



PENDLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER 17-18

What a fantastic way to bring another busy year to a close with two stunning performances of our first ever whole school musical production 'Oliver, with a Twist'.

Staff and students have worked so hard on this project from the singing and signing choir and acting, to the scenery construction, costume making and art work. It all came together spectacularly when so many proud parents, family and friends enjoyed the debut performance.

For our second show we had the honour of performing to almost 20 international Erasmus+ visitors who came to PCHS&C. The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle also visited to watch the performance, being utterly amazed, in relation to what our students are able to achieve. I am so proud of everyone who contributed towards or supported this in any way, and whether a core or extended member of our school community we hope you all 'consider yourself one of us'!

Best wishes as always

Chris Lingard



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Noticeboard

Early Closure

School & college will close at 1:30pm on Friday 20th July for the Summer Holidays and will re-open on Tuesday 4th September.

Thank you!



I would like to say a massive thank you to all the students and parents/carers and staff who have made me feel so welcome at PCHS&C this year. It has been fantastic to meet and get to know lots of parents/carers through home visits, coffee drop in session and courses.

Alison McConville
Family Liaison Officer

After School Clubs

The letters and booking forms for after school clubs will go out on the first week back after summer. Please ensure you return your booking form and money before the deadline in order not to miss out on a place!

Term Dates

A full list of next years term dates can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Fun at the Pleasure Beach

Some of our college students enjoyed the adrenalin rush of rides at Blackpool Pleasure Beach this term. Ghost trains, Icon and Tango Ice blast were just some of the thrills that the students encountered on what had to have been one of the hottest days.

All you could hear from staff was a constant echo of "Have you put sun cream on?" "Have you had a drink?" We enjoyed eating fish and chips and treated ourselves to a doughnut! The coach was surprisingly quiet on the journey home.



College go to the Zoo

Some of the Post 16 students went on a trip to Blackpool Zoo, where they saw plenty of different animals, ate ice cream and walked for miles.

Unfortunately due to the hot weather some of the animals were not as keen to be moving around, but the day out was great and we had lots of fun in the sunshine.



Marsden in Space

The Marsden group visited Space at Preston which is a multi sensory facility for students with special needs. All the students thoroughly enjoyed being able to access the different equipment especially the slide. Students were able to choose which equipment they accessed and some of the learners were able to independently work the remotes. They all had a great time.



Year 11 Trip to Billy Bobs

Throughout their final year in PCHS, Year 11 have been undertaking different enterprises to raise money for an end of year treat at Billy Bob's Ice Cream Parlour in Yorkshire. They raised money through a shopping service, shoe shine service and selling cakes, biscuits and sandwiches on their Friday morning tea trolley.

All of the year 11s made enough money to be given £10 each to choose what they wanted from the menu and order it themselves at the counter. It was a lovely, relaxed way to spend time together as Year 11, socialising, catching up and enjoying each other's company.

Forest Schools

This half term some of the classes in school were given the amazing opportunity to explore Marsden Park Forest School with links to our curriculum.

This included Hodder and Wenning enjoying a mini-beast hunt, Slaidburn exploring team building activities, Wyre making objects linked to their history topic and so much more!

The students loved their time learning outside of the classroom and they all gave really positive feedback.

NEWSHOUNDS...

Welcome to the last Newshounds of the school and college year – and what a year it's been! Have a look on our website to see loads of Newshounds articles in previous newsletters.

Many thanks to this year's brilliant bunch – Aeesha, Brooke, Mckenzie and Callum (Year 7), Liam (Year 8) and Laura, Nabil and Sulaman (Year 9).

As promised in the last newsletter (Summer 2018), you can read all about all things techie, as Callum talks computers with Daniel Sharp, Pendle Community High School and College's Computing Curriculum

Lead. Callum has produced lots of great articles this year and he's signing off with The Big One, literally! If you're heading off to Blackpool Pleasure Beach in the holidays, you may well be taking a spin on one of its most famous rides, but do you know the story behind how it was built? Callum does! In true Newshounds style, he's been digging into the past to unearth the story of this roller coaster and has produced a brilliant article – everything you ever needed to know and some things you didn't even know you didn't know!

