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# WELCOME

from the Headteacher

Well we've got to the end of another busy term spanning a mammoth 73 teaching days! As always staff and students continue to work hard to do their best every day and all are a credit to PCHS&C. Some of the highlights this half term have included celebrating our leaver's presentation assembly and our biggest and most impressive Christmas Fair to date, raising over £1,600 towards school fund and in particular the upcoming Calvert Trust residential visit.

We have also gained another achievement, the annual 'Tesco National Food Bank Award', following high quality support for this initiative by a number of students and staff which is absolutely excellent.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support however great or small, and from all staff and students wish you all a very happy Christmas holiday and peaceful new year.

Best wishes as always

*Chris Lingard*

## NOTICEBOARD



**DONT FORGET -  
SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY  
FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER  
AT 1:30PM**

**We will re-open Monday 7th January  
Have a fantastic Christmas break!**

## THE HEADTEACHER'S BUFFET

*Prepared and served by Slaidburn*



After almost a full term of practicing and serving different savoury and sweet dishes and different types of hot and cold drinks in preparation for the Head Teachers' Buffet on Thursday 13th December, Slaidburn successfully completed and served the buffet right on time.

Lots of different skills have been developed since September, including following recipes carefully, gathering the correct equipment independently, using electric whisks, blenders and ovens. Slaidburn also learned the importance of making food look good on a plate and how to arrange buffets to entice guests to try all of their products.

Well done Slaidburn for all of your efforts and for working hard to produce the buffet on time.



## HELPING THE HOMELESS

The Bowland team have been working hard on a project about vulnerable homeless young people in and around Pendle. They visited Safespace in Nelson and met with Ben the project manager to learn about what volunteers do to help young people and how as a group they can help. They decided we would use their Christmas spirit and make a donation to those in need at this festive time of year.

The students visited local shops and bought goods using some of the enterprise money they raised in the Autumn term. They negotiated deals and used calculators to correctly add up their spending. They exchanged money at the till and collected receipts for proof of purchase before returning to college to fill decorated shoe boxes with the goods.

They will be returning to Safespace to make their donation soon and will meet some of the young residents. The students have found the whole experience humbling and said they are grateful for what they have and helping others out made them feel good. It has certainly had a very powerful impact on all involved and this could become an annual activity.



# CHRISTMAS FAIR IS A GREAT SUCCESS!



**Pendle Community High School & College held their Christmas Fair on Thursday 6th December. Staff and students worked tirelessly in the weeks leading up to the event to ensure this year's fair was the biggest and best it has ever been, and it didn't disappoint.**

The event was opened with a tinsel cutting ceremony performed by the Mayoress of Pendle, Mrs Janet Starkie. Visitors were greeted by a special festive café serving drinks, mini Christmas puddings and lots of goodies. There were many activities to enjoy including making wooden decorations in Santa's Workshop, decorating festive biscuits in Mrs Claus' Kitchen and visiting Santa himself in the Grotto! The whole school was buzzing with festive spirit as people visited the various stalls and got involved in games, raffles, auctions and competitions!

**Headteacher Chris Lingard said "I am delighted with the quality of the event and the huge support offered by parents, staff, students and the wider community. Well done everyone."**

The purpose of the event was to raise money to send some of our students on a residential trip to the lake district with the Calvert Trust. This trip will enable students with the most complex needs to enjoy activities for which most outdoor centres cannot cater. These activities include activities like canoeing, kayaking, sailing and much more! With the final amount raised still coming in, we look well on our way to reaching our target and making this trip happen.

We would like to say a very special thank you to all those involved in making this event a success including staff, parents, carers, students and community members who donated, attended and helped out at the event. We would also like to say a huge thank you to our sponsors ASDA, Cafe Cargo, Kelz Kutz, Lanlee, Morrisons, Boots Opticians Burnley, Buoyant Upholstery, KiloCreative, Pendleside Hospice, Sainsbury's, The Workshop, The Festive Bowtique, Dewhursts, Furnico, Inside Spa, Pendle Vale College, Rios Unisex Hair Salon, Bentley and Reed.



# BLACKO BRING MACBETH TO LIFE

All students from Blacko have been studying Macbeth as part of their English lessons. They have learnt about the history of Shakespeare including when and where he was born and some of the other plays he wrote. They produced a small film with their interpretation of some of the major scenes in the play, even visiting a woodland at the foot of Pendle Hill (Pendle being notorious for witchcraft) to re-create the setting for when Macbeth meets the three witches.

