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WELCOME from the Headteacher



This term seems to have literally flown by, with a whole range of additional activities supporting our regular teaching and learning, as you will see throughout this newsletter.

The last couple of weeks in particular have been filled with a whole range of mixed emotions. With the fabulous Prom for the Yr 11 and 14s and the celebratory leaver's assembly, intermingled with the sad news that one of our Year 11 students from Calder class. Matthew Burian has passed away. We are so blessed with an exceptionally strong community here at PCHS&C, and I am grateful to all of our colleagues who are so gifted at supporting each other and our students through the highs and lows of life that we face.

As usual at this time of year, we have a number of staff who have already or are about to leave PCHS&C this term. This includes Andrea Scott (teacher); Rachel Allenby (teacher); Annette Wellock (TA); Sally Stansfield (TA) and Clarisse Follaton (TA). We wish them all the best, whatever their next steps in life may be. We are also delighted to welcome two new teachers; Nicole Garratty (who will be teaching Ribble class) and Janet Kinnane (who will be teaching Wyre full time and then part time when Claire Endersby returns from maternity leave).

May I wish everyone a very peaceful and restful summer holiday filled with sunshine, fun and laughter!





Best wishes as always

Chris Lingard

NOTICEBOARD

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Shauna Hardman, TA, who gave birth to a little boy - Éamon-Ned in May!

MAY DAY 2020

Next year's May bank holiday is being moved for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. May Day is traditionally held on a Monday but next year will be held on Friday 8th May. This has been reflected on the term dates provided on the back page.

EARLY CLOSURE

Please remember that students finish at 1:30pm on Friday 19th July for the summer holidays.

LANCASHIRE SEND **PARTNERSHIP NEWS**

The latest news from the Lancashire SEND Partnership is now available to read on their homepage.

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/childreneducation-families/special-educationalneeds-and-disabilities/shaping-send-together/ lancashire-send-partnership/

POET SURVEY

Help the Lancashire SEND Partnership improve services for children and young people with additional needs. The teachers and parents of every pupil in your school who receives SEN support or has an EHC plan can complete the POET survey.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and has the potential to significantly shape the future of SEND services across Lancashire. You do not need to give any personal details and there will be no way of identifying individuals.

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-anddisabilities/education-health-and-care-plans/ehc-plan-feedback-survey/

Lancashire SEND Partnership will use the results to identify where they can make further improvements to services. The information you give will also be used in a national report to help improve service in other areas of England. The SEND Partnership Board will publish the results and our action plan on the Local Offer later this year.

FAMILY SUPPORT FEEDBACK

This year to encourage parental engagement, we introduced joint home visits to our Year 7 families and new starter families with our Special Needs School Nurse, Deborah McKenna and our Family Liaison Officer, Alison McConville. We have had really positive feedback from parents/carers and the process has helped to familiarise ourselves with families and improve communication between home and school. Some of the feedback includes:

- Co-operative
- Easy to communicate
- Helpful
- Useful advice
- Has helped to improve my son's health & wellbeing
- Knowing my child has the opportunity to talk gives me peace of mind

In the next academic year, we will continue to engage with families and and support them in this way. If you would like to ask any questions or have any ideas on how you think we could improve this, please get in touch!

NEW PARENT FORUM

We are looking to start a termly parent forum in September for all parents who may be interested in working more closely with the Senior Leadership Team, Governors and Family Liaison Officer in relation to the following:

- · Consultation in regard to certain decisions being made within school and college (prior to final approval at Governing Body meetings)
- Active support for fundraising and promotion of other parent/carer events

If you are interested in finding out more, join us for a working lunch on

Friday 20th September at 12.30pm

Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided. Hopefully see you then!

Chris Lingard, Headteacher; Trevor Ashton, Chair of Governors and Alison McConville Family Liaison Officer.



COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning for parents/carers will be held on

World Coffee Day! Tuesday 1st October from 9.30am to 11am

Guest speaker to be confirmed in September. Save the date!



ERASMUS MALAGA TRIP

In June, a group of students in Post 16 had the amazing chance to go to Malaga as part of the Erasmus Creating Inclusive Career Opportunities project. We are working with partners from Poland, Spain and Lithuania to create a documentary about employment opportunities for young people with learning disabilities.

The students met our partners, visiting some of the sights of the city including the Picasso museum, a castle and a park. We visited the school, tasting traditional food, playing football and having an open air disco in the beautiful sunshine. Students created a video of the different types of job roles they saw throughout the visit, including an interview with the hotel receptionist. All of the students were impeccably behaved, not one moan or groan as there was lots of walking, even when we clocked up 8 miles one day. They were all a credit to themselves, their families and our college, an absolute pleasure to be with.