Finally, regular readers may remember from the last newsletter

that Nabil had written to a mystery guest, requesting an interview. All we revealed last time was that this person was (like Nabil) a keen Arsenal supporter. Unfortunately, we haven't received a reply as yet, but remain hopeful that there may be something to publish in the first newsletter of the 2018 – 2019 academic year. To put everyone out of their misery, the person in question is none other than The Right Honourable Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of the Labour Party and Leader of her Majesty's Opposition in the House of Commons. We hope to hear from Jeremy soon, but do accept that he has been a bit busy lately!



COMPUTER "CHIT CHAT"

It's Computer Chit Chat time! On behalf of school and college we have Callum the Newshound and on behalf of staff we have Mr Sharp, Pendle Community High School and College's Computing Curriculum Lead! What's up for discussion? It's all about whether we might start using the Firefox Quantum Browser in school. Callum's all in favour, but what does Mr Sharp think? Let's find out!

Callum: Firefox Quantum was released towards the end of 2017; we're still using Internet Explorer or the previous version of Firefox. Independent companies conclude that Firefox Quantum is much faster, even than Chrome, which is another alternative to Internet Explorer. Firefox Quantum is free, so couldn't we have it in school and college, please, Mr Sharp?

Mr Sharp: Whilst it is always great to have the latest software at home, just because something is free does not always make it better. You will also notice now that most of our computers now have Google Chrome installed. Although staff have a variety of browsers to choose from, the situation in a networked environment is different to at home, as the software we use has to be stable and work well with the other software we use on the network. Our network manager will roll out updates to software once he is happy it is stable to use on our network.

Callum: Quite a few teachers are using the previous version of Firefox, so wouldn't it be good to move them on to Firefox Quantum? Maybe we could devote an INSET day to letting them trial it to see what they thought of it? Would that be a good idea, Mr Sharp?

Mr Sharp: The final decision on who decides which software we have is made by Miss Grogan and the person who manages our network (Mr Sam Blakey). Our INSET time is managed by Miss Grogan who prioritises training based on what is most relevant for our staff at that present time, so I think it would be unlikely any time would be given to test out software.

Callum: Chrome is not great for handling lots of data (which teachers might need) when memory capacity is limited; Firefox Quantum handles it a lot better and doesn't require as much memory as, say, Chrome. I tested Firefox Quantum against Internet Explorer to see which would bring up our newsletters on our website the quicker and Firefox Quantum was ahead – just! What do you think, Mr Sharp?

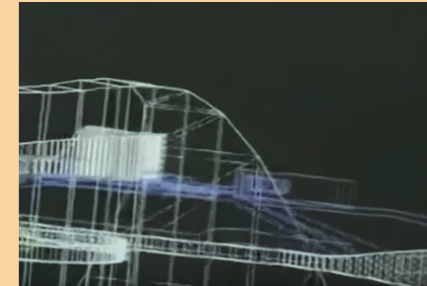
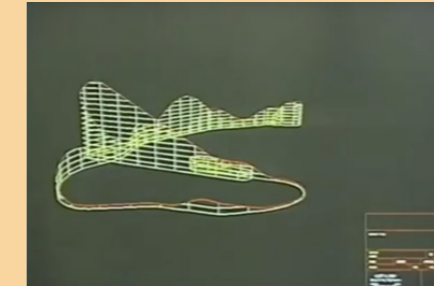
Mr Sharp: Different browsers sometimes process webpages in slightly different ways, despite there being guidance on HTML standards as defined by the Worldwide Web Consortium (W3C). We are using a particular web-based software package that requires Chrome for certain elements and due to the way it has been written does not work correctly on other web browsers. Personally I use Safari, Chrome and Firefox downloaded on my home computer. If I have problems with a website using one browser then I will switch to another browser and that will sometimes work better!

THE BIG ONE!

Hello! This is Callum and welcome to my latest Newshounds article! We are going to step away from the world of tech and delve into the holidays because after all, we have been getting a huge amount of sunshine! Anyway, if you have been to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, you have probably have admired the insanity that is The Big One! You can have your photo taken on the 'coaster and collect it after the ride! You've probably been wondering to yourself 'How could have this been possibly built for such a tall 'coaster?' Well, that's exactly what this article is about. So without further ado, let's get on with it!

The good ol' beginnings

Construction of the 'coaster began all the way back in 1993. Using 'at the time' modern computer technology, the team made a rough model on what the 'coaster could look like when in motion, although it didn't look as much fun as Super Mario or Sonic the Hedgehog! Sorry for the grainy images; these were all I could get.



There were lots of pieces of track and poles that had to be laid - so many in fact that they had to be airlifted! Here we can see a worker hammering the screws and nails of the ride.

