

# NEWSLETTER

## February 2015



### Welcome from James Tickle, Principal

It has been a very busy and successful half term, especially for our Year 9 students. The Year 9 students have completed their examinations, received one to one interviews with an external Careers Advisor, attended their Pathways Evening to help them make their options choices, taken part in a careers event and had their annual Parents' Evening. We are sure that by offering all of these opportunities to our students they are now able to make the best possible decisions in terms of their GCSE options.

We are currently on a recruitment drive to ensure we appoint the best quality teachers to enhance the exceptional provision of teaching and learning we have at the school. We have recently appointed a Head and Deputy Head of English & Modern Foreign Languages and Head of ICT & Computing. All of these staff have an excellent track record of GCSE results and when they start in September will be a valuable addition to our team.

We are looking to recruit a number of new governors to the school. If you would like to have more of a say of what goes on at The Roundhill Academy then please contact Steve McDonald, Business Manager and Clerk to the Governors, at the school to discuss what the role entails.

That just leaves me to wish you all a happy half term holiday, to thank you for your continued support and to remind you of how important your son/daughter's attendance is to ensuring they fulfil their potential.

## Get Collecting at The Roundhill Academy

**Sainsbury's are doing their Active Kids vouchers again this year, so any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please pop them in the box at Reception.**



Collect your Active Kids vouchers between 28th January and 5th May 2015 at all Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online.

Our Cooking and Nutrition Toolkits for secondary schools are designed to assist students the chance to develop their cooking skills. The toolkits also further their understanding of food and help them explore health issues relating to food.

Thank you - Food Technology Department.

# LIBRARY ZONE

## Book of the Month

January:

Any classic book



February:

'Awful Auntie'

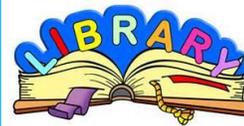
by David Walliams



Also, in December we ran the Christmas Carol Competition. This was for students who had to try to write a Christmas poem. Congratulations to the winner – Lauren Dryden in JKC



Each week Mrs Styles selects one student, who she feels really deserves to be rewarded for their fantastic reading habits, and gives them her 'Star Reader' award. This can be for anything related to reading, like: borrowing lots of books, helping out other students by suggesting books for them to read, showing improvement in their reading skills to name just a few. Students receive a certificate, photo, sticker and a gold token. Well done to our 'Star Reader' recipients this half term.



## Competition

The Library runs a monthly Tutor Group Competition. The Tutor Group that borrows and reads the most books over a month are that month's winners. They win: the winner's cup for a month, a photo of their tutor group with the cup for their tutor room and for the library, individual certificates, 3 gold tokens for their house and a box of chocolates to share! Well done to NAT who won in December 2014 and NKA who won in January 2015.





We are delighted to announce that parents can now keep updated with all the exciting things happening at the school through our Twitter account. There is a link to Twitter on the school website or follow us @TheRoundhillAc #goroundhill



## CAREERS EVENT



On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 12 volunteers from a range of businesses in our local community came in to tell Year 9 students about their careers. Students spent the morning in 30 minute sessions during which they heard from a range of people from retail, fashion, childcare, construction, business, air cadets and pathologists from Leicester University. As Year 9 students are currently making decisions about their GCSE options and possible future pathways, they found it useful to find out what options the participants chose when they were at school and how long it took for them to achieve their goals.

The students gained lots of positive experiences from the day:

“I personally was interested in the HR Manager. We all had the opportunity to ask questions, take notes and meet all of the volunteers.” (Lewis).

“It was interesting to hear what their job involved and what qualifications they needed to get there.” (Himani).

“I enjoyed hearing from David Carr who told us about the stages of house building from his experiences in construction.” (Kelan)

“Jordan Singh talked about his experiences and really related to students.” (James).

Overall students said it was nice to hear from peoples’ real experiences in their jobs and how they got to where they are today. We send out a huge thank-you to all of the participants who made the event possible.

Miss Henson

# Takeover at Charnwood Museum

On Friday 6th February, our class of Year 8 students from The Roundhill Academy took over Charnwood Museum. We did a variety of activities; Mystery shopper, create a family day out, Museum trail and a Museum game. Stefan one of the students informed us that. "Charnwood Museum was like no other. It was informative, fun and educational! That's why I will go back there with full confidence that Charnwood Museum is a family friendly attraction."

As well as the other activities, a selected six got invited to create an exhibition which will be on display until March. The selected six were: Ellie, Lucy, Raseeka, Billy, Archie and Lucas. These students took everyday items and decided if they are museum pieces of the future and re-designed a display. The work was also continued at school. We would love for family's to go and have a look at what we did.

**By Ellie, Lucy and Raseeka**



# SPORTS NEWS



## Year 9 Basketball v Rawlins

In the final league game of the year The Roundhill Academy played very well, running out comfortable winners by 27 points to 11. The team started to play some attractive basketball with Stefan scoring a brilliant lay-up and Josh continuing to keep the scoreboard ticking over by popping in close range baskets. Ethan, Joe, Adam and Jordan linked well and made some great interceptions.

## Year 9 Basketball v The Martin School

In a very close encounter, we lost 12-4. On a very small court, both teams found it difficult to get through the defence and score many baskets. However, Ethan Allton and Josh Brown managed to find gaps and going into the last quarter it was 8-4, so we were still in the game. Unfortunately, Martin managed to score two more baskets to take the win.



## U13 Boys Basketball

The boys U13 Basketball season has now come to an end, and whilst we may have only won 1 of the 8 games played, the progress the team has made has been fantastic. Late last year we suffered heavy defeats at the hands of Charnwood College (9-31), Rawlins (4-48) and The Martin High School (8-34), but since then, thanks to hard work and training, performances have improved dramatically. Whilst the results stayed same, the next games we played were much closer: away at Castle Donington we lost 13-16; at home to DeLisle we lost 12-18, both of which were end to end games. Away at Shepshed it finally all came together with a great 18-2 victory. Our final game against Woodbrook Vale was probably the best we played and although we eventually went down 23-26 the difference in the performance from this match to the first was outstanding. Well done to all the boys who took part, especially those from Year 7 who have played up.



## Year 9 Football



In the final league game of the year The Roundhill Academy ran out 6-0 winners against Limehurst. The game was played in very cold, windy conditions. Josh Brown scored against the wind in the first half and the whole team had to work very hard to keep Limehurst at bay, with James Hayes to the fore playing at centre back. The second half was a whole different type of game with Cameron Brown scoring from the half way line and further goals from Jordan Henfrey and Joe Dawson. Well done to all who played.

## Sports Clubs after Half Term

After half term we have the Year 7 and Year 9 boys Rugby Union, Year 9 girls football leagues to look forward to along with the Year 7 and 8 boys and girls indoor athletics competitions.