Everyone enjoyed taking part in the drama sessions and they took delight in putting their own stamp on the main scenes of the story. Much of the story of Macbeth is very dark; a story of murder, greed and ambition and the students got a real feel for this and found it somewhat easy to get into character. The famous dagger scene was played by Sulaman whose interpretation was very impromptu and memorable. He had to portray a mind in turmoil near insanity whose character was tarnished with greed and deception. Another stirring performance from the actors was the scene where the three witches prophesied what would happen to Macbeth. There was a even contemporary theme running through one of the acts where Layne created an unscripted live commentary during the murder of King Duncan.



The short film was directed by Mrs Woods who said, "All the students in Blacko have worked incredibly hard throughout this unit of work, it has been wonderful to see them taking on the roles of characters and using their imaginations to create their own iconic scenes from the famous Shakespearian play 'Macbeth'. This was potentially a tricky play to study, however, the Blacko students rose to the challenge and have blown us away with their enthusiasm and knowledge of the plot and characters". Asad said, "I enjoyed doing the acting and liked doing the fight scene." All Hail Blacko!

# OUR SCHOOL GAINS FOOD BANK AWARD

Over the past term, we have been collecting various items of food to support Tesco's food bank collection. Parents and staff were very generous and we managed to collect a full trolley of food.

We were invited by Tesco Burnley to support them by handing out some leaflets in their store to customers to raise awareness of the importance of food banks and to encourage customers to purchase non-perishables and place them into the collection trolley. Thirteen of our students went in groups of three and we received exceptional feedback from both the staff at Tesco and their customers.

Following our visit, Billie-Jean, Community Champion at Tesco came into school to thank our students personally, and we received the annual 'Tesco Food Bank Award' which is now showcased in our trophy cabinet in school. Miss Greenwood, Mr Garretts and Mrs Lingard are extremely proud of the efforts of everybody involved and would like to say a big thank you for supporting such a fantastic and much needed cause. Well done!



# KEEPING SAFE, STAYING SAFE

In October Jenny worked with some students in Post 16 talking about safeguarding. The aim was to raise students' awareness of what safeguarding is and what to do if they have a safeguarding concern. The theme was 'Keeping safe, Staying safe'. We talked about the importance of every person having the right to speak out and be heard, to be safe and to get help when they need it.

Activities included discussions and scenarios. By the end of the sessions the students had an understanding of what is meant by safeguarding and why it is important. They were able to identify what types of harm PCHS&C wants students to be kept safe from. The students were able to say what they could do if they have a safeguarding issue or concern, and what happens next. Students were able to talk about their responsibilities in staying safe and keeping others safe. More sessions are planned for next term.



# POST 16 ATTEND CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Tuesday 11th December four of our Post 16 students went to Fulwood Methodist Church Hall for a Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair was organised with 5 other SEN Post 16 colleges in Lancashire. Students were very professional in setting up, managing the stall, speaking with customers and selling items. Staff from other colleges commented on the quality of the products and the professional attitude of our students. Well done!



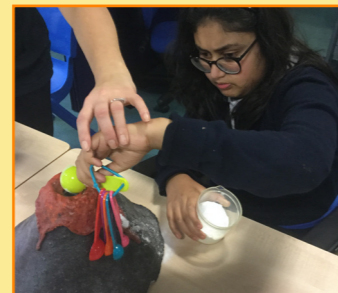
# STUDENTS VISIT THE ACE CENTRE

Students from Towneley visited the ACE centre in Nelson on 16th November. The key objectives of this trip were to be able to travel safely in the community, getting on a bus and ordering themselves a drink in the cafe.

Students pre planned the trip themselves selecting the day, time, bus and route. They walked to the bus stop and caught the bus into Nelson town centre. They then walked from the bus station, through town to The ACE Centre sensibly, and once there, ordered their own drinks successfully. All the students helped one another and behaved impeccably. Well done!



# FIZZ...BANG...POP



This term we have had lots of fun making a mess in science!! We have explored different materials and enjoyed making things explode, fizz and pop. We all really enjoyed getting involved in different activities and Molly particularly enjoyed hoovering up the mess afterward! Well done Wenning!

