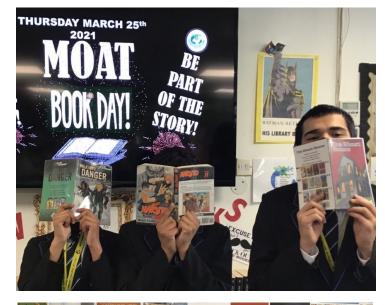
Lessons began with an enticing story extract from a wide range of books, all available to read in full on 'Sora' our new digital reading platform, and each Year 7 student was the lucky recipient of a free book.

All readers are winners, but the winners of the day's very popular 'Moat Way in the Way Book Cover Competition' were Amna Ali (8.10), Dhruhi Bhupendra (7.1), Aisha Jamati (7.4) and Zainab Rakhada (7.1).

Ayesha Aftabalam (9.1) won a special prize for enthusiastic contribution from home, as even self-isolation cannot stand in the way of a keen reader and her books!

Throughout the day students and staff were encouraged to share pictures of their reading books which were added to the Moat Reading Wall - a fitting visual reminder of an enjoyable day and of the invaluable role that reading plays in our lives, not only nourishing our minds and firing our imaginations, but also helping us to make sense of our own experiences and linking us to the experiences of others.

Miss Gillain







Awards

Different departments awarded individual students prizes for achievement in their subject.

The following students received awards.

Ivan Bryan Prize for Student Achievement

Umaymah Ahmed

Dipak Chatterjee Prize for Student Achievement

Andrei Stefan Enache

Stephen Knight Prize— Modern Foreign Languages

Muhammad Makda

Chunabhai Patel Prize - Science

Waqqas Ibrahim

Gordon Baxter Prize - English

Waggas Ibrahim

Student Achievement in Mathematics

Andrei Stefan Enache

Sportsman of the year

Muhammad Makda

Sportswoman of the year

Samira Bensaid

Business and Enterprise Award

Andrei Stefan Enache

English as an Additional Language Award

Tasneem Kutubuddin

Personal Endeavour and Achievement Award

Najma Mohamud

Award for Technological Innovation

Laylah George

Creativity Award

Umar Ahmed

Personal Development Education Award

Sharfudeen Monia

Information Technology Award

Andrei Stefan Enache

History Award

Shehzad Mova

Geography Award

Tasmia Hoque

Religious Education Award

Ayesha Adam

Drama Award

Mulki Ahmed

Teaching and Learning Award

Madiha Ussen

Music Award

Samira Sharif

Sociology Award

Maisha Khatun

Health And Social care Award

Halima Samma

Freda Hussain Award

Akib Muntashir



Careers @Moat

We have been determined to continue with as many career events as possible and explore other means of delivery. This has been particularly important in preparing our year 11 for their post 16 transition.

From the first week of the Autumn term, we began a rigorous process of offering a _'one to one' careers interview to every year 11 student before the Christmas holiday which was necessary to catch up on lost learning from the first lockdown. This action proved to be invaluable in preparing students for their college applications.

In December, we were delighted to offer year 11 students a chance to be given a virtual mock interview by employers organised by LEBC. The students gained much confidence which was further reinforced as individuals were given written personal feedback from the employers. This intervention proved to be a strength to our students, as this year, the colleges decided to interview virtually for places on their courses.

On the 9th March we held our Year 8 LEBC Speed Networking event virtually. This event was threatened to have to be cancelled as it fell within the reopening week of the school but with much resilience and negotiation with employers, the event went ahead and helped our students gain meaningful encounters with local employers.

The Year 7's took part in the virtual 'what's my job' event delivered by the LEBC. The aim of the event was for students to learn about the many different opportunities available and to introduce them to the world of work. This event increased confidence and communication skills. Students had fun meeting and discovering the jobs of a large number of employers. This event promoted excellent employability skills for our youngest of students.

In April a small number of our Year 9 students took part in a project delivered by the 'Volunteer It Yourself' team. They built three planters and benches for the school. This project enabled students to use their team working and communication skills as well as develop new employability skills.

Work Experience @Moat

Due to the coronavirus situation we have had to cancel our work experience this year but we will be delivering a very exciting virtual version.

Parents can help by letting Steve Dowell (<u>sdowell@moat.leicester.sch.uk</u>) know of any companies who would like to host work experience for our students in the future.

Post 16 options @Moat

This year we took a different approach in informing our year 11's about their post 16 options. Many of our local post 16 colleges and providers presented virtually to the students, allowing them to ask questions. This was a very successful way of giving our students the information they needed to make decisions about the post 16 choices.

