



# Cardinal Allen Catholic High School

## School Newsletter

### July 2016

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#### FAREWELL TO THREE VALUED COLLEAGUES



The end of term sees us say goodbye and good luck to three colleagues who have fulfilled very different roles at the school. **Peter Martin's** association with the school began back in 1992 when his first child enrolled at the school and he proved to be a very willing supporter of what was then called the PTA. All five of Peter's children have passed through the school and it was during the course of a PTA meeting in 2003 that the then Headteacher, John O'Brien, asked if anyone could help out with reprographics on a part-time temporary basis. Peter stepped up to the plate and in his time working at the school he has been ICT Technician, Reprographics and ICT Network Manager and Reprographics, ICT Support and Procurement Manager. Peter has always been a positive presence around school, often lurking in the shadows at school events on hand to assist with an IT or microphone problem as well as fulfilling the role of Eucharistic Minister at many of our Masses. His support for the PTA was always very much appreciated and he was instrumental in raising funds to provide many additional resources for our pupils. We wish Peter a very happy and healthy retirement as he moves over the border to Yorkshire with his wife Helen to spend more time with the family.

**Christine Smith** started at Cardinal Allen in September 2012 as our Assistant Chaplain. Christine joined us having spent a year as a *Gaplain* at St. Mary's in Blackpool and, when our Chaplaincy Coordinator left in 2013, she was appointed as School Chaplain. Christine has done a fantastic job in developing out Chaplaincy provision and our liturgies have certainly been enriched by her thoughtful and meticulous preparation. Christine has immersed herself in the wider life of the



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School and has provided invaluable support for a whole range of activities. Christine has supported colleagues and pupils with our designation as a Fairtrade School, Eco Ambassador School and International School. She has been fortunate enough to enjoy visits to Castlerigg, Wembley, Rome, Assisi and Kolkata. Christine has also supported the work of the local Deanery, both by her attendance at the Deanery Pastoral Council meetings and her support for the sacramental preparation programmes. We thank Christine and wish her all the every best in her new role as she too also crosses the border to take up the post of Chaplaincy Team Leader at St. Mary's, Blackpool.



**Ian Brown** has only been with the Science Department for two years but in a relatively short period of time he has made a significant impression. Ian joined us as Lead Teacher of Science from Montgomery in 2014 and has played a key role in the continued development of the department. Ian's lessons are marked by his positive relationships with pupils, his extremely high expectations and a supportive learning atmosphere which pupils respect. Ian has forged very strong working relationships with his colleagues and I understand he is often the butt of many a department joke. Living in the great city of Preston (Home of Football), Ian likes to think he knows a thing or two about sport and enjoys a shared love of cricket with the other male in the department, Mr Davis. Ian is relatively well travelled and, in addition to being a scout, he is a life long Bear Grylls fan, and so it was no surprise when he informed us that he would be leaving in the summer to travel to the far east and to the antipodes before he was too old! We thank Ian for his work over the last two years and wish him well on his travels.



**Richard Hone** initially left Cardinal Allen in 2012 having, in the main, been a member of the English Department for some eleven years. Despite enjoying a rich and diverse life, Richard found time to help deliver the Horticulture course to Year 10 and 11 and to provide some much needed care and attention to both the Chapel Garden and the allotment. Richard has now decided to call it a day and hang up his trowel. It just remains to express our gratitude to Richard for all that he has given the school and to wish him all the very best for an active and healthy retirement.

## Senior Prefects perfect their presentation skills



I am delighted to announce the election of our seven strong top team of prefects following an improved process of selection. Congratulations to **Sofia Raseta** (Head Girl), **Jamie Johnson** (Head Boy), **Sophia Rapacioli** (Deputy Head Girl) and **Michael Foliard** (Deputy Head Boy) as well as **Katharine Melling**, **Olivia Pook** and **Amelia Scantlebury** who were all elected as Senior Prefects. The Year 10 pupils had to apply for Prefect Posts on-line and select which posts they wanted to be considered for (Prefect, Senior Prefect, Deputy or Head). These applications were then filtered with the 'top-team' all interviewed prior to a final presentation in front of pupils and staff. There was then a final vote to decide the outcome. Our final seven, although noting the need to work hard at the application and the nerves prior to being interviewed, appreciated the valuable process which replicates real-life job hunting.

## Uniform Reminder

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your children look well presented for school. We remain extremely proud of the way our pupils present themselves but there are two particular aspects of the school uniform that we would like to draw to your attention. As mentioned in our May newsletter, Mrs Witton had written to parents regarding the length of skirts and the importance of girls maintaining their modesty. A reminder that when we return to school in September, our expectation is that skirts should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. The second point is with regard to school bags and is just to simply say that handbags, no matter how large, **are not** suitable for school use. We would ask families to follow the guidance given in the School's Uniform and Appearance policy regarding an appropriate school bag. As always, if you have any questions or are unsure about any aspect of the Uniform and Appearance policy please just ask.

**Mary's Meals:** Will you throw away your old bags & school equipment this summer? Why not donate any old & unwanted items to Mary's Meals? Mary's Meals is a fantastic charity that provides a daily meal at a place of education to children living in poverty throughout the world. These children need school equipment- bags, books, pens & pencils- to enable them to succeed at school. If you can help, please send any donated items to the Chaplaincy room by **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** and we'll make sure it goes off to a worthy home. Huge thanks to **Sue Ward** for coming in to school to deliver assemblies about Mary's Meals and arranging the collection of donated items at the end of the year.

