



## Staff Farewells



**Ben Tyrie** joined our English department after completing his initial teacher training year with the Catholic Teaching Alliance. Ben has now successfully completed his NQT year with us and is moving to a school closer to home in Blackburn. We thank Ben for all of his work this year and wish him well for his future career.

**Sharlan Butcher** started at Cardinal Allen in September 2015 as Lead Teacher of Science having previously worked at Highfield Humanities College. We wish Sharlan well as she moves a little closer to home to Carr Hill, Kirkham.

**Leanne Holker** hails from the great city of Preston and joined our Maths team in September 2013 as an NQT. Beyond Maths, Leanne's form group is well known for its fantastic fund raising events, which include amazing chocolate filled raffle prizes! Leanne has also been a great support to our pupils in completing Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. We wish Leanne well in her new role as Lead Practitioner of Maths at Wellfield, Leyland.

**Beckie Fuce** joined us from Baines School as a part-time teacher of French and Spanish. Beckie has always been willing to get involved in school life and pupils have benefited from her love of hockey and her support for the Christmas Market trip.



Up to date news items, reminders and comments relevant to the education of our pupils and our work in the community.

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**Hilary Platt** joined us in January 2016 as a part-time teacher of Food Technology. Hilary has worked incredibly hard to establish really good relationships with those in her care and we will be sad to see her leave. We wish her well.

**Adam Smith** joined our History department in September 2012 having completed his NQT year in County Durham. In addition to teaching History, Adam has also acted as a Cover Supervisor and has taught Geography and English. Our pupils have benefited from an extremely knowledgeable Historian and we wish Adam well in his new position at Carr Hill, Kirkham.



**Helen Herd** initially joined Cardinal Allen whilst undertaking her PGCE and was subsequently appointed to our Design Technology team in September 2010 as an NQT. Helen was soon invited to join the James Dyson Foundation Innovation Group and in January 2012 she was recognised as the Outstanding Newcomer to Design Technology by the Design and Technology Association. Helen was appointed Lead Teacher for Design Technology in April 2012 and, beyond DT, she has provided great support to our pupils as a part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. We wish Helen well for her move to Kirkbie Kendal School.

### Senior Prefects perfect their presentation skills



I am delighted to announce the election of our four-strong top team of prefects following an improved process of selection. Congratulations to **Hannah Cardwell** (Head Girl), **Mark Mate** (Head Boy), **Madison Southern** (Deputy Head Girl) and **Ben Wright** (Deputy Head Boy). 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 four, 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.

## Term Dates for 2017—2018

### Autumn Term 2017

Re-open for all pupils on	Wednesday 6th September
Half Term	Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November
Last Day of Term—12.20 finish	Friday 22nd December

### Spring Term 2018

Re-open for pupils on	Monday 8th January
Half Term	Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February
Last Day of Term—12.20 finish	Wednesday 28th March

### Summer Term 2018

Re-open for pupils on	Monday 16th April
May Day	Monday 7th May
Half Term	Monday 28th May—Friday 1st June
Last Day of Term—12.20 finish	Friday 20th July

*Please disregard dates published on any other website. In the extremely unlikely event that there are changes to these dates, the school will notify parents.*

## Attendance Matters!

Attendance at Cardinal Allen is excellent 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 4,200 lessons have been lost to family holidays. 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.

## Oliver!

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July saw the culmination of many months of hard work when members of CAHS theatre company, *BRAVO!* presented *Oliver!* for friends and family.

Combining experienced 'pros' from years 9/10 and introducing younger members into the chorus, the staff and students produced a show of outstanding quality.

With **Hackett** brothers **Ben** and **Sam** taking the principal roles of *Oliver* and the *Artful Dodger*, we were taken through the classic Dickens tale of Victorian England accompanied by a fantastic live band lead by **Miss A Ronson**. **Will Brimelow** as *Fagin*, **Ben Wright** as *Bill Sykes* and **Beth Brown** playing *Nancy* were equally spectacular in producing an entertaining night to remember.