Apprenticeship @Moat

We have been providing support for students who are interested in applying for an apprenticeship.

Enterprise Advisor @Moat

Vipal Karavadra is the director of Fluid Funding, who is our Enterprise Advisor. Vipal has a large contact base with many industrial sectors which we hope will help us in the future. He was involved in an interview with our year 8 students, which is available to view on our social media.

Visitors @Moat

Research has shown that our students should have meaningful encounters with employers. Experience has shown that ex-students help our present students in a fantastic way. We have a number of opportunities where we welcome alumni that can support our next generation. If you are interested in being involved please contact Mrs Shenaz Kidy on 0116 2625705 ext 809 or email createyourfuture@moat.leicester.sch.uk.

National Citizens Service (NCS) @Moat

NCS is for 16 and 17 year old's who are encouraged to take part in social action projects and build skills for work and life. Many of our year 11 students have signed up for this however due to the current situation this event is on hold.

GCSE Citizenship @Moat

The GCSE students have been developing their campaigning skills by raising awareness about various issues. Active Citizenship is a very important element of the exam. Year 9s have been considering the issues of Peace and Unity. Year 10s have focused on Knife Crime and Year 11s have been developing their knowledge and understanding about forced marriages. Many other topics have been covered depending on the ability and interests of the students.

For more information contact:

Hetal Sharma - Head of Careers and PDE hsharma@moat.leicester.sch.uk

Daljinder Padam – Assistant Principal with responsibility for Careers dpadam@moat.leicester.sch.uk





Intermediate Mathematical Challenge 2021

All set 1 students in years 9, 10 and 11 were entered into the UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge which took place online during lockdown. This is a national competition aimed at higher attaining students. To be able to recognise the highest performers in the challenge around the country, the top scoring 40% of participants are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1.

Our students achieved some amazing results. Well done to the following students:

Gold

Andrei-Stefan Enache (11.7) and Khalil Desai (11.2)

(Both Andrei and Khalil were invited to the next round of the Pink Kangaroo challenge).

Silver

Mohamed Faisal Abshir (10.5), Ubeidullah Cassia (11.7), Sara Blake-Sealey (11.4) and Nuradin Qanyare (11.3)

Bronze

Muhammad Samniwala (9.1), Yaseen Altaf (9.1), Mohamad Tayyab Mohamad Taher (10.3), Humaira Shaikh (10.4), Abubaker Ussenbai (10.3), Abdulkareem Karim (10.3), Mohamed Abdalle (10.8), Nishat Jalla (10.4), Mohammed Makda (10.1), Gibrail Seth (11.4), Abdullahi Abubaker (11.7), Laylah George (11.3), Zaid Sidat (11.8), Yusuf Surti (11.7), Fatima Mohamed (11.1), Fatima Bhula (11.6), Madiha Ussen (11.9), Mehrin Latif (11.8), Zhill Imaan (11.2), Adam Makda (11.3), Mathirah Ashif (11.4), Zaynab Ashker (11.7), Ahmad Baig (11.7), Waqqas Ibrahim (11.4), Maisha Khatun (11.7), Gehon Martin (11.3), Bilal Shaikh (11.6), Mohamed Sahil Shamir (11.5) and Aaisha Simjee (11.8)

Junior Mathematical Challenge 2021

All set 1 students in years 7 and 8 also took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. Well done to the following students:

Gold

Mohammad Saad Kolia (7.1)

Silver

Mohammad Ayaan Bassir Ahmed (7.5), Ayaan Biban (7.3), Faizaan Ismael (7.4), Ruqiya Maxamud (7.8), Abdul-Rahman SImjee (7.7), Asma Allarakhu (8.5), Khadijah Daya (8.8), Riyaa Kaur Harris (8.8), Abu-Hurairah Iqbal (8.8), Mohamed-Raees Jamal (8.6), Aisha Loonat (8.6)

Bronze

Aasiyah Ahmed (7.5), Muhammed Daud (7.6), Abdulhamid Manga (7.7), Aresha Maqsood (7.8), Ayaan Mussagibai (7.7), Muhammed Saleem Patia (7.4), Sumayyah Suleman (7.4), Ibrahim Ussen (7.8), Urwah Ahmad (8.1), Muhammad Saleem Hafejee (8.7), Muhammad Jet (8.3), Uzmaa Khalifa (8.7), Talhah Rehman (8.6), Rayhaan Sheikh (8.8), Hamza Yusuf (8.2).