Tins of paint...

All this is going to need a coat of paint and I'm not talking about a couple of tins! The answer to the paint problem lay in Bolton, where there was a machine that would supply more than the odd gallon of paint! The great thing about the paint used is that it will last for years on end in the long term.



Next up, we can see some construction shots on what it would look like on the road; you won't need just a set of ladders to paint this lot!

Ugh, it's the middle of winter and 'brass monkeys' with tears in their eyes are out looking for welders but the work must go on!

The public's view...

The public were amazed at the progress of the 'coaster, constantly looking up and pointing at segments at the ride. Some even constantly kept coming day by day as construction went on.



Fun facts about The Big One...

- Did you know that when this 'coaster was built, it was the tallest rollercoaster in the world! Since those days it has been struck down to the UK's tallest but it's still very impressive!
- The Big One is still one of the most expensive investments at the park to date.
- Every year, The Big One sends round an outstanding 1 million guests!
- Although most of you may know this, The Big One is actually sponsored by Pepsi MAX and was originally named Pepsi MAX: The Big One. However it seems like it lost the sponsor, although the Pepsi MAX cans are still a clue... according to Pleasure Beach Experience it has never ended its sponsorship with Pepsi MAX.

The Overall Experience...

Ever since 1994, The Big One has attracted millions of guests to the park and has become a huge icon of Blackpool and the UK as a whole! The world would never be the same without this legendary 'coaster! Geoffrey Thompson, who was the Managing Director of Blackpool Pleasure Beach, used to say "You can't go mad very often but you can with a rollercoaster". Well said, Geoffrey!



NEWS

from Nurse Deborah

<https://www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/snsn>



Nurse Deborah joined school nurses from other special school nurses and celebrated The NHS turning 70 on 5th July 2018 with a coffee morning with parents, carers and children at Newfield Special School, Blackburn.



Donations for cake and drinks were sent to the children's charity Destination Florida.

Nurse Deborah is a volunteer Lead Nurse for Orange Group on the next Destination Florida trip in November where 72 chronically sick and terminally ill children will experience the holiday of a lifetime!



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Coffee Morning

Thursday 20th September
9.30am - 11am

Come and join us for our next coffee morning with our Family Liaison Officer Alison McConville and Nurse Deborah who will be on hand to have a chat and answer any questions you may have.

Caren Stewart from Lancashire Adult Learning will also be dropping in to talk about a new course for parents/carers starting at PCHS&C called the **Positive Pathways Programme**.

This course will start on Thursday 27th September 2018 from 9.30am to 12 and is all about helping you to develop a healthy positive mindset, developing self confidence and being motivated to set and achieve your own personal goals.

For more information contact Alison McConville on 01282 682260.

Erasmus+ Make Every Step Count!

From 9th - 12th July we held the final project meeting for the schools involved in the latest Erasmus project. We hosted visitors from Lithuania, Turkey, France, Reunion Island (Fr.), Portugal and Sicily and they were warmly welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle and were also entertained by our whole school and college production of 'Oliver - with a twist'!



We exchanged best practice and delivered workshops on some of the project modules including communication and inclusion, working as a team and developing ICT skills via animation. We managed to show off some of the region including trips to the Lake District, Liverpool, Pendle and Bolton Abbey and also introduced them to such culinary delights as fish and chips, cream teas and not forgetting pie and peas for supper on a canal boat!



The visit appears to have been a success and once again our visitors commented on how fantastic our students are in their efforts, their manners and behaviour. It is always a pleasure to showcase our school and students to any visitors but this was exceptionally so as these colleagues were so impressed with our facilities and constantly praised our high expectations and belief in our students, and the high quality of work taking place throughout school. Fingers crossed that our latest application is successful!

Hodder & Wenning at the zoo



Hodder and Wenning went on an end of year trip to Blackpool Zoo following the Science topic 'Animals and their habitats'. We all had a fantastic time and of course enjoyed it even more as the sun was shining! All the students behaved brilliantly and represented our school in a very positive manner.

Recycling our Rubbish

Our students have been trialling a new recycling bin in school which has been a huge success! The bin has been made by the students in our DT sessions from recycled wood, and we are using it for our plastic milk bottles. Well done everyone!