With the final show culminating in what has notoriously become 'improv night', *Oliver!* was brought to a close by the 'hilarious' sketch of show crew Ball, Hames, Rankin and Bateman. For anyone present on the 5<sup>th</sup> July, I'm sure the image of Mrs Bateman appearing carrying a milkmaid's yoke and wearing a satin, brown bridesmaid's dress will be etched in their memories forever more.

Thank you to all who supported our annual school production and especially members of



*BRAVO!* who truly embraced the notion of 'Be All You Can Be.'

Next year's show is scheduled for w/c 21 May 2018 – watch this space!



## Year 10 Catering

In this summer Term Year 10 catering students completed their practical Controlled Assessment. As we are working to a new specification the pupils were given a bistro scenario to design two courses. The dishes had to be nutritionally balanced and locally sourced.

Without doubt this year students produced some of the best food that I have seen. They pushed themselves with their practical cookery skills and in many cases pupils were demonstrating skills way above what would be expected for their age. A special mention has to go to **Jay Blinkhorn, Lucy Bierne, Aliyah Rayner and Courtney Manning** who produced plates of food that wouldn't look out of place in any restaurant. With many staff saying they would happily pay money for the presented plates. Hopefully this standard will continue into year 11. Next year they will be set another practical challenge of working in a kitchen brigade, they will design and cook a 3 course menu for 4/6 people. Alongside this, pupils will also be preparing for their exam.



## Vacancy for IT Technician

The school currently has a vacancy for a well-organised and responsible person to work with our Lead IT Technician to provide effective ICT support throughout the school, as well as to four of our local primary schools.

**Permanent position - working for 37 hours per week (Full Year)**

**Grade 6 SCP 21-26 (£20,138 to £23,398)**

As it is the school holidays, please contact us by email.

Enquiries by email to [webmaster@cardinalallen.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@cardinalallen.co.uk)

Full details, including application forms are available on the school website.

Applications by email only to [j.abra@cardinalallen.co.uk](mailto:j.abra@cardinalallen.co.uk)

**Closing date for applications is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 - Interviews Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Fiction Addiction:** Takes place every Thursday lunchtime in the LRC. Each week has a different theme and various, fun-filled activities that are centred around it. Themes so far have included the celebration of World Book Day; creative writing; fantasy; spies; Where's Wally?; Harry Potter and even Star Wars (to celebrate National Star Wars Day)! It is proving to be quite a success, with pupils thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to enjoy fiction outside of the classroom. After all, that's why stories are written, to be enjoyed! Come along any Thursday and



join in the fun. Bring a packed lunch and some friends or make a few new ones.

**ROCK FM:** A group of enthusiastic and confident Year 8 pupils were picked to represent Cardinal Allen at Rock FM recently. The pupils (Sam, Archie, Rose, Sara, Jess, Liam, Josh and Steven) were



trained by the media staff in interviewing and presenting techniques. These fantastic pupils then attended the Youth Games as the media team. Well done, Year 8! The staff at Rock FM said you did a wonderful job.

Well done to **Holly Egan** from Year 7 who wrote a pledge for the Youth Games and was invited to attend for the day as a VIP.

**Author Cathy Cassidy Visits:** We welcomed Cathy Cassidy into school to meet with year seven and eight students plus year six students from St. Mary's, St. Wulstan's and St. Edmund's, St Bernadette's and Norbreck schools.

As part of her tour to promote her most recent book "Love from Lexie", Cathy shared her reasons for becoming an author including how she was inspired, during her school days, to take up writing.

She shared the importance of her Writing Shed and her type-writer, rescued from a junk shop which was one of the inspirational objects for her story that inspired her ideas for Lexie. She also spoke about her passion for protecting our local libraries. She spoke, at length, about her letter-writing campaigns and how her protest work is included in her novels.



After the presentation, Cathy spent time with Miss Shirreffs, in the Aquinas Centre, signing books and meeting with students to inspire their creative writing ideas.

