



# SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER

2025/26

## A Wonderful Term at Safe Start School

This term has been a busy and exciting one for our students and staff at Safe Start School. We have enjoyed a wide range of enriching experiences, including fun and educational trips, visits, and an amazing residential adventure that created lasting memories for everyone involved.

Throughout the term, we have also come together to celebrate important events such as Eid, World Book Day, and British Science Week, alongside many other activities that have inspired learning, creativity, and connection across the school.

It has been a fantastic term, and we are incredibly proud of all that our students have achieved. We look forward to building on this success and welcoming even more opportunities for learning and enjoyment in the next term.





# TRIPS & VISITS

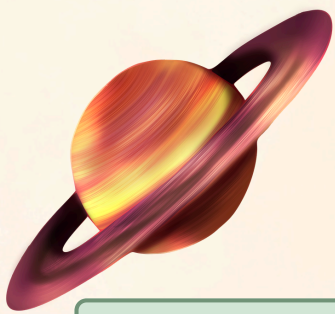
## GMFRS Training and Safety Centre

Our students enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the GMFRS Safety Centre in Bury. The visit gave them the opportunity to take part in a range of interactive activities designed to teach important life-saving skills and safety awareness.

Throughout the session, students explored different scenarios and learned about fire safety, emergency situations, and how to stay safe in everyday life. The centre provides an immersive and hands-on learning experience, helping young people understand how to respond to risks and what to do in an emergency.

It was a brilliant trip that combined fun with valuable learning, and the students had an amazing time while gaining important knowledge that could help keep themselves and others safe.





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## Jodrell Bank Centre

Our Thrive 1 class enjoyed an exciting and inspiring visit to Jodrell Bank Centre for British Science Week.

During the trip, students explored fascinating exhibits all about space, planets, and the universe, bringing their classroom learning to life. Seeing the iconic Lovell Telescope and discovering how scientists study stars and galaxies helped deepen their understanding of topics they have been studying, including Earth and space.

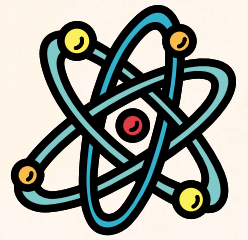
It was wonderful to see them making connections between their lessons and real-world science in such an inspiring setting.

A fantastic day of learning beyond the classroom – well done to all of our students for representing the school so brilliantly!





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## Science and Industry Museum

To celebrate British Science Week, our Thrive 2 and KS4 students enjoyed an exciting educational visit to the Science and Industry Museum.

During the visit, students explored a range of interactive galleries and exhibits, learning about the discoveries, inventions and technologies that have helped shape the modern world. The museum tells the story of over 250 years of scientific innovation and industrial development, many of which began in Manchester and went on to change the world.

The trip gave students a fantastic opportunity to experience science in a hands-on way, sparking curiosity and encouraging them to think about how science and technology influence our everyday lives. It was a brilliant way to celebrate British Science Week and inspire our young scientists!



# TRIPS & VISITS



## Dukinfield Town Hall - Internship Event

Our KS4 and Thrive 2 students recently attended a Supported Internships information event at Dukinfield Town Hall, organised by the Employment & Skills team at Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council.

The session introduced students to the next steps into work, helping them understand what supported internships are, how they work, and the opportunities available for young people with additional needs as they move from education into employment.

During the visit, students learned about building confidence, developing new skills, and gaining real workplace experience with the right support in place.

They also heard real-life experiences and were able to explore future pathways and support options available to them after school.

The event provided valuable insight into employment opportunities and helped students begin thinking about their future goals and career aspirations.

## EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS

### SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS: THE NEXT STEPS INTO WORK

Want to build confidence, learn new skills and get real work experience?

If you are 16-24 with additional needs, a supported Internship can help you take the next step from education into employment — with plenty of support along the way.



## WHAT YOU'LL GET

- An understanding of what a supported internship is
- An explanation of how it works
- Answers to questions including real life experience from a young person and their parents
- Links for further support, including other options if an internship isn't right for you

## THE WHEN AND WHERE

**Dukinfield Town Hall, Wednesday 4 March**

Choose the session that works best for you:

**12:30 - 1:30pm or 5:30 - 6:30pm**

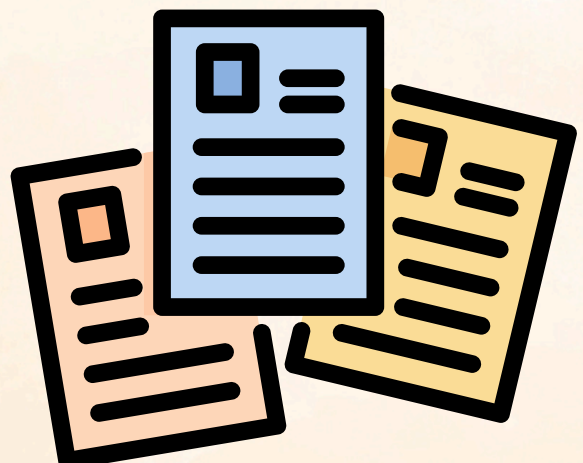
(You only need to attend one.)