Science in the Sensory Garden

This term the Science department has been working hard to grow a variety of plants, fruits and vegetables in our sensory garden. As you can see, the pupils have done an excellent job growing potatoes, strawberries, radish, sweet peas, broccoli, spring onions, lettuce, sweetcorn, peppers, runner beans, sunflowers any much more!



Next year, we are hoping to take this one step further and use the produce grown in our garden in our cooking and nutrition lessons which will be exciting!

Feudal Japan

Our history topic this half term in years 8 and 9 has been Feudal Japan. As part of the topic each class has had a go at making their own sushi and then trying it...We had some very mixed responses with some students loving it and some quickly drinking water to get rid of the taste!



Lake Burmain First

Four of our college students visited Lake Burmain in Foulridge for the first time in June. All togged up in their sailing gear they took to the water under a glorious sky. It had been over twelve months since any of the students had been sailing.

After a quick briefing they went out in pairs along with the instructor. They all fared admirably considering they were sailing in unaccustomed vessels and were finding the tiller in particular rather difficult to control.

Two students had to encounter a somewhat unpleasant and cold venture into the water after one of the boats capsized. To their credit they both remained calm until the rescue boat arrived. They were soon back on land and had time to reflect with a laugh and a joke. They all had an enjoyable day and once again the sailing experience proved to be a winner.



Wyre visits the Forest School

Wyre went to Marsden Park's Forest School on Tuesday 26th June as part of our topic on Feudal Japan in history.

Wyre participated in lots of activities such as some games of hide and seek. Wyre then made their own Japanese flags using the happa zome method and Wyre also made a Samurais mask using natural materials such as clay, twigs and leaves. Wyre all reported that they had enjoyed their trip and would love to go again!



Prom 2018



The Prom was a magical night for the students from Years 11 to 14. Arranged by the college council, the school hall was decorated with a purple and silver theme, and it looked amazing.

Our students arrived and were walked down the red carpet like stars, having their photos taken and receiving a glass of (non-alcoholic) bubbly. Everyone looked fantastic.

There was live music and a DJ which had all the students and staff up dancing! Everyone enjoyed a sit down meal which consisted of vegetable curry and naans. It was delicious and went down very well. We crowned the Prom King and Queen and more prizes were given out for best dressed and best dancer.

The whole night was amazing as always and everyone had a fabulous time. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped before the event and on the night.



Year 11 Leavers Meal

Our annual Year 11 leavers meal took place at Zio's in Barrowford. Over 30 staff and students attended and it was enjoyable for everyone to let their hair down and socialise with each other. All the students looked really smart and it gave them the chance to mix with staff and see them in a different light too.

Most staff were beaten by the size of the portions served, but students from Slaidburn made sure there was no need for 'doggy bags' as staff full to bursting passed pizzas and bowls full of pasta down to students who obviously have hollow legs.

Leaving school is a major part in anyone's life and together with the Prom and a trip to Billy Bobs the staff have endeavoured to give all the students a fitting and hopefully memorable end to their school days.



A Special Visit

On 26th June we had the pleasure of Lord and Lady Shuttleworth visiting the school, the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire and his wife. During their visit they were given a tour of the school by two year 11 prefects, and were also interviewed by the School Council. Following their visit we received a lovely thank you letter which stated 'It was clear to me from the moment we arrived that the whole school had a marvellous atmosphere with everybody striving to achieve their best. It was a pleasure for us to meet so many of your dedicated staff and to have a visit to almost every class. Congratulations to you and your team for what you are achieving and for the great benefit you are bringing to the community'.

From everyone at PCHS&C,
have a lovely summer
holiday and we will see you
when we return on Tuesday
4th September.



TERM DATES 2018 - 2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Term Starts on Tuesday 4th September 2018

Mid Term Closure Monday 22nd October to
Monday 29th October 2018 (inclusive)

Closure after School on Friday 21st December 2018

Number of openings: 73



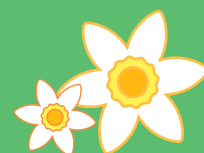
SPRING TERM 2018

Re-open on Monday 7th January 2019

Mid Term Closure Monday 18th February to
Friday 22nd February 2019 (inclusive)

Closure after School on Friday 5th April 2019

Number of openings: 60



SUMMER TERM 2018

Re-open on Wednesday 24th April 2019

May Day Closure Monday 6th May 2019

Mid Term Closure Monday 27th May to
Friday 31st May 2019 (inclusive)

Closure after School on Friday 19th July 2019

Number of openings: 57