A huge thank you to Miss Shirreffs for organising the event along with Puffin Books.



Even though this is the final term, classes have continued to work studiously as they develop their Spoken English skills and creative writing responses. Year 7 has busied themselves creating their entries for the Zoo Project with such a range of original ideas, fantastic models and presentations.

#### Winning Entries in the Cleveleys'

**Writers Competition:** Continuing our success in local and national competitions, we were pleased to host Cleveleys' Writers on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017. **Charlotte Edwards, Hannah Praed** (Year 9) and **Jess Jones** (Year 8) managed to place first, second and third. Charlotte's entry (on the theme of Conflict) was set to music as recognition of her original poetry and imaginative response.

**Celebration of English 2017:** On Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017, we invited family and friends of a selection of students to hear performances of extracts of work covered this year in English lessons. Members of 7L stole the show with their performance poetry, with the guidance of Mr Eccles. We profiled the innovative work of students across years 7-10 including **Maia** (Year 10) reading Juliet's Soliloquy and **Hannah Praed's** (Year 9) public speaking entry for the Rotary Youth Speaks competition.

It was a pleasure for the English department to have opportunity to share in the original and inspiring work produced, in class, this year and to celebrate achievement with family and friends as a 'thank you' for their support this year. Students were confident and entertaining and a credit to their school.



**Accelerated Reader Millionaires/Multi-Millionaires:** How do you become a Millionaire? Read one million words! CACHS 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.

But what is Accelerated Reader and how does it work? For the past three years, Years 7, 8 and 9 students at Cardinal Allen have successfully participated in the Accelerated Reader programme, a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice and reading for pleasure. Once a book has been read, the student takes an online quiz to demonstrate their understanding. If the student passes the quiz, the programme will then set appropriate reading targets and total the number of words read to date.

Accelerated Reader ties in well with the school's Pick-Up- A-Book lesson (PUAB). PUAB runs on a rolling timetable every week for one hour. During this hour students literally PUAB and read for pleasure. Reading for pleasure, or recreational reading as some prefer to say, refers to any reading that we do of our own free will, for our own enjoyment and which involves reading materials that reflect our own choice.

We are keen to share reading success and are delighted to announce more students achieving Word Millionaire and Multi-Millionaire status during the summer term.

For Year 7 we have **Abigail Egan – 7BE**. To date, Abigail has read and quizzed on 13 books since September with a current word count of **1,142,287**.

Also a word millionaire is **Holly Egan – 7AD**. Holly has read and quizzed on 11 books since September with a word count of **1, 039, 173**. Well done girls.

For Year 8 we have **Kelsey Hoyle – 8BE**. **Kelsey** has now achieved **Multi-Millionaire** status which is a tremendous achievement for any student. Kelsey has read and quizzed on a total of 43 books with a word count of **2, 186, 531**. Well done Kelsey.

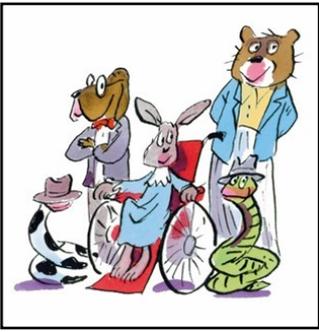
Congratulations to all those named above and we look forward to many more millionaires in the new school year. Wishing everyone happy summer reading!

### **Accelerated Reader 2016/2017**

Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils continue to use Accelerated Reader during Pick-up-a-Book and as we head towards summer, our top accelerated readers so far this academic year, across the year groups are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Books Read/Quizzes Passed</b>	<b>Words Read:</b>
Ruby Mangnall	7AL	50	3,683,506
Kelsey Hoyle	8BE	43	2,186,531
Aleah Price	9AD	25	1,915,306
Daniel O'Neil	7AD	13	1,354,243
Harry Coureau	8AG	25	1,347,390
Abigail Egan	7BE	13	1,142,287
Holly Egan	7AD	11	1,039,173
Emma Fearnley	8BE	11	977,413
Erin Quinn	7CO	11	856, 353
Gracie Sandham	8BE	16	730, 440