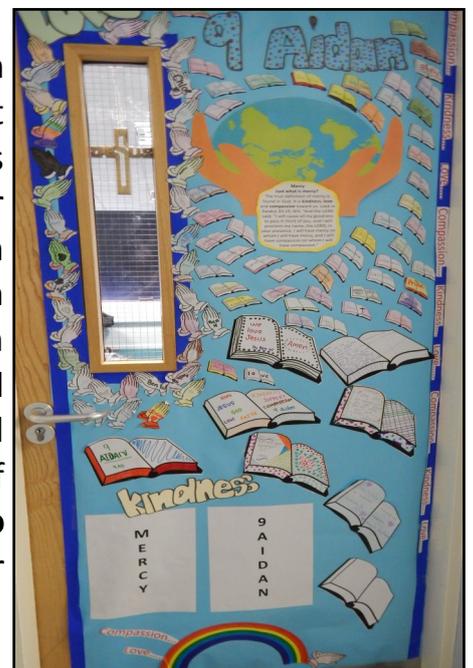
mary's  
meals

a simple solution  
to world hunger

**Year of Mercy Pilgrim Statue:** Cardinal Allen welcomed the Pilgrim Statue for the *Year of Mercy* into school for the week of 4<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> July. The statue is travelling around all the schools on the Fylde coast for the *Year of Mercy* to remind us of God's unending mercy and love for us. We started off our week with the statue with a "handover" liturgy with Y5 from St



**Wulstan's & St Edmund's Primary**, who brought the statue with them to school. The Pupil Chaplains have delivered a short liturgy to every class in the school, and each class has decorated their form room doors to demonstrate their understanding of the word "mercy". We have had craft clubs in the Chapel to create Divine Mercy Chaplet bracelets and learn how to pray with them, as well as painting glass jars to use in the Chapel. The cooking club made and decorated beautiful Sacred Heart biscuits, which were strung up with ribbon and used to decorate the Chapel. We have had a fantastic week of celebration with the statue, and were pleased to hand it on to **St Teresa's Primary School** in a whole school assembly for their week of celebrations.



**Leavers' Mass:** On the 27<sup>th</sup> May, it was time for the school to say a fond farewell to the current Year 11s. We did so by celebrating Mass together in the school hall with all students, staff and a record-breaking number of parents and family members. The Mass itself was put together by the year group, who invited **Fr Alf Hayes from St Wulstan's & St Edmund's Parish**, to celebrate for us. The students played a large part in organising the Mass: choosing the hymns, writing the



prayers, creating their own invitations for parents & guests and even helping Miss Smith put the booklet together! Head Girl **Chloe Moyle** wowed the congregation with her musical skills when she sang an original song during the distribution of Communion. All this combined to create a truly wonderful celebration that the (now former) students had real ownership of. The celebration ended in the traditional way, with a slideshow of pictures of the year group's time at Cardinal Allen. Congratulations to the Year 11s on progressing from Cardinal Allen and best of luck for the future.

**CAFOD News:** Our CAFOD team have once again risen to the challenge of spreading the message of Stewardship with their peers by leading a fortnight of Chapel Assemblies this half term. The assembly was very imaginative: students first thought about the message nature would have for us if it could communicate with us, and then wrote a letter from the perspective of future generations to the people of today to inform us of the consequences of our actions towards the environment. These assemblies were entirely written and delivered by our Y8's & Y9's and they all gave a confident, informed and thought-provoking contribution. Well done, team!



**Lourdes & World Youth Day:** Last term saw a "final push" for fundraising for our 3 students going to Lourdes. **Jess Basquill, Emily Bradder and Rebecca Heyes** are going with the Diocese to help look after the sick and infirm pilgrims making the trip to the Shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes. Their "tuck shop" raised £100 to go towards their travel costs. We hope the pilgrimage will be a joyous and spiritual experience for all who attend.

## Y10 Vocation Day:

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, we welcomed **Fr Darren Carden**, Vocations Director for the Diocese, and his team of religious & lay volunteers who led a day for Y10 about vocations. Our students were encouraged to think about their own path in life, and had the opportunity to meet Priests, Nuns, a Monk, and a married couple to learn about the different life choices people make. The sessions concluded with some reflection time in the Chapel, where students were reminded that they all have an important role to play in the Body of Christ. A huge thanks to **Fr Darren, Fr John, Sr Maria, Sr Margaret, Ruth & Jo** for a well-delivered and thought provoking day.



## Pupil Chaplain News:

The outgoing team of Pupil Chaplains celebrated the end of a very successful year together by making a pilgrimage to **Ladyewell Shrine** in Preston. After a time of prayer and reflection, the team headed out to celebrate in style with a session at a local trampoline park! Our new team of Pupil Chaplains have been involved in writing and delivering liturgies for the Year of Mercy. Already they are growing in confidence; a great sign of things to come! The Pupil Chaplains will be officially commissioned at the end of year Mass, where they will receive their badges in front of the whole school. They will be able to build on the firm foundations set by last year's group and make the role their own over the coming year.