VOLUNTEER IT YOURSELF

This term, in post 16, there have been two projects run by "Volunteer It Yourself". This is an organisation that utilises a range of tradespeople to work alongside young people to pass on their skills and knowledge whilst working together on all kinds of community projects.

The first was an employability skills workshop for our year 14's, where students worked together over the morning to use team working skills, communication and listening skills to tackle a series of problem solving tasks.

The second workshop was a full day practical activity for some students in years 12, 13 and 14 building bench planters for our sensory garden. As always, our students were a credit to themselves and our college whilst working with new people from outside providers. They all worked tremendously hard, producing high quality work and created three bench planters by the end of the session.



SAILING

The majority of our pupils and staff experienced the feeling of having waves beneath their feet when they took part in our sailing sessions held at Lake Burwain in Foulridge. The sun shone, the wind blew, the rain drizzled, however the smiles still shone through. Everyone had an exciting time being transported across the rolling waves to undergo the challenges. Students were happy to experience being a member of the seafaring gentry.

There were some notable partnerships including Abdul and Farhan's exploits, Danielle captaining Ben Priestley and Jordan and Nicola caught 'in irons' moving backwards! All pupils took it in turn to either sail individually, with a partner or in small groups on the safety boats.

None of this would be possible without the volunteers who gave precious time to support the students and make them feel at ease. Also a massive thank you goes to the Fort Foundation whose sponsorship made the whole project possible. We hope this venture can continue and help our students engage in what might be a once in a lifetime experience.







YEAR 11 & 14 LEAVERS PROM NIGHT

THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2019









































SENSORY GARDEN OPENING

Over the last year, we have been working hard to improve our sensory garden and make the space more inviting, stimulating and well used within school and college. The entire outdoor space has been completely revamped and has benefitted from many improvements. This includes new paving with split sections of different textured stones, cobbles and flags. A sensory footpath has been formed, containing different textures to walk on and feel with your feet such as sponge, sand, pebbles and bark. We have had a wall built with a raised garden bed and installed a picnic bench with wheelchair access. A teaching area has been created with benches and artificial grass. We have used various areas to link in with curriculum subjects i.e. using the circular cobbles for maths or playing on the musical panels within the pagoda. We have also had a polytunnel put up.

On Tuesday 2nd July we held a sensory garden open event so that we could share with our parents/carers and the wider community just how amazing our new garden looks. We had stalls selling various garden items made by the DT group, games such as higher or lower and tin can alley, pebble painting, book sales and homecooked food and cakes. The sun even made an appearance! The event was a huge success and we got great feedback from the people who attended. A big thank you goes to all involved.











D.T. GROUP CREATE STORYTELLER CHAIR

As part of our recent sensory garden revamp project, students & staff were encouraged to come up with ways that the outdoor teaching area could be used more. One suggestion was a storytelling corner, where sensory stories could be brought to life in the outside air. Our D.T. group took this idea on board and began looking for ideas of items they could make in their lessons to help create this space. They researched lots of different outdoor ideas and came across lots of images of various outdoor storyteller chairs which were over sized and made entirely from wood. To buy, the chairs ranged in price upward of £850! Always ready to accept a new challenge, the D.T. group decided they could make their own, and it would be bigger and better than any they could buy!

Their first job was to source the materials. The students went for a walk to see if there were any natural materials they could collect and use. Luckily just at the right time, the trees surrounding the school had recently been pruned and the off cuts were available to take. They gathered up as many as they could and took them back to D.T. to start working on the chair. With help from staff, students worked hard over a few weeks to debark, cut to length, shape, sand and finish each piece of wood, ready for construction. Once each piece was ready, they began to put together the chair. This wasn't an easy task, and it took a lot of logical thinking and problem solving skills to ensure the chair was both practical and reliable. When the group were happy with the chair, they asked lots of different members of staff to test it out, some of whom were smaller than others, and quite a lot of people's feet couldn't touch the ground! The chair was perfect! All that was left to do, was to make it weather proof and then the chair was ready to go outside.

The chair now has pride of place in our teaching area in the sensory garden and is being used regularly while we have the nice weather. Classes have been enjoying a range of lessons and stories, all incorporating the chair. The D.T. group are very proud of their work! Well done to all involved.







NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR PCHS&C



The Gatsby Benchmarks are a framework of 8 guidelines that define the best careers provision in schools and colleges. The national careers strategy is built around them, becoming new Statutory Guidance for careers in January 2018 to be fully embedded by 2020. The Gatsby Benchmarks originated in a research report (Good Career Guidance) from the Gatsby Foundation in 2013.

The report was commissioned by Lord Sainsbury and Sir John Holman was appointed to lead a research team to focus on international evidence for 'what works' in career development. Since January last year, we have been working as a school and college on the 8 Gatsby Benchmarks.