*Well done everyone and keep reading!*



**Summer Reading Challenge 2017:** Libraries are great places for children to discover reading for pleasure and there is no better time to do this than during the long summer holidays. The **Summer Reading Challenge** is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. It is completely free and last year over three quarters of a million children took part. Every year the challenge has a new theme and this year the challenge is called Animal Agents, illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's

illustrator Tony Ross. **How does the Summer Reading Challenge work?**

1. Children aged 4-11 sign up at their local library where they will receive their special agent collector folder.
2. Children read at least six library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting incentives along the way – all FREE!
3. At [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) children can use the book sorter and share book recommendations.

Children who complete the Challenge get a certificate and/or a medal. You can go to any UK library that is running the Summer Reading Challenge and you don't have to keep going to the same library. So, if you are on holiday in the UK your child can still keep up with the challenge. 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!

**WANTED: Pupil Librarians:** The LRC will shortly be advertising for new Pupil Librarians and Monitors. Cardinal Allen encourages pupils to participate in the running of the library by volunteering to become pupil librarians. Pupils can help before registration, at lunchtime or during library periods. The Pupil Librarian Training Programme allows for different levels of ability and pupils can progress through the levels at their own speed. Librarians have an important role, not just in the day to day running of the LRC but also contributing to the development of the service. If you are interested in becoming a pupil librarian, please see Miss Shirreffs for an application form.

**Chess Club in the LRC – Make The Right Move:** Simon Rogers from Cleveleys Chess Club currently volunteers to come into school once a week to train up our future chess champions. Simon teaches beginners to championship status and has been having great success with some of our pupils. **Chantelle Bain – 8GR** and **Ethan Edwards – 9AD** both play against adults at Poulton Chess Club. Chantelle has already played for Poulton Chess Club in a team and played at the cup semi-final where she excelled against a higher ranking opponent. **Zach Johnson-Roberts – 7AD**, who has been attending Cleveleys Chess Club for only a few months recently reached the final of the Club Championship.



Chess Club will be starting up again in September in the LRC so if you are an avid chess player, don't forget to come along to the LRC during break and lunch to practice your chess skills. Players of all abilities, staff and students are welcome. Our chess club is steadily growing with approximately 20 students attending. Students interested in joining Cleveleys Junior Chess Club can go along to Cleveleys Park Methodist Church on a Thursday night between 6.30 to 8.30pm. Entrance fee is £2.00.

Following the success of our Book Fair last September, we will once again be hosting a book fair in September to create a reading extravaganza!

Scholastic Book Fairs are a wonderful way to get children excited about books and reading and are the perfect opportunity for your child to browse and find a book they will love.

The event will run in the Library from **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September to**

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017.** During English lessons, KS3 pupils will be taken to the LRC to browse through the selection of books.

There are **over 200 titles** for students to choose from, and with prices starting from **only £1.99**, there's sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy! Don't forget that every book purchased at the Book Fair benefits our school and helps us to earn **FREE BOOKS** for our library and classrooms.

Book Fair leaflets will be sent out nearer the time – just ask your child to collect one from the LRC and you can decide together which book(s) you would like to purchase.

Gift Vouchers are also available online to purchase and details can be found at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk).

If any parents/guardians would like to browse the Book Fair with their child, ***the Library will be open from 3.15pm to 4.30pm every day during this event.*** We look forward to welcoming you.

### School Council

It's been another busy year for the school council whose job it is to listen, represent, consult and co-operate, inform and investigate!! A reminder that we are now on Twitter! If you have a Twitter account, please follow @CASchoolCouncil for regular updates about what is being discussed during our meetings.

