



# 11G Class Newsletter

## Autumn 1



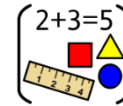
### Our Theme

Our theme for Autumn 1 is "Creativity".



### Making the Most of Leisure Time (ASDAN)

Our first ASDAN unit that we are focusing on this half term is Making the Most of Leisure Time. During this half term we will be looking at the definition of leisure time and looking at activities that we enjoy doing for leisure purposes. We will be exploring which leisure facilities and activities can be accessed in the local community and learning more about the benefits of these activities.



### Maths

Learners who are working towards their Entry Level qualifications in Maths will be joining with 11R for Maths sessions with Mrs Powell on a weekly basis. In class, we will be working towards our Personal Progress ASDAN qualification and this half term our topic will be learning more about position and direction.



### English

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is our story of choice for this half term and we will be looking at both the book and the 1971 film as part of our English work, giving us lots of opportunities to demonstrate our creativity in a range of activities!



### Reading

Everyone in class will access reading in a way that is suitable for them. Those who are able to access reading books will be bringing these home shortly. Please listen to your child read at home where possible and record this in their reading record. Those who are accessing sight reading will bring home their current words to read and write. Please look at these together at home and we will continue to do so in class.



### Daily Run

In Year 10 we started some healthy habits as part of our Healthy Living topic. We want to continue these activities in our day to day lives and so we will be continuing our daily run around the track, beginning with 2 laps and building on this when learners are ready to increase their lap numbers. In Summer term last year we managed to run 5 laps without



### Duke of Edinburgh

In Year 11 we will be aiming for our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. This includes 4 areas that we will be covering: Physical, Volunteering, Skills and Expedition. We will be visiting the gym every Wednesday to cover the Physical aspect of the course and our visit to Bendrigg Trust in November will cover the Expedition part of the award.

stopping each morning so we will be aiming for more this year.



### Café

In 10G, our café was run by everyone in class and everyone had a job that they needed to do to contribute to the running of the café. This year, we are changing things around, and the café will be run by 2 pupils. It will also take on a more conventional structure of a café i.e. pupils will need to come to the till, look at the menu, make a selection, give their order and table number, then pay and listen out for their table number being called. Pupils will need to work together to work through each step of what is needed to make the café run smoothly when it is their turn to do so.



### Games Zone

Games Zone will take place whilst the café is running where all learners will be involved in playing games together with staff support. We are hoping that this will help us to target a whole host of things with the pupils such as improving social and conversation skills, teaching new games that pupils can play and encouraging them to play together more during free time when they have finished their work.



### Cooking and Nutrition

For this half term, our cooking sessions will focus on skills within the kitchen. We will be exploring using various kitchen equipment safely and sensibly whilst working together as a group to follow a recipe. Learners will take part in cooking sessions every other Tuesday afternoon.



### Life Skills

When learners are not taking part in a cooking session on a Tuesday afternoon, they will be looking at a variety of life skills. This half term's topic will be washing up and keeping the kitchen clean and tidy. Please encourage your child to do this at home where possible so they can practice this skill in a range of contexts.



### Weekend News

A big priority for all of our learners in 11G is Speaking and Listening. This is a crucial skill that everyone needs in order to form relationships with new friends as well as maintain relationships. Weekend news will be used as an opportunity to hone these skills. To begin with we will be working on giving more information about what you have done using a photo or a video to prompt, listening carefully to what information your friend has told you and asking relevant questions to gain more information or continue a conversation. Please continue to share information/photo(s) about anything that your child has done at the weekend to



### Technology in the Home and Community (ASDAN)

On a Friday morning, Mr Murphy will be in class covering this topic from our ASDAN work. This half term we will be looking at the ASDAN module, Technology in the Home and the Community building a portfolio of work that highlights the impact of technology in our lives. In addition, I will be supporting the overall ICT curriculum developing the pupils creative use of ICT in producing relevant word documents that complement the overall class topics being studied.

help class staff to support and encourage them in this activity.



## Things to remember

- ✓ Please can everyone bring a pair of trainers with them to school every day for our daily run.
- ✓ PE is on a Wednesday. Please can everyone come into school wearing kit (t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms or shorts, trainers) and bring a bag with a small towel and deodorant to take with them to the gym.
- ✓ We will be walking to the gym come rain or shine. If the weather is wet, please send a coat with a hood, a change of clothes and some spare socks.
- ✓ Mrs Fisher will share the link for the weekly blog every Friday via EduLink or text.
- ✓ Parents Evening will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> October 23. More details to follow.
- ✓ Leavers Hoodies contributions need to have been received by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.
- ✓ Please send photo(s) for Weekend News by a Monday at the latest.
- ✓ If you are still unsure of which college you would like your child to attend, please go and visit the local colleges so that you can have more of an idea of what they offer.



## How can you help at home?

There are lots of ways to support your child's learning at home. Have a look at the suggestions below for some ideas:

- ✓ Reading with your child using the resources provided in their Reading Pack.
- ✓ Reading the blog with your child and looking at the photos together to prompt discussions about school and the activities that they have been taking part in.
- ✓ Taking photos/videos of your child from a weekend and sharing these with class so they can be used in their work.
- ✓ Allowing your child opportunities to demonstrate and practice their independence and life skills in real-life settings.



## Home-School Communication

Home-school communication is important to us and helps us to support your child the best that we can. Here are some different ways to keep in touch...

- ✓ Writing in the home-school diary
- ✓ Emailing me at [fisherh@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:fisherh@astleypark.lancs.sch.uk)
- ✓ Coming into school for parents evening and sharing our learning sessions
- ✓ Commenting on your child's Evidence for Learning posts
- ✓ Reading and commenting on the weekly blog