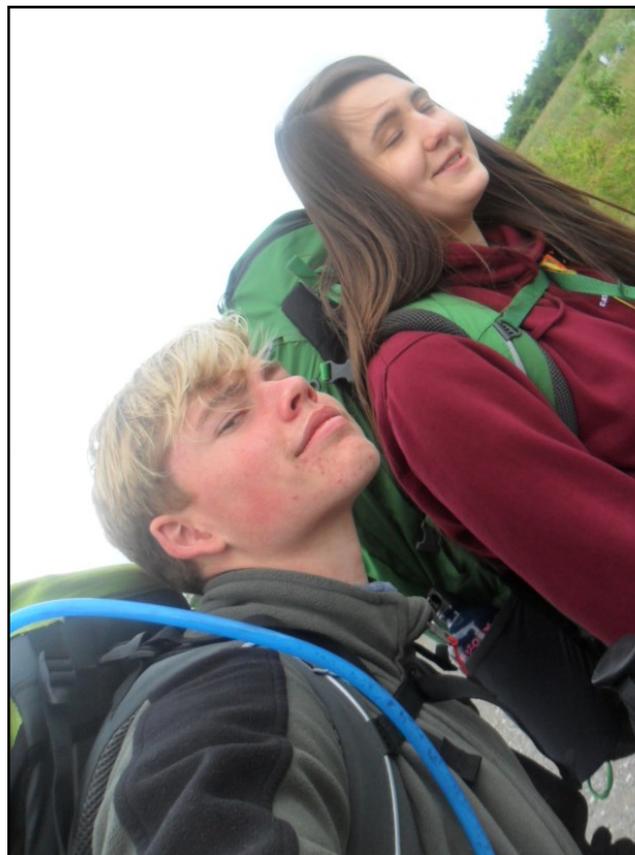
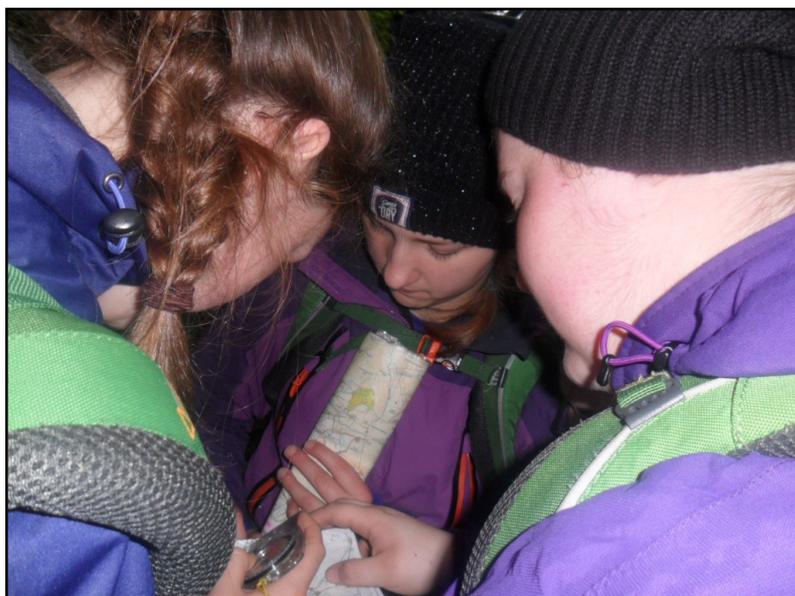
## Duke of Edinburgh:

Our DofE students are currently finishing their work towards their DofE levels. Over the last few weeks we have experienced the complete spectrum of British weather as we have been on expedition. In the Bronze section, 4 year 9 groups have completed expeditions in the Silverdale and West Pennine moors. Our Silver award students consisting of 2 year 10 and 2 year 11 groups completed the Ribble Way as their expeditions. This is a major achievement as the Ribble way is a walking route that follows the River Ribble from its estuary at Preston to its source Gavel Gap 72 miles away in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales.



THE DUKE  
OF EDINBURGH'S  
AWARD

A big thank you to all the Dof E staff who have given up many hours training and searching for our students this year.



DofE GOLD



DofE Silver



DofE Bronze



What great fun we've had in the English department this term. Not only have we welcomed visits from year five students but we really enjoyed the descriptive work completed by year six students during Induction day.

We are quite a competitive bunch in the English department so it is no surprise we relish providing opportunity for students to enter lots of different competitions. This is a brilliant way of providing opportunity for students to be creative. Here are some of the competitions we have successfully entered this year:

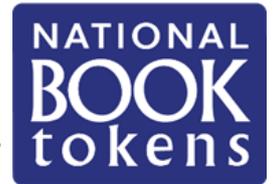
Poetry Trials, Lyric Competition (Year 8), School Newspaper (Year 8), Zoo Project (Year 7), Notarianni's (Year 9), Spine Chillers, Grim Tales, Read for My School, Roald Dahl, World Book Day, Year 8 David Walliams' Treasure Hunt.

## SMARTEN UP OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

Your school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library – enough to buy hundreds of books – and win £100 for yourself.

Just enter the competition online, it literally takes a minute. The competition closes on 31st July 2016. <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Thank you for your support!



**Dan Worsley - Author Visit:** We are very excited to announce that Dan visited year seven on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** to speak about his life as a children's author and storyteller. More details about Dan and his books can be found on his website - [danworsley.com](http://danworsley.com)



## **Shakespeare Film Project:**

*Calling all fans of "Romeo and Juliet" or "Macbeth" in years 9 and 10.*

We would like to enter a group of students acting out a scene from the play. Get together with your class members, decide on a scene to act out (four scenes from both plays), rehearse it and you are ready to film your scene. You have until the closing date of **30<sup>th</sup> November 2016** to enter the Cambridge University Press competition. Prizes include Amazon vouchers for the students and a class set of resources from the Cambridge School Shakespeare series for the teacher. **Ask your English teacher for more details in September.**

**Lyric Competition 2016:** A huge congratulations to Hermoine and Hannah who attended an event at Millfield Science and Performing Arts College, on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016, to receive their certificates. The event included performance by musicians who had turned the winning lyrics into two different styles of songs.