Working with the Eco Group at school, we continue to tackle the issue of litter which is still a huge problem in and around school. ***Always bin your litter!***

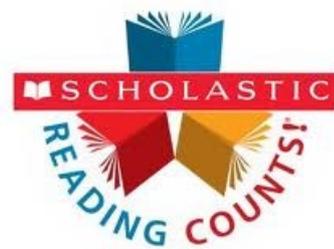
We enjoyed hosting Lord Goddard of Stockport who visited our school council as part of the "Peers in Schools" outreach programme and learnt a lot about what the House of Lords do and about politics and parliament.

We have recently registered to take part once again in the 2017 Make Your Mark Campaign. This campaign is where every 11-18 year old in the UK is eligible to vote and where the results are used to decide the policies to be debated by members of the UK Youth Parliament. This will be a whole school vote where pupils will be voting in September from a shortlist of ten issues with the topics due to be debated by the Members of Youth Parliament in the House of Commons in October.

If you would like a chance to sit on the new school council, applications are now invited. If any student wishes to nominate themselves, please see your Progress Leader or Miss Shirreffs in September.

We are open to any suggestions and try our hardest to make your school a better place.

***YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL – YOUR VOICE!***



## Y10 WW1 Battlefields Visits

Year 10 had an outstanding trip to the battlefields of the First World War in June. We had a long journey across to Belgium but everyone was in good spirits. We made such good time thanks to our excellent driver that we were able to squeeze an extra visit in on the way to Ypres. We visited Lijssenthoek Cemetery, the second largest of the Commonwealth War Grave cemeteries on the Western Front. This was a hospital cemetery and we were able to find the graves of two Fleetwood casualties. We stayed in the Belgian town of Ypres, scene of so many terrible battles of the First World War, and spent the first day exploring the museums, battlefields and cemeteries of the Ypres salient. The students were absolutely outstanding, so interested and engaged. The students had all been given a local soldier to research and this made the visits to the cemeteries and battlefields so much more poignant. We were proud to represent



Cardinal Allen at the evening Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres. Two of our students, **Ben Thomas** and **Leah Pendlebury**, laid a wreath on behalf of us all, a great honour. Day 3 we travelled down to the Somme battlefields, on a beautiful summer day. The poppies



were out in vast numbers and the landscape was beautiful, hiding the still-visible scars of that terrible battle 101 years ago. The students were, again, an absolute credit to themselves and the school. We toured Thiepval Wood, scene of fierce fighting by the Ulster division on July 1<sup>st</sup> and the guide commented that she had never had a group so interested, well behaved and well informed. We were very proud of them. We visited Lochnagar Crater, Thiepval Wood, Ulster



Tower, Newfoundland Park and the Beaumont Hamel battlefield. One of the most poignant and memorable moments of the day came when we went to the Sunken Lane in the middle of the Beaumont Hamel battlefield, from which the Lancaster Fusiliers attacked at 0730 on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The men of the Lancaster Fusiliers were filmed for a film called 'The Battle of the Somme' and we were able to sit exactly where the men from our local regiment sat prior to going

over the top. Sadly, many of them now lie in the small but beautiful cemetery that now lies in the middle of No Man's Land. Many of them did not even make it out of the Sunken Lane before being killed. We finished the day at the immense and brooding Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, which holds the names of 72 192 men who died on the Somme and who have no known grave. Among them are many men from the Fleetwood, Thornton, Preston and Lancaster areas.

This trip was an outstanding success. The group were truly a pleasure to take out to the battlefields. We just wished we could have stayed longer! We are working on some commemorative ideas for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War 1 in 1918, so watch this space for more information. Thanks to the students and to the accompanying staff as well as the Finance staff for their support in organising the trip.



