

Hazel Wood High School News

Autumn Term 2020



All our news is posted online on our website, please check for regular updates

Community Meeting

Posted on Friday 11th December 2020

Our School is in the heart of our local community and having these strong relationships enables us to support our students, families and the wider community. 'Together we are stronger'

From left to right:
PC Roberts Community Policing Team
Councillor Holt
Mr Ali Qadria Jillania Mosque



Fareshare Christmas Trolley

Posted on Friday 11th December 2020

Mrs Cairns Pastoral Year leader for Year 9, Oscar Goodchild and Abeeha Ahsan present our 'Fareshare Christmas Trolley' to Topping Fold Tenants Association to support families in our community.

Huge thank you to pupils and staff for their donations.

Cygnnet Hospital Donation

Posted on Friday 11th December 2020

A huge thank you to your Service users, Christina Jones, Catering Manager, Colin Seaton, Driver and Grant Stevens, General Manager of Cygnnet Hospital Bury.

Left to right: Colin Seaton, Christina Jones, Lynda Jones, Paul Greenhalgh.

Your donation and kindness is overwhelming and very much appreciated by our students and their families at Hazel Wood High School.

We wish you a happy and safe Christmas with best wishes and happiness for 2021.

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How HWHS are supporting BAME History Month

Posted on Friday 20th November 2020

BAME HISTORY MONTH

Written by Mahrukh Shah

This article will explain what BAME History Month is and will explore what students have been doing in English classes at Hazel Wood High School to support this movement.

What is BAME History Month?

BAME History Month is a celebration concerning cultures that differ within a white community and the word BAME itself is defined as Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic. This is always celebrated during the whole month of October with poetry, literature, donating money and making enchanting, dashing work by all sorts of diverse BAME activities.

English classes

In English classes at Hazel Wood High School, students have been (and will be) exposed to BAME literature and themes. In Mr England's class students read the poem 'I am nobody's nigger' by Dean Atta. Dean Atta has been listed in The Independent newspaper as one of the most influential LGBT+ people in the United Kingdom as his poem written in 2012 titled, 'I'm Nobody's Nigger' was a response to the racial slur by Stephen Lawrence's murderers, and had achieved much media coverage.

In 2019, Atta released a verse novel called 'The Black Flamingo' about a boy who does not know his identity and is bravely trying to find it, which most of his poetry are about, identity and social justice. Dean Atta was one of the winners of the Stonewall Book Award 2020 in the Children's and Young Adults category. His writings shine in perfection no matter what you read of his like the blazing sun, is how his poetry could be explained.



Students at Hazel Wood High School were inspired to read Atta's latest text, 'The Black Flamingo'. In response to students' enthusiasm of this text, Hazel Wood High School paid for the English department to have 32 copies of this text so that students could borrow and enjoy this story. Students have been inspired by this text and many even read it in one evening!

Furthermore, during the first lesson of the school day, pupils have been given a word of the day linking to BAME History Month. Students had to explain how this word linked with BAME History. This is to show the importance of BAME people and how the tiny details should be noticed and celebrated.

Next step

The English Department at Hazel Wood High School does not want to stop there. We believe that BAME history and literature should be celebrated all year round. We have created a BAME literature board in Mr England's classroom, so that students can be inspired by influential BAME writers and be tempted to read some of their work and Mrs Adams' and Mrs Lockhart's English classes has produced some amazing poetry celebrating BAME History Month. The English department will also be taking the time to review the curriculum so that we can include more BAME writers in our future lessons.

Cenotaph Visit

Posted on Monday 16th November 2020

Mrs Hunter Head of Year 11 accompanied Head Boy, Kareem Saleh and Senior Prefect Tyler Hindle, who laid our wreath in remembrance.

'To commemorate Remembrance Day, we at Hazel Wood High School visited the Cenotaph in Bury. We chose to visit in the afternoon, at a quieter time, to ensure the safety of our pupils, but also to have some quiet moments to reflect on those lost. It was really touching to see all the wreaths that had been laid in honour of the fallen and to pay our respects to those we should never forget'.



Year 6 Primary Visits - Lockdown Style

Posted on Monday 16th November 2020

Mrs Hunter Head of Year 11 and Transition and Mrs Davison head of Year 7, presented our feeder Primaries with a wrapped afternoon tea parcel.

Despite not being able to hold our usual Open Evening Extravaganza we have still endeavoured to engage with our primary schools in an exciting and inviting way. All of our feeder primary schools were sent flyers and prospectus's that advertised our school and directed prospective pupils to our website and opportunities to meet or speak to myself or Mrs Davison. As well as this, our 6 main feeder primaries were sent a wrapped Afternoon Tea parcel. Inside the parcel were the flyers and prospectus, but also cakes and juice for the pupils and coffee for the staff. We then held a virtual open event with each primary school, during which time the pupils enjoyed the cake and juice and were given the opportunity to ask as many questions as they liked. This was a huge success and over the week Mrs Davison and I spoke to over 250 children.

Donation to raise funds for Bury Hospice

Posted on Thursday 5th November 2020

Hazel Wood High School had hundreds of beautiful classic hardback books that we have donated to Bury Hospice to sell in their charity shops to raise much needed funds.

Mrs Hardy, Director of English, handed over the books.