# WONDERFUL WOODWORK

The Workshop has been busier than ever this term with our students creating more spectacular items from recycled wood. In their DT lessons students have the opportunity to make everything from resources for use within school to props for school productions and even products to sell to the public for which they have now developed their own catalogue.

At last year's Christmas Fair, the DT stall was by far the most popular and raised the most amount of money. All of the items were made from materials which the students collected, cut, sanded, and made into beautiful things. They made log reindeer, Christmas tree decorations, festive pictures and much more. This year they have built on that success and aimed to make everything better, extending their range of items and even getting involved with prop design and production for the Christmas Fair itself.

They have produced high quality signage, a mailbox to send letters to santa, a huge santa chair and fireplace for the grotto, a photobooth and display stands for stalls. They have accepted every request and produced an item better than expected from it. Without the DT work these students put in, we wouldn't have been able to raise the fantastic amount of money we did which is being used to send some of our students with more complex needs on a residential trip.

Well done to all of our DT groups!



# WE ARE READING!

This half term students across school have been taking part in Pendle Reading Challenge. The students have been given two novels to read and review, in the New Year two students will be selected to represent our school to discuss the novels with other local secondary schools to help towards nominations for Pendle Book of the Year award.



# WYRE & RIBBLE VISIT TOWNELEY HALL

On Wednesday 5th December Wyre and Ribble went to Townley Hall as part of their History topic. The guided tour at the Hall explored the life of the Towneley family who lived in the hall before and after the Tudor times. All students also got to see a priest hide, learn about the fate of John Towneley and try on some Tudor clothes.



# FIREFIGHTERS - A VERY VALUABLE EXPERIENCE



Yes we know about that cat stuck up a tree or that someone's locked out of their house...these are examples of the trivial matters that firefighters are called upon to do.

Our students have the opportunity to hear first hand all of that and more, including the more harrowing incidents such as road traffic collisions, chemical hazards and not to forget the arduous energy sapping moorland fires earlier this year. On our visits to the station, our students enquire about some of the things the firefighters have to contend with and are able to gain an insight into how the station functions and how the workers are deployed.

Our students cope well in a very mature manner with the enlightening and sometimes rather gruesome stories that the firefighters tell. It is often rather thought provoking and makes us all feel a little humbled by some of the harrowing situations they have to deal with. It's all done in a very honest, professional manner dressed with a hint of humour.

A massive thanks must go to all the firefighters and especially to Tom who has been at the heart of all the sessions over the last couple of years.

Nearly all sessions are practical and for some of our students it's their second time around and it's amazing how much they can remember and recall. We look forward to more sessions in the future. The experience and knowledge they gain from not only the hands on activities, but also working in a totally different environment and being detached from the surroundings of school.

# WENNING'S COMMUNITY OUTINGS

As part of our e-Twinning project, Wenning have been exploring local environments. We have visited ASDA, Pets at Home and Towneley Park. Everyone has really enjoyed the outings.



## CRAFT ACTIVITY BADGE AND FUNDRAISING BADGE COMPLETED!



Thankyou to all parents, carers and extended family who contributed by sending in chocolate or prizes for the stalls at Pendle Community Christmas Fair. Thankyou to Pendle Community High School & College who gave Pendle Community Scout Group the stalls at their fair. Thankyou to Mrs Leah and Ms Turner for parental support on the night and finally thankyou to Billy for his massive help on the tomballoona stall on the night. We managed to raise a total of £50 on the night and with a kind donation of £20 from Billy's grandma, that brought the final total to £70. Well done everyone!

----- cut out and keep -----

## SCOUT CALENDAR FOR SPRING TERM 2019

### JANUARY

2	School closed - no Scouts
9	No scouts
16	Gardener activity badge
23	Gardener activity badge
30	Stage one musician badge

### FEBRUARY

6	Stage one musician badge
13	Stage one musician badge completion video
20	Half term - no Scouts
27	Farming activity badge

### MARCH

6	Farming activity badge
13	Gardener activity badge completion
20	Farm trip
27	No Scouts - Theatre trip night

### APRIL

3	AGM 3.30pm Followed by chocolate bingo fundraising event
10	Easter holidays - no Scouts
17	Easter holidays - no Scouts

# NEWSHOUNDS...

As the late, great John Lennon sang, "And so this is Christmas and what have we done?" Well, the answer is "Loads!"