Mathematics Department



Moat Maths

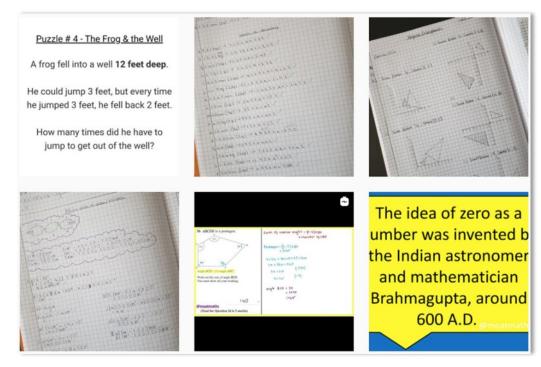


Just a bit of extra

maths...

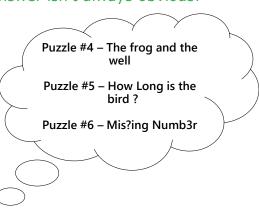
Improve your maths by following our maths Instagram account @moatmaths which is run by the Moat Maths Department.

This includes exam questions with worked solutions, revision, student work, puzzles and more:



This year, the Maths department have introduced a weekly **Puzzle Corner** as we believe this is one way in which numeracy skills are challenged as a whole. Students have responded really well especially the lower school, as we are getting nearly one hundred entries per week but we're still aiming for more!

The winning students have been awarded prizes and reward points but we are always interested in puzzles that you would like to be used. See your maths teacher for more information. Well done and keep thinking and remember, the answer isn't always obvious!



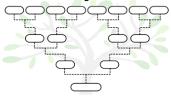


PUZZLEOFTHEWEEK

Puzzle Corner # 1

Mr. and Mrs. Mustard have six daughters and each daughter has one brother.

Family Tree



How many people are in the Mustard family?

Answers on MS Forms, due Wednesday





The students have been undertaking 4 athletic events in PE to determine who is the 'Moat Olympian'. Below is a list of all the top athletes in PE this term:

Ms Cohen's Top Athletic Performers

Year 7

60m - Hayat Hogsade 7.7 (11.17 secs) 800m - Raeesah Haji 7.6 (4.59 mins) Long Jump - Zikra Imrankhan 7.5 (2.57 Howler - Zikra Imrankhan 7.5 (11.10 meters)

Year 8

60m - Mariam Ali 8.7 (10.49 secs) 800m - Atika Ikleriya 8.6 (3.58 mins) Long Jump - Mariam Ali 8.7 (2.89 meters) Howler - Mariam Ali 8.7 (13 meters)

Year 9

60m - Nylah George 9.1 (11.52 secs) 800m - Nylah George 9.1 (4.59 mins) Long Jump - Nylah George 9.1 (2.53 meters) Shot - Nylah George 9.1 (4.65 meters)

Year 10

60m - Khuwayda Jamal 10.2 (11.04 secs) 800m - Rehmat Imran 10.7 (4.04 mins) Long Jump - Khuwayda Jamal 10.2 (2.44 meters)

Shot - Rehmat Imran 10.7 (5.85 meters)

Year 11

60m - Umaymah Ahmed 11.5 (10.13 secs) 800m - Naadira Banabilah 11.4 (4.11 mins) Long Jump - Sabrina Ali 11.9 (2.74 meters) Shot - Sadiyah Sultan 11.9 (6.52 meters)

Mr Daine's Athletics Top Performers

Year 7

60m - Rehan Shaikh 7.4 (10.3 secs) 800m - Saffan Shaikh 7.7 (4 min 41 secs) Long jump - Oliwer Szewczuk (2.8 meters) Howler - Oves Rangrej 7.7 (14.82 meters)

Year 8

60m - Muhammad Palejwala 8.8 (9.8 secs) 800m - Abubakr Khalifa 8.6 (3mins 17 secs) Long jump - Abubakr Khalifa (3.5 meters) Howler - Aryaan Patel 8.6 (15 meters)

Year 9

60m - Hakeem Faroog 9.1 (8.6 secs) 800m - Hakeem Farooq 9.1 (3 min 27 secs) Long jump - Manav Bhatwala 9.4 (3.4 meters) Shot - Muhammad Kadri 9.4 (9.4 meters)

Year 10

60m - Muhammad Yoosuf Tava 10.7 (8.4 secs) 800m - Mohammad Rahimi 10.7 (3 mins 21 secs) Long jump - Mohammad Rahimi 10.7 (4.4) meters)

Shot - Mohammad Rahimi 10.7 (10.3 meters)

Year 11

60m - Sehzad Mova 11.6 (8.4 secs) 800m - Muhammad Makda 11.4 (2 mins 46 secs) Long jump - Uzair Sajjad 11.4 (4.35 meters) Shot - Muhammad Makda 11.4 (10.3 meters)