Interested but can't make it? Don't worry — a recorded version will be available on the Local Offer website afterwards so you can still find out more

**Book your place.** Scan the QR code, call 0161 342 3111 or email [employmentandskills@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:employmentandskills@tameside.gov.uk)



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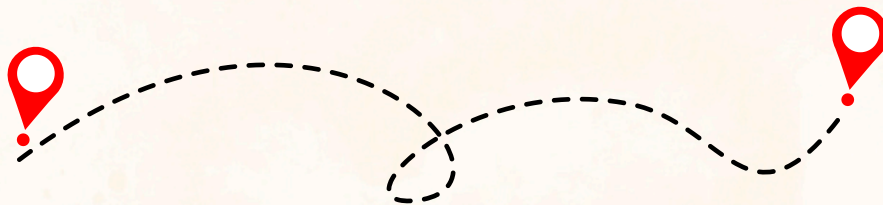
## PGL Residential Trip

Some of our students recently enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall with PGL, set within 50 acres of beautiful parkland in Lancashire.

During their stay, students took part in a wide range of exciting outdoor adventure activities, including climbing, archery, zip wiring and team-building challenges. Many also had the opportunity to try new experiences such as raft building and tackling high ropes courses, helping to build confidence, resilience and teamwork skills.

The days were action-packed, and the fun continued into the evenings with group activities that encouraged friendship, communication and collaboration.

The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for students to step outside of their comfort zones, support one another and create lasting memories. We were incredibly proud of the way they represented the school throughout the visit.





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## PGL Residential Trip Photos



# ENRICHMENT

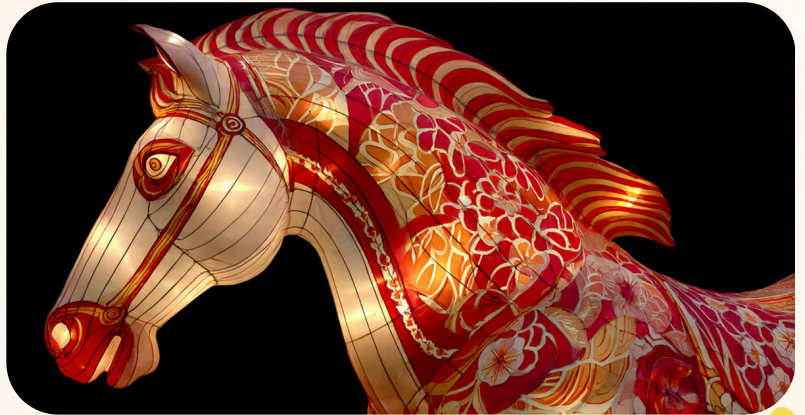
## Chinese New Year

To celebrate Chinese New Year, our school enjoyed a delicious themed lunch prepared by our amazing cook, Corina.

Students had the opportunity to try a variety of Chinese dishes, bringing the celebration to life through food and culture.

The room was filled with excitement as everyone tucked in – and it's safe to say the meal was a huge hit!

A big thank you to Corina for creating such a tasty and special lunch for us all. It was a wonderful way to mark the occasion and explore different traditions together.





# ENRICHMENT



## World Book Day

Our students had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day!

They brought their favourite stories to life, dressing up as beloved book characters or cozying up in their pyjamas for a day full of reading fun.

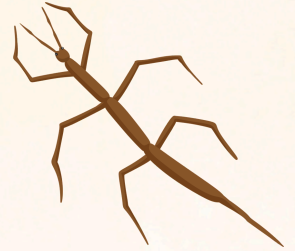
Everyone received book tokens to pick their next great read, and creativity was in full swing as students designed their own book covers, showcasing their unique stories and imaginations.

We also had a special surprise from Corina, our amazing cook, who dressed up as Where's Wally!

At the end of the day, Corina hid somewhere on the school grounds and the students had to search to find her. The hunt caused lots of excitement and laughter and was a fantastic way to end our World Book Day celebrations.



# ENRICHMENT



## World Wildlife Day

To celebrate World Wildlife Day, our Thrive 1 class took part in an exciting hands-on project learning about insects and their life cycles. The students began growing their own stick insects using a stick insect kit, carefully observing the process from tiny eggs through to hatching and growth.