**Be all you can be!**

Throughout the year staff have been promoting the school motto of "*be all you can be*" - something we would like all our pupils to engage with and encourage to do just that - be all they can be. For lower school, pupils were given an assembly to promote what it means to "*be all you can be*" - doing something as simple as making the bed each morning; to show that once something small can be achieved then the possibilities are endless. Whilst for upper school pupils, staff were asked to comment on what it was that made them proud of our upper school pupils and the responses were fantastic - including comments such as "I'm proud of upper school pupils for the effort I have seen in forms during fundraising events." I'm proud to see our pupils fulfilling their role as disciples of Jesus by helping those less fortunate than themselves" and "I'm proud of upper school pupils for how well they work together and how they are always on hand to encourage and help each other when the going gets tough!". We really hope all our pupils have been encouraged to *be all they can be*. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 11 all the best with their results this Summer and hope that their hard work has paid off. Miss Winkley and Miss Brown

**Art Club Monday 3:05-4:05pm:** If you need extra help with Art classwork or homework, or simply want to try a new skill then come to Art Club!

This term we have been really busy with a range of cross curricular activities from set design for Bravo, Community arts for Tram Sunday, posters for the visiting author Cathy Cassidy, and making sock Monkeys with the talented Miss Eastwood.



## GCSE CATCH UP SESSIONS

Tuesday 3:05-4:05PM

Thursday 3:05-4:05PM Art room 1 only

## REMINDER OF LUNCHTIME SESSIONS

Monday 1:15-1:45pm - KS3 Homework Club.

Tuesday 1:15-1:45pm – KS3 – Art room 1 only.

Wednesday- Closed.

Thursday 1:15-1:45pm – GCSE Catch-up.

Friday – Closed.

**Williamson Park 2017:** On Tuesday 21st June 2017 the year 9 GCSE Art & Design Options Group took part in a visit to Williamson Park in Lancaster, sadly due to a power cut they were unable to visit The Butterfly House. 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 pupils' 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.

**Young Artist of the Year:** Each year schools from across Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde are invited to submit entries to the Young Artist of the Year competition, organised by Blackpool and The Fylde College's School of Creative Arts. Entries are judged by a specialist panel from the College and a small selection go on display at the Gallery within the College's University Centre for all to see.

Well done to **Leah Pennington, Chantelle Hadgraft, Ellesse Bailey and Hannah Douglas** who all received the accolade of '*Highly Commended*' for their talented artworks.



**Year 10 Grundy Art Gallery Visit:** On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, Year 10 GCSE students took part in a trip to The Grundy Art Gallery in Blackpool. Students received a guided tour of the 'Love Life' exhibition by Jonathan Baldock and Emma Hart. This work explored traditional seaside themes such as 'Punch and Judy'. Students also took part in a workshop to create their own 'Punch and Judy' style portraits. All had a great day and the students were a credit to the school.

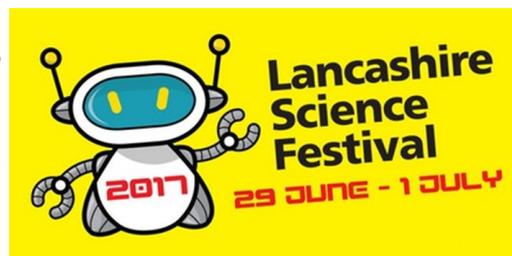
**Fleetwood Carnival Community Arts Project:** This term students have been working hard to decorate two large silhouettes of a human figure. These will go on display during 'Tram Sunday' with work from a range of schools and community groups. The theme of these figures is to represent who we are as a school. On one, the Textile Group has sewn and crocheted our uniform to create a tapestry of our school colours. On the other, students have drawn and painted a range of animals whose attributes embody our ethos as a school, such as pride, determination and '*Be all you can be*'.



## Science

At the start of July, 4 of our brightest minds spent a day at Blackpool Sixth Form participating in a STEM Excellence Day. The Year 10 pupils took part in a number of lessons; giving them a taste for A-Level work and the topics they might encounter should they choose to study Maths, Biology, Chemistry or Physics. The pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable day; if a little taxing but it did give them a real insight into what could be in store.

A group of 11 Year 7 pupils attended the Lancashire Science Festival on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, which was held at the University of Central Lancashire. The day included a Microbits Workshop, where pupils enjoyed making musical instruments, remote control cars and even used their own bodies in



completing electrical circuits! Pupils also analysed how common their names were followed by a visit to the 'Show Floor' to explore all sorts of weird and wonderful aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.