HWHS Receives Breakfast Boost from Kellogg's

Posted on Thursday 22nd October 2020

To celebrate 20 years of supporting school breakfast clubs, Kellogg's has awarded Hazel Wood High School in Bury £1,000 to enhance the club and help feed children in the morning.

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Breakfast clubs help with everything from attendance and attainment to alleviating hunger and providing pre-school care. 68 per cent of teachers believe pupils would struggle to concentrate in class without their breakfast club, according to Kellogg's research.

Mr Greenhalgh, Head Teacher said: "We are so grateful to receive this generous donation. We have since been able to purchase breakfast products and a freezer that means we can provide a free breakfast to all our students all year round. This will make a massive difference and help them to stay happy and ready for learning."

Kate Prince, Corporate Social Responsibility manager, at Kellogg's, said "We're proud to have spent 20 years supporting so many schools across the UK. We believe all children should have the opportunity to start the day with breakfast, and we know that equipment and resources are just as important to clubs as the food itself."

Kellogg's has supported 3,000 school breakfast clubs with funds, food and training over the last 20 years – that's 70 million bowls of cereal to children all over the UK since 1998.

Bury Hospice Fundraising Activity

Posted on Wednesday 14th October 2020

As part of the school's community and character development programme, students of Hazel Wood High School carried out a sponsored Christmas jumper day. The event also gave us an opportunity to support our chosen charity 'Bury Hospice, which gave our students a responsibility to raise funds and be active citizens within the community. A huge thank you to all those that took part in the event and raised much needed funds for our local Hospice.

We are delighted to share that we raised £1075.00. Ibrahim Shabir and Kara Brady from Year 9 presented the cheque to Dale Mulgrew from Bury Hospice.



Asda - Every little certainly helps

Posted on Tuesday 6th October 2020

Thank you to Asda who responded to our plea for help. Jill, Asda Pilsworth community champion, was only too happy to help when she heard that we needed some baking equipment. With members of staff on hand to collect our pupils were able to very quickly make good use of the donated items!

Walnut Allotment Visit

Posted on Wednesday 30th September 2020

Hazel Wood High School would like to say a huge thank you to Keith Williams (Chair), John Fenton and Susan Ruddock (Secretary) for their kind invitation to see the fabulous work that is being done at the allotments. We look forward to working together in the near future.



Thank You to Tesco for Supporting Our Macmillan Fundraising

Posted on Wednesday 30th September 2020

Due to the current COVID19 situation we were unable to invite the community, parents and families into school to share in our Macmillan cake sale. Year 7 forms spent time together, in competition raising money from cake sales that had been donated by families, staff and a huge contribution from Tesco.

A great time was had by all of our pupils and staff and we look forward to sharing the winners of our first form competition and the amount raised.



Thank You to Tesco for Your Contribution

Posted on Tuesday 29th September 2020

This morning, pupils were treated to extra toast and an assortment of fruit in Breakfast Club following a generous donation from Tesco.

A lovely start to their day!



Macmillan Fundraising Tea Party

Posted on Friday 25th September 2020

On Friday 25th of September, Year 7 at Hazel Wood High School, participated in a Macmillan fundraising event. Normally, we would have invited our families and community members into school to support our Macmillan Coffee Morning

Due to COVID restrictions we were unable to invite families into School. Year 7 were not going to be beaten and the pupils planned activities to raise money for the popular fundraiser. Activities ranged from a sponsored silence to a penalty shoot-out and the idea was that each of the five forms would celebrate the event in style. All the ideas were brought together by the lovely year 7 students and they managed to raise £359.95 with form 7E taking the lead on the fundraising front. Head of Year 7, Mrs Davison, told us, "It was a great fun-packed afternoon where the pupils had the chance to raise as much money as possible. I am really pleased with the efforts of year 7."

The year 7's represented Hazel Wood High School in an outstanding manner and finished off their afternoon with a tea party in their classrooms. A year 7 pupil, Eva Corfield, shared her thoughts on how the Macmillan charity event went by explaining, "It was great and I felt really proud that we were supporting a charity that affects many families. Macmillan helped my family and I wanted to do the same." Hazel Wood wanted to say thank you to all the supporters who helped raise money for such a fabulous cause. Photos of the event are available on the school website.

Written by the Journalistic Writing Club at Hazel Wood High

Fantastic Feedback for Our Pupils

Posted on Thursday 24th September 2020

A group of our pupils attended Challenge 4 Change which is a unique indoor urban activity centre based near Media City in Trafford Park.

We were delighted to receive the following feedback from a PCSO who accompanied our pupils:

Good morning

I just wanted to congratulate the children we took to Challenge 4 Change on Thursday 24th September

They were attentive, respectful, polite and well behaved throughout the day, they asked questions, followed instructions and took part in every activity, even the ones that were scared of heights

Without singling anybody out, there were a couple that surprised me with their attitude towards the day, they showed kindness and team work

It was a pleasure to spend the day with your pupils

They are a credit to Hazel Wood Academy

Well done to our pupils for exemplifying Hazel Wood's vision and values in person.

Leading the way for FA Girls Football

Posted on Monday 14th September 2020

We are proud to announce that Hazel Wood High School's School Games Organisers have been appointed to the roles of FA Girls Football Strategic Leads for Bury and Greater Manchester.

We are pleased to be at the centre of FA Girls Football going forward.