**Summer Reading:** With the long, summer holidays ahead, there is no better time to relax and enjoy a good book. There are plenty of websites out there to help parents and pupils to choose book titles. These include: [www.lovereadingsforkids.com](http://www.lovereadingsforkids.com), [www.waterstones.com](http://www.waterstones.com), [www.bookstrust.org.uk](http://www.bookstrust.org.uk). Here are some recommendations of popular summer reads.

11+ Top Ten Summer Reads	13+ Top Ten Summer Reads
<p><b>The House on Hummingbird Island</b> Sam Angus</p> <p><b>Diggers The Second Book of the Nomes</b> Terry Pratchett</p> <p><b>Summer Shadows</b> Joss Stirling</p> <p><b>The Crooked Sixpence</b> Jennifer Bell</p> <p><b>Sunny Side Up</b> Holly Smale</p> <p><b>Girl Our of Water</b> Nat Luurtsema</p> <p><b>The Boy at the Top of the Mountain</b> John Boyne</p> <p><b>Alone</b> D. J. Brazier</p> <p><b>The Square Root of Summer</b> Harriet Reuter Hapgood</p> <p><b>Little Bits of Sky</b> S. E. Durrant</p>	<p><b>One</b> Sarah Crossan</p> <p><b>The Loose Ends List</b> Carrie Firestone</p> <p><b>Racing Manhattan</b> Terence Blacker</p> <p><b>Wolf by Wolf</b> Ryan Graudin</p> <p><b>Kook</b> Christopher Vick</p> <p><b>The Art of not Breathing</b> Sarah Alexander</p> <p><b>Cruel Heart Broken</b> Emma Haughton</p> <p><b>Remade</b> Alex Scarrow</p> <p><b>The Other Life</b> Julia Gray</p> <p><b>A Thousand Nights</b> E. K. Johnston</p>

<u>Top Ten Summer Reads – Short Fiction</u>	<u>Top Ten Summer Reads – Sport</u>
<p><b>Fangirl</b> Rainbow Rowell</p> <p><b>The Deepest Cut</b> Natalie Flynn</p> <p><b>Flyboy</b> Tom Palmer</p> <p><b>Prince Frog Face</b> Kaye Umansky</p> <p><b>Honey and Me</b> Karen McCombie</p> <p><b>Bulletcatcher</b> Chris Bradford</p> <p><b>Robot Girl</b> Malorie Blackman</p> <p><b>The Haunting of Uncle Ron</b> Anne Fine</p> <p><b>Desirable</b> Frank Cottrell Boyce</p> <p><b>Car Wash Wish</b> Sita Brahmachari</p>	<p><b>At the World's End</b> Catherine Fisher</p> <p><b>Pike</b> Anthony McGowan</p> <p><b>Summertime and Somersaults</b> Jane Lawes</p> <p><b>Legend's Lair</b> Joe O'Brien</p> <p><b>The Lion Roars</b> Alan Gibbons</p> <p><b>The Fix</b> Sophie Mckenzie</p> <p><b>The Mighty Dynamo</b> Kieran Crowley</p> <p><b>The Crossover</b> Kwame Alexander</p> <p><b>Booked</b> Kwame Alexander</p> <p><b>Olympic Sport</b> Glenn Murphy</p>



The **Summer Reading Challenge** is designed for children of all reading abilities. They can read any books they like – fact books, stories, joke books, picture books – it’s up to them. Audio books count too! As long as you’re borrowing them from the library, they all count. Go to [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) for more information.

Remember... reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. Enjoy your summer reading!

**Accelerated Reader 2016:** All Year 7 and 8 pupils continue to use Accelerated Reader during Pick-up-a-Book and next year will be joined by Year 9 pupils.

As we come to the end of summer term, our top readers across the year groups are:

Name/Form	Quizzes Passed	Words Read:
Aleah Franklin-Williams – 8AD	29	2,661,670
Michael Maudsley – 8AG	16	991,392
Kristyna Nova – 8AG	10	684,482
David Holden – 8AD	17	666,202
Alice Weston – 7AL	14	597,669
Daniel Ivison – 8AL	9	586,621
Anya Franklin-Williams – 8AG	8	582,616
Harry Coureau - 7AG	13	579,932
Melissa Whitmore – 8AD	7	537,431
Gracie Sandham – 7BE	8	422,844
Martina Dioletta-Brett – 7AG	8	406,960

**Top Year 8 Form: 8AD - 121 Passed Quizzes and 5,155,414 Words Read.**

**Top Year 7 Form: 7AL - 141 Passed Quizzes and 3,169,488 Words Read.**

**Accelerated Reader – Multi-Millionaire:** How do you become a Millionaire? Read one million words! Cardinal Allen students who have read over a million words this school year belong to a select group of Accelerated Reader Millionaires. A word count is generated each time a student reads a book and then takes a reading practice quiz online using our Accelerated Reader software.

A recent study showed that students who read for pleasure do better in all their subjects at school, not just in English. They have trained their brains to access printed information, so they find all subjects easier to follow. We are keen to share reading successes and following the announcement of our first word millionaire, **Aleah Franklin-Williams** at Easter, we are thrilled to announce that not only is **Aleah** a millionaire but she is also now a **Multi-Millionaire!** This academic year, **Aleah** has currently read and quizzed on an incredible **29** books with a total word count of **2, 661,670!** This is a tremendous achievement for any student.