## Music

**Graded Music Exams:** Congratulations to the students who passed their practical music exams this term:

**Grade 1: Mia Lowin, George Smith and Olivia Smith.**

**Grade 2: Lily Eaton**

**Reminder to parents:** If your child is having music lessons outside of school and passes a practical or theory exam, these may also count towards their GCSE point scores. In order for points to count, they must bring in a copy of the original certificate to Miss Ronson in the Music Department who will then take a copy for it to be recorded on the school system.

**Events:** The Cardinal Allen Singers and band have had a busy term as usual starting with the 'Celebration of Music' event at the Winter Gardens where they performed a beautiful and moving rendition of 'Oceans' by Hillsong to an audience of over 2000. Following on from this, they have performed at several Masses within the school and have also represented the school at the Fleetwood Adult Disability Centre, St Mary's Parish 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and have supported some of the local primary schools in their end of year celebration assemblies.

The string group has also been busy with joint string events at Rossall School involving local secondary and primary schools and have also been involved in Lancashire Music Service end of year events at the Guildhall in Preston.



**Instrument Appeal:** And finally, the music department would like to make an appeal for any unwanted or unloved instruments that you may have lying around at home which the department could make very good use of. We would especially welcome donations of brass and woodwind instruments. Please contact Miss Ronson [a.ronson@cardinalallen.co.uk](mailto:a.ronson@cardinalallen.co.uk)

## Community News

**D of E:** Our D of E students are currently finishing their work towards their D of E 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, 6 year 9 groups have completed expeditions in the Silverdale area and West Pennine moors. Our Silver Award students consisting of 2 year 10 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.

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



**Taster days:** 230 students from 8 primary schools have recently enjoyed a series of taster days at Cardinal Allen. The feedback we received was very encouraging with the vast majority hoping to join us when in year 7.



**ECO - Slugit:** Our Eco team have been researching different methods of natural control against slugs for the Royal Horticultural society. Our group found that bark chippings were the most effective protection followed by grit.

**Guinea pigs:** Salt and Pepper are still enjoying life at Cardy

**Manchester Science Museum:** Our Eco Group recently went on a trip with St Marys Primary school to Manchester Science museum. The Interactive discovery area was very popular.



**Green Flag Award:** We have just found out that we have been awarded our 7<sup>th</sup> Green flag. Not many other schools can boast of this achievement. After a thorough inspection we were informed that we had no areas for development. Well done Eco team!!!

**Larkholme For All:** The transformation at the Wyre Disability centre is nearing completion. A big thank you to all of our students that have worked so hard to make the grounds look and smell great.



**Fleetwood in Bloom:** Our Eco group have been involved with helping Fleetwood look fantastic by planting for Fleetwood in Bloom.



**Beacon Fell Pond Dipping:** We have delivered Pond dipping and Minibeast Hunting workshops for primary school children at Beacon Fell.

**Fashion Show:** Our cluster's annual Fashion Show was held at Shakespeare Primary school. Our outfit this year was based on the issue of plastic bottle recycling.

**INTERACT—Community group:**

A big thank you to Betty for 8 years of work with our IT and handwriting groups. Betty is emigrating to Canada to live closer to her family. She will be missed by our students who have worked with her over the years.



**Sleepover:** Our Interact group recently have raised over £160 with a sleepover in the school grounds to raise awareness of the homeless youth in our community. All agreed that makeshift shelters are not great places to sleep – especially when the slugs come out!



## In the Pink for Race for Life 2017



## School Equipment

As you would imagine we expect pupils to attend school with appropriate equipment i.e. pencil, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, geometry set and pencil case along with their school bag. With effect from September, pupils who fail to bring in appropriate equipment for school may be detained for a same day detention. I am certain that you will appreciate that failing to have the correct equipment in school negatively impacts on your child's learning.



## Lancashire School Games Success



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 6th September 2017 at 8.40am**