The project encouraged curiosity, patience, and responsibility as students learned how to care for the insects and understand more about the natural world. Stick insects hatch from eggs and grow through several stages, eventually reaching adulthood after a few months, giving the class a fascinating opportunity to observe their development up close.

The students have loved checking on their insects and learning about how these amazing creatures live and grow. It has been a wonderful way to bring wildlife learning into the classroom!



# ENRICHMENT

Happy  
Eid Al Fitr

## Eid al-Fitr

We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon celebrating Eid at school, filled with joy, learning and cultural appreciation.

A special thank you goes to our Thrive 2 teacher, Shamsa, who organised such a meaningful experience for our students. She kindly provided a beautiful selection of traditional outfits for students to explore and try on, giving everyone the opportunity to learn more about different cultures.

Students also enjoyed tasting a variety of delicious foods, learning about Eid traditions, and taking part in some dancing together. It was a fantastic afternoon full of laughter, engagement and celebration, and a great opportunity for students to learn about and appreciate the traditions of others.





# ENRICHMENT

## Red Nose Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating Red Nose Day at school with a fun and successful bake sale!

A huge thank you to our lovely cook, Corina, who baked a delicious selection of cakes for everyone to enjoy. Students got fully involved, choosing their treats and helping to support a great cause, creating a real buzz around school.

It was wonderful to see everyone coming together, having fun and showing their generosity. We are proud to share that we raised a total of £131.14!

Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to making the day such a success.



# ENRICHMENT



## Happy Easter!

This term, we celebrated Easter with a wonderful Easter egg hunt that brought lots of excitement and smiles to everyone involved. The Basement was filled with hidden treats, and pupils eagerly searched high and low, working together and sharing in the fun.

The event created a lovely sense of community, with laughter and enthusiasm all around as children discovered chocolate eggs and surprises tucked away in clever hiding spots. It was fantastic to see such teamwork, determination, and joy throughout the day.



# SCHOOL VISITS

## The Orange Rooms

We were pleased to welcome Vernon from The Orange Rooms, part of Locala Health and Wellbeing, who delivered important and informative sexual health sessions to our students.

The sessions were age-appropriate, engaging, and designed to provide students with accurate information in a safe and supportive environment. Vernon encouraged thoughtful discussion and ensured students felt comfortable asking questions and developing their understanding of relationships, health, and wellbeing.

We are so grateful to Vernon and The Orange Rooms team for supporting our students with this valuable learning opportunity.

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Sexual Health

Text a Nurse on  
**07312 263 032**  
#LetsChatSexualHealth

Text us for  
advice about  
**SEXUAL  
HEALTH**

YES, this is  
confidential advice  
and support.

- STI testing
- HIV Testing
- Condoms
- Safe Sex
- Contraception
- Emergency Contraception
- Pregnancy Testing
- Advice

\*Appointments cannot be booked through this service\*

 **Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm**

\*excluding bank holidays

DISCLAIMER: We do not usually tell anyone else if you contact Locala Sexual Health. We might if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. This is not an emergency help service, we aim to reply to you within 48 hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm excluding weekends and bank holidays) and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we have received your text. If you need help more urgently please call us on 0161 507 9492 (Stockport) or 0161 507 9460 (Tameside) or contact your GP. If we are closed please contact the NHS service on 111. Messages are charged at your usual rate. For full terms and conditions please visit [www.locala.org.uk/services/sexual-health/chat-sexual-health](http://www.locala.org.uk/services/sexual-health/chat-sexual-health)

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# SCHOOL EVENT



## Careers Day - Life After High School

We were proud to host our recent Careers Event, centred around the theme “Life After High School”, which provided students with an inspiring opportunity to explore their future pathways.

Throughout the day, students engaged with a variety of activities, displays and discussions designed to help them consider their next steps, including college, apprenticeships, employment and entrepreneurship. Staff created informative and interactive stands, encouraging students to think about their goals and aspirations in a meaningful way.

We were also delighted to welcome external visitors, including representatives from local colleges and careers services, who shared valuable insights and guidance with our students.

The event was also opened to parents and carers, allowing them to be part of these important discussions and support their child’s journey beyond school. It was a highly successful day, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and engagement shown by our students.





# NEXT TERM...



## Looking Ahead to Next Term!

As we come to the end of another fantastic term, we would like to take a moment to thank all of our students, families and staff for their continued support and commitment. It has been a busy and successful few months, and we are incredibly proud of everything that has been achieved.

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved Easter break, taking time to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends. We encourage everyone to stay safe and make the most of the holiday.

We are already looking forward to the term ahead, with more exciting opportunities, activities and learning experiences planned for our students.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 14th April, refreshed and ready for another great term!