To further demonstrate her love of reading, **Aleah** is also a pupil librarian involved with author visits, events, book fairs and helping to promote reading for pleasure with her peers. She also recently featured in the Fleetwood Weekly News as part of Fleetwood’s “Year of Reading”. Congratulations once again, **Aleah!**

Featured is **Aleah** with Gareth Jones, author of “Death or Ice Cream?” who recently visited our school



**THE B.F.G.** "I is a nice and jumbly giant! I is the only nice and jumbly Giant in Giant Country! I is THE BIG FRIENDLY GIANT! I is the BFG. What is your name?" - The BFG

The BFG - or, to give him his full name, The Big Friendly Giant - is one of Roald Dahl's best-loved characters. He features in two of Roald's stories: Danny, the Champion of the World and, of course, The BFG.

And don't forget, if you are looking for something to do this summer, make sure to go and see "The BFG" as it is brought to life on the movie screen. Directed by Steven Spielberg, The BFG follows the dream-catching, gobblefunking Big Friendly Giant (played by Mark Rylance), his new friend Sophie (played by Ruby Barnhill) and even the Queen of England, as they set out to stop the horrible Other Giants who live alongside The BFG in Giant Country and generally prefer eating human beans to catching dreams. The talents of two of the world's greatest storytellers - Roald Dahl and Steven Spielberg - finally unite to bring Dahl's beloved classic *The BFG* to life.

**Library News:** Another year has come and gone in the library and what a year it has been! We have been as busy as ever this year with events such as two Book Fairs, World Book Day, (where we got to meet authors such as Cathy Cassidy and Chris Riddell) a fantastic author visit by Gareth Jones and lots of reading initiatives along the way. Next year also looks busy as we get ready to launch the Year 7 Book-Buzz programme and celebrate the biggest ever global celebration of Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**Pupil Librarians and Reading Mentors:** Congratulations to our new Pupil Librarians and Reading Mentors. Pupil Librarians have an important role, not just in the day to day running of the Learning Resource Centre but also contributing to the development of the school library. Our librarians are currently in training to learn about how a library is organised, the best methods of finding information and ways of promoting the library to fellow pupils and staff. We look forward to a busy year ahead!

**Miss Shirreffs**

**Blackpool Zoo Project 2016:** What an exciting half-term it has been with teams of Yr7 pupils beavering away in their teams as they competed to win the Blackpool Zoo Project 2016. The purpose of the project is to develop ideas for a new area at Blackpool Zoo and to participate in market research to develop ideas about target audience. Teams had to research into the history of the zoo, produce blogs, leaflets and posters to advertise their ideas.

We were pleased to welcome Kayleigh (Education and Sustainability Officer) from Blackpool Zoo as one of our judges. Thank you to Miss Mercer (Head of Year 7) for co-judging. The results were close with a team from 7S English winning overall. A fantastic well done to all of our Yr7s for their hard work this half-term. There were some amazing ideas that we might just see developed at Blackpool Zoo in the not-so-distant future.



Some of the winning teams from Yr7 English classes with Kayleigh from Blackpool Zoo



Winners of Zoo Project 2016 from 7S English:  
Sophie Atkinson, Kirby Hoyle, Martha Dioletta-Brett,  
Kimberley Aspey and Aoiffe Gilligan.

**Summer Literacy:** All KS3 pupils have spent the year focusing on key areas of literacy and will receive their 'Literacy Booklets' in their last English lesson. Any parents who are wanting to support our pupils over the summer holidays may wish to use these to help.

**Year 10 become Year 11!** If you're moving into Year 11 and want to get ahead of the game in preparing for your English exams over the summer try some of these websites:



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zckw2hv> (revision and activities)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources> (specimen papers)

<http://www.litcharts.com/> (revision materials)

