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We believe in creating a community empowered with the qualities, skills and qualifications to enter the next phase of life with confidence and ambition

Message from the Principal

Dear parents/carers

I hope that you and your family are keeping well. With normal life being so disrupted, we thought it would be nice to remind you of the 'normal' things that were happening in school not so long ago.

Please enjoy this latest edition of our newsletter and please feel free to share news and photos of what you have been doing on 'lockdown' for our next edition. You can send these to admin@nottinghamgirlsacademy.org

We would love to hear about (and see pictures of) your rainbows in windows, people clapping for the NHS, families learning new skills together and people being creative.

I very much hope we can all resume normal life soon, but maybe we can resume it with the increased sense of community, family and perspective that I feel many of us now have.

In the meantime, please stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives!

Best wishes

David Tungate

Music Mark

We are delighted to have been awarded Music Mark! The following is an extract from a letter we have received from the Chief Executive of Music Mark, Bridget Whyte:

"Congratulations on becoming a 2019/20 Music Mark School Member!

Your nomination for this membership has come from your local Music Service/Hub. They have recognised the value that you place on music and asked us to add you to the growing number of Music Mark School Members.

We would like to thank you for all the hard work you and your colleagues do to ensure that pupils at your school are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. Your dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated.

I am therefore delighted to enclose your membership certificate, which I hope you will feel able to share with your whole school community.

Music Mark works to enable our members and the wider music education sector, to deliver high-quality musical and social outcomes for all children and young people. My thanks for all that you are doing and will continue to do to support our collective vision."



**SCHOOL
MEMBER**

Primary Dance Festival 2020

By the Dance Department

On Thursday 12 March 2020 we held our annual GAT Primary Dance Festival here at NGA. Year 3 pupils from our four Nottinghamshire primary schools, Nottingham, Mansfield, Queensmead and Skegby Academies, came to NGA. They worked with our Dance department and Year 12 students for the day, with a theme of 'Around the World'. Pupils took part in a range of themed warm-up activities and learnt a routine, including dances from different countries, which each group performed at the end of the day. Everyone worked really hard and staged some fantastic performances.



*We value high
standards, hard work
and a ceaseless
desire to improve*

Biology Challenge

By Miss Green, Second in Science & STEM Coordinator



The Biology Challenge stimulates pupils' curiosity for the natural world and encourages them to take an interest in biology outside of school.

In March, 67 pupils in Years 9 and 10 opted to take part in the Biology challenge set by The Royal Society of Biology. The challenge is an online competition, consisting of two 25 minute papers with questions set on the school curriculum and taking notice of the news and media for items of biological interest. If they choose to study Biology at A level, they can take part in the Biology intermediate Olympiad competition.



Biology Challenge

STEM Advert

By Miss Green, Second in Science & STEM Coordinator



ExpeRimental

A series of short films making it fun, easy and cheap to do science experiments at home with your children.

Display Show all



About ExpeRimental

All about ExpeRimental, our series of videos that help you bring science home.



Tips for doing science at home

Five things to keep in mind while doing the activities to get the most out of science experiments at home with your children.

<https://www.rigb.org/families/experimental>

STEM stands for **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering**, and **Mathematics**. STEM programs typically blend together at least two of these subject areas. However, STEM also includes subjects such as the arts and geography. The link above will take you to the Royal Institution website where they have a range of inexpensive STEM activities that can be done at home. Why not try an activity over the Easter holiday?

NGA Games

By Ms Burke, Assistant Head of Year 10

On 4 March KS3 pupils took part in another successful year at the NGA games held at Harvey Hadden.

The pupils committed themselves wholeheartedly to this year's competition, showing grit, determination but, most importantly, sportsmanship. All pupils who took part in the games fully committed to their house, driving for the win. It was evident to see upcoming sports stars shining in a competitive environment alongside their peers. It was also great to witness pupils enjoying themselves with lots of laughter and great memories being made.

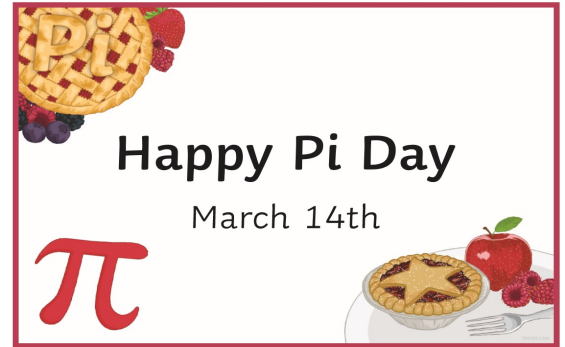
The results are in:

2020	Ennis	Radcliffe	Adlington	Holmes
NGA games 2020				
year 7	2nd with 117 points	1st with 121 points	3rd with 111 points	4th with 96 points
Year 8	2nd 113 points	4th with 109 points	3rd with 110 points	1st with 116 points
Year 9	4th with 87 points	1st 130 points	3rd with 113 points	2nd with 119 points
OVER ALL KS3 WINNERS	4th with 317 points	1st with 360 points	2nd with 334 points	3rd with 331 points



National Pi Day

By Miss Fox, Teacher of Mathematics



On 'National Pi Day' pupils were given the challenge of memorising Pi to as many places as they could. Cami, a year 10 pupil, with her amazing memory was able to remember Pi to 120 decimal places, successfully beating all the maths teachers!

3.14159265358979323846
 2643383279502884197169
 34937510582097494459
 2307816406286208998628
 03482534211706798214808
 6513282306647

Cami

The Big Bang Fair

By Miss Green, Second in Science & STEM Coordinator

NGA will be hosting a Big Bang fair but it will be postponed until further notice. Pupils in Key Stage 3 will have the opportunity to visit the hall and experience hands-on interactive activities related to STEM. Activities included are VR headsets, artefacts from the Nottingham Museum, an engineering task delivered by Rolls Royce and many more exciting activities.



The Big Bang

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Twitter

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