The Newshounds have been beavering away since the last issue and bring you a magnificent seven articles to grace this latest Newsletter! There's such a great variety of topics to grab your attention, it's hard to know where to begin! James (Year 10) gives us a 'spooky' glimpse into his Hallowe'en celebrations, Zak (Year 7) has written a great story about what he got up to during his last holiday in

the October half-term break, while Liam (Year 9) tells us about his brilliant time on last April's school Outward Bound trip to the Lake District...

It's also time to introduce our two super Newshound Travel Agents! Alina (Year 7) gives us an in-depth guide to Pakistan, where her brother Ayman (Year 9) has just visited. They know quite a lot about Pakistan, because their family come from there and they still have relatives in Rawalpindi. They also know about some of Pakistan's other towns and cities, such as Islamabad, Karachi,

Lahore and Peshawar. Ayman has now also created two new 'fact files', exploring Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia!

Meanwhile, Callum (Year 8), our great Newshound computer whizz-kid, brings us The iPhone – the Complete Story. Everything you ever wanted to know about one of the greatest inventions of the century from a top Newshound! Last but by no means least, it falls to Laura (Year 10) to focus on what we're all eagerly awaiting – Christmas! She (and a furry friend) sends us all seasonal greetings in her own special way!

Hallowe'en happened over the half-term break, but James (Year 10) got into the spooky spirit of the occasion and also chose a scary picture with which to illustrate his article! He reports that: "Hallowe'en is about pumpkins, treats, tricks and when children come for sweets. The date for Hallowe'en this year was on Wednesday October 31st. People decorate their houses and we eat the treats. We save some for the poor people and give to a charity. I would like to thank all the people for raising money."



Callum (Year 8) is the Newshounds technical expert and in an online special he's come up with a real (Christmas) cracker! The history of the iPhone...

To read the full story please visit: [www.pchs.lancs.sch.uk/callums-iphone-review/](http://www.pchs.lancs.sch.uk/callums-iphone-review/)

Callum starts with the original iPhone (2G) and reviews the evolution of the phone throughout the years up until the present versions in the 'X' trilogy.

He reviews their specifications and features and throws in a few fun facts that you may not have known. Well done Callum!

Newshound Liam reports "I went to Ullswater in the Lake District last April for the Outward Bound trip and had a great time. We spent time having a go at loads of fantastic activities, such as team building, problem solving, canoeing and gorge walking! We also had a boat trip on Ullswater and went to see the Aira Force Waterfall, which was brilliant! Here is a picture to give an idea of what we got up to!"



## Alina's Guide to Pakistan



- \*The capital city in Pakistan is Islamabad
- \*The president's name is Imran Khan
- \*In Islamabad there is a famous mosque called the Faisal Masjid
- \*The colour of the flag is green. It stands for peace and harmony. The crescent and star represent Islam.
- \*The currency in Pakistan is rupees
- \*The language they speak in is Urdu
- \*My hometown is Rawalpindi and my full family also lives in Rawalpindi
- \*The population in Pakistan is 207,774,520



## Ayman's great guide to Afghanistan!

Ethnicity: lots of different cultures and peoples live in Afghanistan, including Tajiks, Uzbeks, Hazaras and Pashtuns



Pashtuns



Tajiks



Uzbeks



Hazaras



Kabul



Palau

- The capital of Afghanistan is Kabul
- Large cities include Herat and Mazar-e Sharif
- The official languages are Pashto and Dari
- Palau is a well-known national dish



LOOK OUT FOR MORE NEWSHOUNDS IN THE NEXT EDITION!

Zak was really busy over his half-term holiday, but still found the time to not only play lots of games and eat loads of food, but also review a movie! Here's how he got on, in his own words...

"In my holiday I stayed at home, but also went to my grandma's house where we were meeting up with friends and cousins. We were eating some food and then went on the laptop to play games. My grandpa was telling me what to do all the time! We were also watching some fireworks at night time. I don't like fireworks much because they hurt my ears! When I am at home I like to play Roblox every day, which is a computer game. I also like to do some good homework. I was playing hide n' seek with my sister Sara Ameen and then I did some good work helping my mum. After that, we watched a movie called Hocus Pocus. When I was watching Hocus Pocus at home, I was having some food and sweets. Hocus Pocus was a movie that everyone used to watch and they all loved watching horror movies. Hocus Pocus was super scary that it gave me nightmares (not actually).