<http://www.slideshare.net>

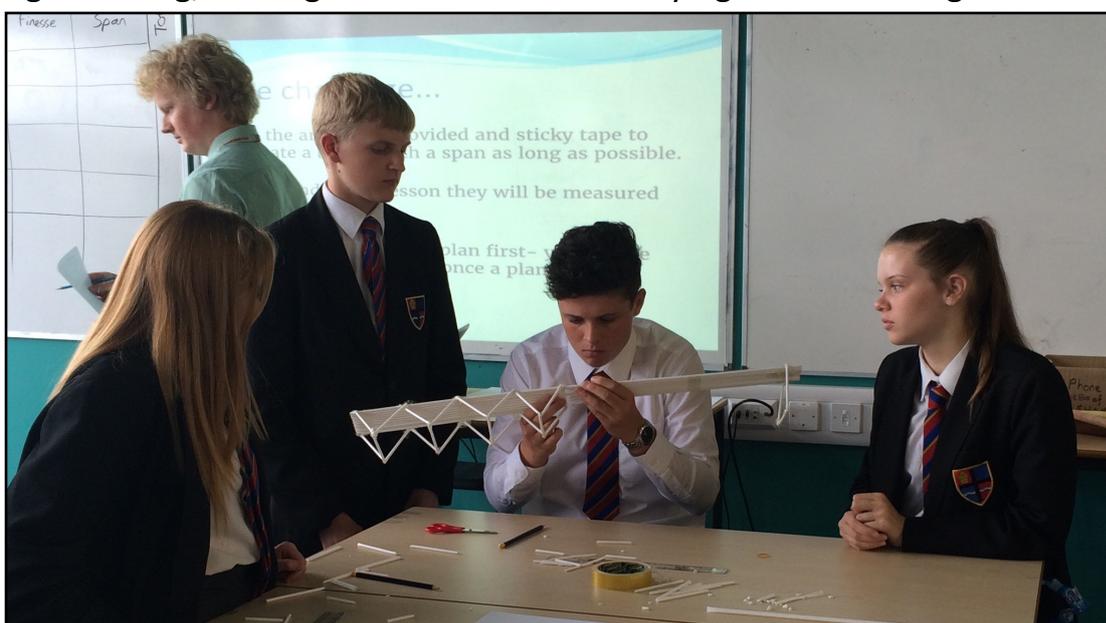


**Science beyond GCSE:** Charlotte Still, from the Royal Society of Chemistry, came in to meet the Year 10 pupils on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July to explore with them where Science can lead beyond their Science lessons. Possible routes might include Fragrance Chemistry and research into growing drones using chemical 3D printing!



**Year 10 STEM day at Blackpool 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Form:** A group of 43 Year 10 pupils visited Blackpool Sixth Form in June, to take part in STEM activities. The pupils had the opportunity to experience life at the college; including sessions delivered by the college tutors and using the fantastic facilities available. Pupils took part in challenges such as bridge building, making "bristle bots" and carrying out an investigation into memory. The pupil's behaviour was fantastic and a good day was had by all. Well done to the winning teams!



In April, 40 of our top Mathematicians in years 7 & 8 entered the UKMT Maths Junior Challenge. The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics.

They were established in 1996 and last academic year over 600,000 pupils from 4,000 schools took part, the UK's biggest national maths competitions.

The Junior Challenge is aimed at pupils in Year 8 or below. The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour and is sat in school under normal exam conditions.

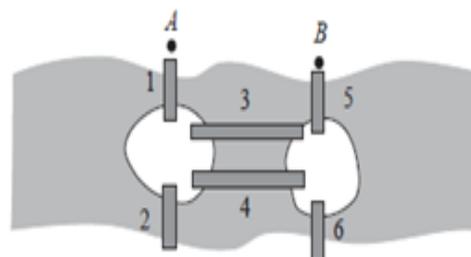
The top 40% of students nationally receive a gold, silver or bronze certificate

The very high scoring pupils are entered into the Junior Kangaroo competition. **Josh Rolinson**, from Year 8, achieved an outstanding score of 95 points, earning him a gold certificate and qualifying him for this next round – Well Done Josh!

The Junior Kangaroo is a one-hour multiple-choice paper, with 25 questions, which is sat in school. It is therefore similar to the Junior Challenge question paper (but more challenging!).

Here is an example of one of the questions, can you solve this problem?

The diagram shows part of a river which has two islands in it. There are six bridges linking the islands and the two banks as shown. Leonhard goes for a walk every day in which he walks over each bridge exactly once. He always starts at point *A*, goes first over bridge 1 and always finishes at point *B*. What is the maximum number of days that he can walk without repeating the order in which he crosses the bridges?



- A 2                      B 4                      C 5                      D 6                      E More than 6

Josh scored a very impressive total of 90 on this paper and only missed the next qualification by 5 points!!

Special mention should also go to the following pupils who were awarded a Silver or Bronze certificate.

### Year 8

Molly Brennan – Bronze  
 Kane Barnish – Bronze  
 Matthew McCurrie – Bronze  
 William Holme – Bronze  
 Max Crellin – Bronze  
 Davyd Tolkach – Bronze  
 Luke Kilgour – Bronze

### Year 7

Rachel Abbott – Silver  
 Olivia Smith – Silver  
 Steven McGuirk - Bronze  
 Adam Warburton - Bronze  
 Mia Lowen - Bronze  
 Chris Hardingham - Bronze

Certificates and prizes will be given out in assemblies soon.



## Sports News

This half term has been particularly hectic for the PE Department with numerous fixtures, tournaments, sporting festivals, Race for Life and Sports Awards Celebration Evening keeping everyone very busy.

In June a number of our year 7 and 8 pupils took part in a **Biathlon** event hosted by Rossall School. Pupils involved ran 1000m and swam 100m. it was a really enjoyable afternoon for all involved, but especially for **Ollie Swales** (yr8) and **Ryan McGreevy** (yr8) who finished as overall winners of the girls and boys U13 competition respectively. A tremendous result!



The same week, back at Rossall, our yr7 and 9 Rounders teams took part in the **Wyre and Fylde Schools Tournament**. The yr7 squad showed true grit and resilience in the early stages resulting in us progressing through to the quarter finals where we met Baines. On this occasion unfortunately Baines were just too strong for us.