Mr Tailby's Athletics Top Performers

Farhan Gulamussen 7.2 Muhammed Abdullah 8.1 Abdulrahman Musa 9.8 Ammaz Maqbool 10.3 Souleiman Said 11.3 Ibrahima Djalo 11.2

Mr Arvela's Athletics Top Performers

Year 7

60m – Ayaan Mussagibai 7.7 (9.39 secs) 800m – Ayaan Mussagibai 7.7 (3 mins 20 secs)

Year 8

60m - Hamza Yusuf 8.2 (8.52 secs)

Year 9

60m - Yusuf Hussain 9.5 (8.8 secs) 800m - kacper Lebiedzinski 9.5 (3mins 3 secs)

Year 10

60m – Shaad Dadu 10.5 (7.94 secs) 800m Mohammed Sumra 10.4 (3 mins 9 secs)

Best Overall athlete in year 10 Azaam Mohamed 10.4

Ms Shaws Athletics Top Performers

Year 7

60m - Zoya Khan 7.2 (9.55 secs) 800m - Zoya Khan 7.2 (4 min 43 secs) Long jump - Umaymah Patel 7.1 (2.93 meters) Howler - Rukia (Rouguiatou) Cisse 7.2 (12.1 meters)

Year 8

60m - Raheela Zadran 8.1 (9.96 secs) 800m - Salma Ibrahim 8.3 (4 mins 18 secs) Long Jump - Urwah Ahmed 8.1 (2.81meters) Howler - Urwah Ahmed 8.1 (17.75 meters)

Year 9

60m - Mahek Nan 9.5 (9.66 secs) 800m Mahek Nan 9.5 (4 min) Shot - Sumaya Rahman 9.6 (6.25 meters)

Year 10

60m - Yusra Kasim 10.2 (9.77 secs) 800m - Amira Hussein 10.4 (4.41meters) Shot - Safa Hassan 10.4 (4.65 meters)

Year 11

60m - Chantice Finnemore 11.6 (10.55 secs) 800m - Umamah Faquirbhai 11.5 (4 mins 4 secs) Shot - Salma Jama 11.9 (6.25 meters)





Innovating for the future

Poster competition

Congratulations to the Science Week Competition Winner 2021

Each winner received a certificate and Highcross vouchers for their incredible efforts towards creating a poster on "Innovation for the Future".

Well done for all your efforts!

First Place:

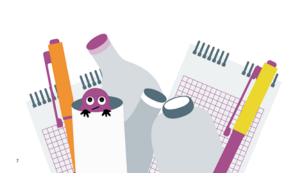
Pall-Ihsan Chaudhary (7.4)

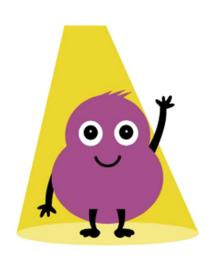
Second Place:

Sirtaj Sebaj (9.6)

Third Place:

Sameer Hoque (7.4)







team @ Moat

The Eco-Team is always working hard behind the scenes to implement the 5R's of ecology in our school. I would like to share an eco-project that *finally (!)* came to completion last week after the many lockdowns.

Refusing to see 221 unused textbooks go to waste, our eco-warriors decided to send them to Africa.

They recycled tomato cans from the school kitchen and transformed them into cute plant cachepots. They then sold these to local businesses on Maidstone road and used the money raised to ship the books.

The textbooks finally departed for Africa last week, where they will be reused by local schools and teachers.

Special thanks to Ms Hughes who entrusted the eco-team with the MFL textbooks, Ms Sheehan who kindly kept the tomato cans for us, and to Ms Burton who let us invade her room during lunchtime.

The charity we worked with is called Books2Africa - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tOCzv3gky9E

Mrs L Amrani









The School Council arranged a bake sale for each year group to raise money for Humanitarian aid for Palestine. The students behaved in a positive manner and the money raised will make a difference in the lives of those that have been affected.

The following amount was raised by each year group.

Year 7 - £206 approximately

Year 8 - £205 approximately

Year 9 - £250 approximately

Year 10 - £410 approximately

Total raised from bake sale ONLY: $\pounds 1079.05$

This takes the grand total to £1735.28

Many students brought in their own cakes but thanks also go to secret bakers Ms. Amrani, Ms. Cross who very kindly helped out.

The lovely ladies in the catering team took it one step further, they decided to also take part and brought in some home made savouries. They managed to raise more than $\pounds 250.00$

The final total we raised as a school is £2000.28

Well done to our students and staff for coming together as a community to help improve the lives of others.

Mr. N Taib











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