- Hocus Pocus is a horror movie.
- Hocus Pocus has three characters.
- Hocus Pocus is famous and everyone loves watching this movie.
- This is a great movie; nice, posh and marvellous!

I liked to watch this movie because I haven't seen this for a while. After we watched it, I played with my sister for a little bit. Later on, I went to my mum's bedroom and said "I got a nightmare!" Everyone was awake when I shouted to mum, then I got told off!

When I finished watching the movie, I liked playing Roblox again. There's also a new famous game which is called Super Power Training Simulator. I keep on 'dying' in that game and so I was 'rage quitting'. So I decided to play Roblox Jailbreak and after that, I went to sleep.



"Jazz and I would like to wish all our readers and everyone in School and College a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Laura's certainly getting into the seasonal mood with her pet cat Jazz! She and Jazz have a special message for all our readers! Jazz joined the family just after Laura was born, so they've been pals for her whole life! She's really looking forward to Christmas and is hoping that Santa will bring her an Xbox! Here is one of her favourite Christmas cards.



# PARENTS

# & CARERS

## Information Section

### #hello my name is... Deborah

In 2013, Dr Kate Granger MBE made a stark observation that many people looking after her when she was terminally ill with cancer and sepsis, did not introduce themselves before delivering her care. She became co-founder of #hellomynameis. She felt it incredibly wrong that this basic communication was missing. Following Kate's death in 2016 her husband and Co-founder of the campaign is keeping it alive. This month's health message promotes good communication when caring for our children and young people by not forgetting the basics of introduction.



"I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who have attended the Positive Pathways Programme at PCHS&C. It was a huge success and as a result, some of our parents/carers are going to be starting the Pre-access to Health and Social Care course in January 2019 with Lancashire Adult Learning at the Northlight Centre in Brierfield. Lancashire Adult Learning will also be delivering some new courses with us such as 5 ways to well-being, First Aid and Mindset Matters.

On 18th January 2019 myself and Deb Mckenna, School Nurse will be hosting a coffee morning for parents/carers at PCHS with a guest speaker. All parents/carers are welcome to attend. I would like to wish all the families a merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!"

- Alison McConville, Family Liaison Officer

## WELCOME



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Julia Cardwell, Health Care Support Worker who has recently joined the Special Needs School Nursing Team, Lancashire care foundation trust. Julia supports the school nurses at Pendle Community High School, Pendle View Primary and Hollygrove.

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# PENDLE'S GOT ★ TALENT



## MONDAY

Pendle's Got Talent 2018 kicked off in style on Monday 17th December with lots of amazing and talented acts.

Lee 'Lightning' McNulty was wonderful as compere for the show, and had the audience hooked.

The judges were blown away by the performances which ranged from singing & dancing to playing instruments and even acting in a mini play!

## TUESDAY

The talent continued on Tuesday 18th December and this time it was our college students' turn to take the stage.

Lee 'Lightning' McNulty returned as compere but this time with a helper, Dylan who stole the show with his jokes and quick comments.

The judges once again had lots of praise to give and on top of the talent from the day before, our college students added a bit of rapping and even a puppet show! Fantastic!





# SCHOOL & COLLEGE XMAS MEAL

On Wednesday 19th December the whole PCHS&C community came together for our annual Christmas lunch. The hall was alive with the sound of crackers being pulled, jokes being told, hats being unfolded and lots of festive cheer! Another event to tick off the list on the countdown to Christmas!



## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Arts and Crafts Club and Calder class have been super busy elves this term making things to sell at the Christmas Fair, from which the proceeds go on to fund a residential for school.

They have made Christmas Cards using craft items and some students have even used some computer software called 'Eyegaze' in which they used their eyes to create abstract patterns and Christmas Scenery – this was really tricky but they made some really eye-catching patterns. They also made some fingerprint pebble and wood ornaments too!

Both groups of students have worked really hard and all their hard work payed off as the cards were a sell out!! Well done Calder and Art Club!



From all of us at PCHS&C. Please remember school closes at 1:30pm on Friday 21st December and will re-open on Monday 7th January. Have a fantastic Christmas break!