This year it was our boys turn to bask in sunshine at the **Wyre and Fylde Athletics**

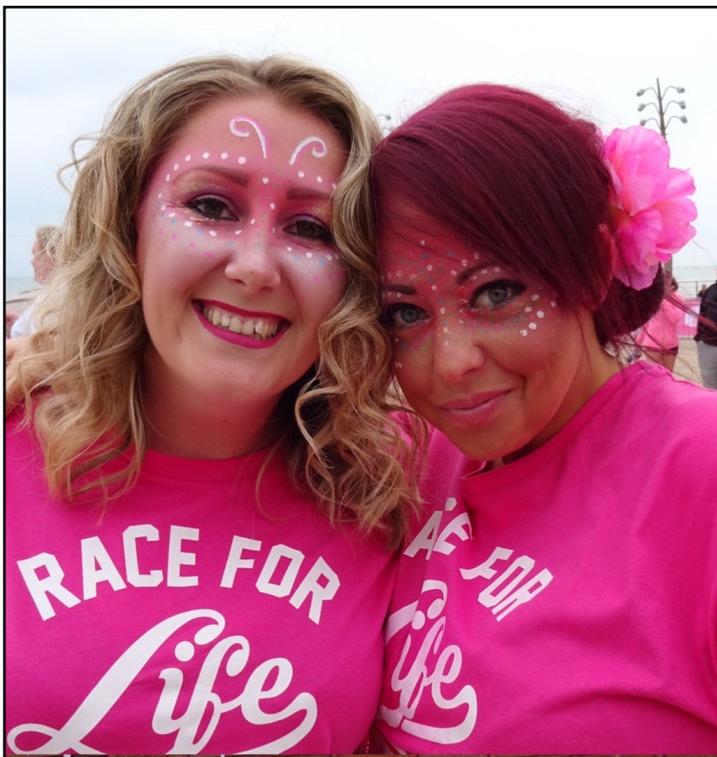


**Championship**, whereas the girls event the following week was abandoned on arrival at Stanley Park due to the finish line looking more like a swimming pool! Again our pupils continue to be a pleasure to spend time with and they never fail to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner. This was certainly the case last week whilst representing Wyre District at

**The Lancashire School Games.** We had competitors in the Super 8 Athletics Event and the girls Kwik Cricket competition. Whilst we didn't medal in either events the girls had a thoroughly enjoyable day of sport and will take many happy memories from being a part of such a fantastic festival. Supporting the Tri-golf competition were a very competent team of yr 9 sports leaders. The feedback from the Golf foundation was highly complimentary, stating that our girls were the most professional and efficient leaders they had ever worked with! Similarly, the yr10 media team who worked alongside RockFM during the day acted as superb ambassadors for Cardinal Allen. It certainly was a day when you felt 'proud to be Cardy'.



Once again this year a 40 strong team of 'Cardy Girls', young and not so young, took part in **Race for Life** along the prom in support of Cancer Research. It's always a fun event to be part of, with this year being no exception. Whilst it is very much a participation event it would be wrong not to highlight the performances of **Ollie Swales**, **Imogen Reader** and **Millie Dawson** who crossed the finish line together in a very, very respectable 6<sup>th</sup> place overall. Not far behind them were **Emily Grassie**, **Lily Eaton** and **Erin Brodrick**. Well done to all of you who participated.



Finally, our week of all weeks was topped off with an evening of celebration meticulously organised by Mrs Orwin. **Sports Awards Evening** took a different format this year and proved to be a huge success. Pupils graciously received their sporting colours in recognition of their commitment to school sport. Our guest speaker, **Andrew Whitaker**, spoke to our recipients about what it takes to be successful in sport. His own personal journey to sporting success (powerlifting) was truly inspiring, as he overcame the challenges of losing his mobility at the tender age of 9. TeamPE hope Andrew's advice to work hard and '*be all you can be*' will remain in the minds of our own Cardy Champions as they pursue their sporting dreams. Finally, we finish this half term with a variety of inter-house sporting competitions including archery, boccia and seated volleyball before closing the week with Sports Day on Friday. Nothing gives us (TeamPE) more satisfaction than seeing 90% of our school population contributing to our very own Festival of Sport. Now time for a holiday!



### Art Department

**Williamson Park GCSE Art Trip:** On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 the year 9 GCSE Art & Design options group took part in a visit to Williamson Park and Butterfly house in Lancaster. A lovely day was had by all involved and the behaviour and attitude of our students was exemplary. This trip is designed to enhance the pupil's knowledge and appreciation for natural forms, and the work which began on this trip; such as the beautiful photographs taken by our pupils, will be included in their portfolio of work.



**Whitworth Art Gallery GCSE art trip:** On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June the year 10 GCSE Art & Design options group took part in a visit to the Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester. The pupils explored a variety of exhibits from portraiture to textiles as well as exploring the beautiful grounds and outdoor sculptures. Visiting an art gallery is part of the GCSE curriculum and offers the pupils a valuable learning experience and the opportunity to interact with a diverse collection of artists work.

## Lancashire Young Mind Youth Achievement Award

Over the last 10 months, a group of Year 8 and 9 pupils have been working hard to gain a Lancashire schools Youth Achievement Award, supported by a project worker from the charity Young Mind. This was as part of a larger pilot project throughout Lancashire focussing specifically on Wellbeing. The pupils involved were responsible for carrying out whole school pupil questionnaires to identify areas that would benefit the school community. As a result of their findings, they came up with, and implemented, their own challenges to improve wellbeing throughout year groups.

They came up with themes of Happiness and Anti-Bullying. Effective teamwork between the pupils meant they put in extra work during lunchtimes and after school and consequently, all deservedly, received either a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate.

Due to the hard work and success of the anti-bullying project, these particular pupils received an additional award for the Lancashire school with 'The Most Effective and Sustainable Project'

Congratulations and well done to all students taking part in this worthwhile project.



