

School Council Newsletter

A warm welcome to the first edition of the Laurus Ryecroft School Newsletter!

Our stories are written mainly by our talented students, bringing updates on what has been happening at Laurus Ryecroft. If you haven't already, please follow and like our Twitter and Facebook pages @LaurusRyecroft for information about what our students are working on.

Mr M Vevers, Head of School

House Sport

On October 15th the whole of the school participated in house sport. The girls competed in netball and the boys took part in football. The girls played 12 matches altogether and it was very tense. Now the interesting bit, who came where:

4th **Altius**, 3rd **Fortius**

Now the big part! In second place was... **Citius** so that meant **Magnus** won!

We want to say a massive well done to everyone who took part, no matter what place you came it's the hard work that counts! My favourite memory was all of Magnus doing the Macarena chanting "Magnus". It was definitely a funny moment and made our first house sport very memorable.

- **Lilly-May Handley**

Christmas Concert

The Ryecroft Christmas Concert was a resounding success with over 200 parents and

family members coming to see the 10 different festive acts.



More than 50 students performed at the event, showcasing their work from electives in dance, music and drama. We raised a total of £93.67 for our chosen charities - Cancer Research and the CRY Foundation. A huge well done to all staff, students and supporters on the night.

Preparing for Science Week

In March 2019 we will be having our first ever Science Week. This exciting week of events will include an 'Animal Encounter' where students will have the opportunity to meet a range of unusual creatures including meercats! There will also be a forensics activity and science cinema. Finally, there will be a Science Fair, organised and run by our students. This will allow them to display the work they have produced during their elective.

Our first Open Evening

On October 4th the first Open Evening happened here at the brand new Laurus Ryecroft high school. Around 1,500 people showed up with people lining all the way down Cryer Street to get in!

Our school was full of eager parents and children hoping to come here. Two confident, ambitious and articulate students were selected to represent our school by delivering a speech to guests in the presentations.

Inside the classrooms lots of activities were taking place. In LR1 there were maths activities such as code-breaking for unlocking safes, and making cubes out of paper to build a Laurus Ryecroft 'castle'. In LR2 there were Spanish activities such as people introducing their homemade aliens in Spanish, maths games and colour games all in Spanish. In LR3 there were humanities activities such as playdough and pin-pointing countries. In LR4 there were English and drama games including badge-making and character dress-up.

Outside on our games area was PE where fencing took place with the sports ambassadors Felicity Jones, Alexis Carter, James Ryan, Riley Bland, Josh Turner and Harrison Lomas. We are all absolute beginners at this sport but we tried our best to show the other children that anyone can achieve anything if they try their hardest!

Hopefully, we demonstrated what things are like at Laurus Ryecroft. We really hope that people want to come to our school so that we can be the best in Tameside.

- **Khadija Kessaci and Erin Myers**



The Cicero Curriculum

On October 12th a group of students were chosen to take part in the first voice coaching and rhetoric session.

Two people worked with us on the day. Firstly, Patsy Rodenburg who has worked with some of the most famous pop stars and actors, and secondly, Miss Eckhardt who is a teacher at Cheadle Hulme High School (our sister school).

We started our first activity in a circle and we thought about what was unfair in the world. We then pushed our chairs back and walked around and Ms Rodenburg stopped us and taught us the how to project our voices, using the arch technique. We did this by moving our arms in an arch and then counting to ten as loud as we could without shouting. We then brought our chairs back into the shape of a circle and got in to groups of four to discuss what would make the world better and why.

- **Gracie-Ella Curtis-Piddington**

Forthcoming events

14th February 2019: Billionaire Boy trip

7th March: World Book Day

9th March: London trip

W/C 11th March: Animal Encounter

25th March: Science Fair

28th March: Worst Witch theatre trip

Term Dates

Mon 7th Jan 2019 - School re-opens

Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Feb - Half term

Fri 5th April - School closes for Easter

Mon 8th April to 22nd April (Easter Mon) - Easter holiday

Tues 23rd April - School reopens for Summer term