All pupils gained certificates: **Niamh Flynn, Courtney Manning, Matthew Gowens, Emily Jane Birdsall, Charlotte Peters, Bethany Fleming, Jessica Lees, Ethan Geddes, Dylan McLaughlin, Matthew Mitchell, Emily Urmston, Aliyah Rayner, Nicola Whitaker and Louise Nash.** Pupils gaining a special award for school with the Most Effective and Sustainable Project: **Matthew Gowens, Charlotte Peters, Nicola Whitaker, Emily Urmston, Bethany Fleming, Dylan McLaughlin and Matthew Mitchell**

## Year 7 Inter-House Football Competition

Report by Robert Paddock, 7Ad

*Josh Lambert pops up with 4 goals as Blues win the Year 7 Inter-House Football Competition.*

Game 1: Yellow V Tangerine The start of the competition was a feisty one ending in a surprising win for Yellows. **Yellow 1-0 Tangerine.**

Game 2: Green V Blue Team Green were forced to do some early defending. However, when a free kick was drifted in by Merella, the ball missed everyone before being tapped in by Lambert. **Green 0-1 Blue**

Game 3: Green V Tangerine For a goalless draw this was one of the best games of the competition. It all started with a lovely ball through to the Captain, Ward, who pushed it past the keeper but sadly it failed to go in. Green had consecutive free kicks given to them. All comfortable for a keeper who could have done with buying a deck chair! **FT 0-0**

Game 4: Yellow V Blue Blues started with two quick-fire long range efforts from Merella. One way over, one nearly the goal of the competition. A dubious refereeing decision from Mr Walker gave the Yellows a free kick, but a fantastic free-kick to say the least! This was then matched by the save of the tournament! In a game of saves Lambert pops up again when a goal was tapped home. **FT 1-0**

Game 5: Tangerine V Blue Blues were held to their first draw from a brilliant performance by Ray, who played an incredible game. Saves everywhere! Blues were putting out some class skills from Croft and Merella, then, the best save of them all, another free-kick just outside the box, top corner tipped to safety. Simply Brilliant. **FT 0-0**

Game 6: Green V Yellow Yellow and Green played out a fascinating game you couldn't take your eyes off, except for me who missed it! With only seconds left Green had a free-kick to break Yellow's hearts and put them into the 3/4 placed play off. **Green 1-2 Yellow**

3-4 Place Play-off: Tangerine V Green After a late upset for Tangerine they had to settle for the play-off and it was an intriguing game to say the least. Haig took the first chance of the game but it was met with another 'wonder save' from McGuirk. 30 seconds left and it was 0-0 until Duffy put the ball past the keeper. **Tangerine 1-0 Green**

The Grand Final: Blue V Yellow Chances were the name of the game. Merella had 2 main ones for Blue and so did Corcoran for Yellow. A big moment for Blue when Lambert cut it in from the by line. Another goal-line scramble and this time appeals of "it was over the line, Sir!" met with a shake of the head. Easy cross to be gathered by the keeper and Merella got his 3rd of the tournament. Seconds later the Blues were undone, 1-1. Then came the moment, finally a goal line scramble put in by Lambert. **FT: BLUES WIN.**



## Attendance

**Attendance for 2015-16 is the highest on school record and we would like to thank you all for your support.** Unauthorised absence, mainly as a result of family holidays, remains a serious concern and this year over 4,000 lessons have been lost to family holidays. You will undoubtedly have read about a recent high-profile case regarding a parent having been fined for taking his child out of school only for the local authority to lose the hearing in a higher court. Whilst the case is ongoing, the advice from the Department for Education and from Lancashire County Council is that legal proceedings continue as normal for unauthorised leave from school. I have copied the following from the school's Attendance Policy to reinforce the matter:

**'The law only allows the Headteacher to authorise extended leave for pupils in exceptional circumstances** - such authorisation will be extremely rare. Parents / carers **do not** have an automatic right to take their children out of school for leave during term time.'

To apply for a child to be granted leave from school parents should complete a *Leave of Absence Request Form* and return it to school for consideration at least 2 weeks in advance of the proposed leave and before committing to any expense. Upon receipt of a request the Headteacher will make a decision as to whether or not to authorise the absence. The form will then be returned to you for your records as evidence should you be challenged by an attendance/police officer during a truancy sweep.

*Please note that the decision, in law, rests with the Headteacher and whilst the local authority apply any legal sanctions, it has no responsibility for the decision.*

Our experience tells us that there are some families who choose not to be honest with us and offer excuses for absence when, in truth, they are on holiday. For this reason we will ask for medical evidence to validate a pupil's absence which occurs immediately prior to, or following a school holiday. Failure to provide such evidence may result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised and thereby trigger legal proceedings. Ultimately, the Headteacher's judgement will determine whether to authorise an absence or not.

## Term dates for 2016-2017

### Autumn Term 2016

Re-open for all pupils on

Half Term

Last day of term—12.20 finish

Wednesday 7th September

Monday 31st October—Friday 4th November

Wednesday 21st December

### Spring Term 2017

Re-open for pupils on

Half Term

Last day of term—12.20 finish

Thursday 5th January

Monday 13th February—Friday 17th February

Thursday 6th April

### Summer Term 2017

Re-open for pupils on

May Day

Half Term

Last day of term—12.20 finish

Monday 24th April

Monday 1st May

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June

Thursday 20th July

## Another year passes

And finally..... just to say many thanks to you all for your continued support throughout the past year. These newsletters are a celebration of all the outstanding work that takes place both in and beyond school and showcase the outstanding talent that our pupils possess. It just remains for me to wish you all a restful, well earned and enjoyable summer break.



**A reminder that school re-opens for all pupils on Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 8.40am**