Jenny Bayliss, Deputy Headteacher, has worked with Enterprise coordinator Penny Heys and Andrea Huggett, PSHE lead in school, to document our existing good practice, as well as a range of other activities including submitting a bid for funding to create ideas for developing employment opportunities for our pupils / students. At the Lancashire Careers Hub Conference on June 20th, Jenny Bayliss was delighted to receive our certificate of recognition in achieving 7 out of the 8 benchmarks, which was presented by Sir John Holman.

RIBBLE REWARDS

After a great year, Ribble enjoyed an end of year trip to the Cinema and McDonald's. Some students went to watch Toy Story 4 and some saw Aladdin. After the film we travelled to McDonald's on the school minibus and filled up on burgers and milkshakes. All of the students were a great representation of our school. Well done on a great year Ribble!



WEDDING DAY

In Marsden we have been learning about different traditions and celebrations. Over the last few weeks we planned every detail of a wedding. Students helped to make invites, favours, flowers and the cake. We had a beautiful service followed by a wedding reception. There were plenty of smiles from students and staff.



METAMORPHOSIS WITH HODDER

Hodder learnt about the wondrous process by which a caterpillar morphs into a butterfly. Getting a look at this metamorphosis as it happens is difficult; disturbing a caterpillar inside its cocoon or chrysalis risks botching the transformation.

Students had to handle to caterpillars with care and ensure that the five chrysalis where kept in the correct conditions to enable them to develop properly.



END OF THE SEASON

Another football season comes to an end and with four of our English teams in two European finals, I think we can say it's been a successful season for English teams. The same can be said about both our girls and boys teams at Pendle Community High School. Our girls have managed to bring home two trophies this year whilst our boys have performed admirably only missing out on silverware by the narrowest of margins.

The last competition was held at the Lancashire Football Association headquarters in Leyland. All games were played outdoor on 3G astroturf which was something different for the players.



This time it was a Cup knockout, and our girls once again proved to be invincible. They amassed a total of 22 goals with Emma spearheading the attack. The boys were unfortunate in the fact they beat both finalists in earlier rounds only to be thwarted by goal difference. We were probably the youngest boys team in the competition and so we look forward to next season when our boys will be in year 11.

All games were played in the right spirit and everyone gave maximum effort. Well done everyone, here's looking forward to next season.

WYRE'S ANDERSON SHELTERS

As part of our World War Two topic students in Wyre, Ribble and Irwell have been building their own Anderson Shelter models. First they designed them, then they built them and finally they decorated them! Here are some of the finished shelters.





Welcome to Newshounds and what a bumper edition this is! The current Newshounds team is the biggest there's ever been; no less than eleven super journalistic sleuths! They could even form their own football team! Introducing Alina, McKenzie, Salmaan and Zak from Year 7, Callum and Casey from Year 8, Ayman and Liam from Year 9, Laura and Summer from Year 10 and Jasmine from Year 11.

They've been breaking all records, beavering away to bring you twenty of the best articles on a wide range of topics! In fact, they have so much to write about, there just isn't room for them all, so we've had to open up an additional space online to get everything in!

There's lots of globe-trotting with Newshounds in this issue! Ayman is our Number One Newshounds Travel Agent and he's been finding out about more people, languages and countries in his FOURTH despatch from around the world!

Elsewhere, Casey, Jasmine, Laura, Summer and Zak have written about various places at home and abroad that they have visited.

Meanwhile, Alina, Liam, McKenzie and Salmaan have written about topics close to their hearts. Last, but absolutely not least, those of you who voted in Callum's Challenge in the last Newsletter can find out which of the three possible articles Callum has written. Was it:

- Jigglypuff 101 for Super Smash Bros. Ultimate?
- The history of Sonic the Hedgehog at Alton Towers?
- Switch for Milk?

For certain, there is an incredible, stunning article waiting for you! Which one won? Here's a clue: Callum carried out research covering a quarter of a century in order to produce it! Zak, Alina and Ayman's articles join Callum's 'on the side' on the newshounds page of our website; you can find them at:

www.pchs.lancs.sch.uk/newshounds

FROM FOOD CRITIC TO CHOCOLATE SAMPLER!

Readers of the last Newsletter will recall that Salmaan is the Newshound 'foodie', visiting local eateries to see if they meet his exacting standards! This time Salmaan turns to one of his favourites - chocolate! He's never happier than when he's munching a 'choccy biscuit' or making a 'choccy cake'! Salmaan says that chocolate is great, but it's not healthy to have it all the time!

Salmaan recalls "One weekend my Dad went to the shop to get some chocolate biscuits. He got two different packets! I like to dip the chocolate biscuits in hot chocolate. Another time, me and my Dad made chocolate cake. We used flour, eggs, cocoa powder, butter, vanilla extract, baking powder, caster sugar, milk, baking soda and big chocolate chips. I can't give you the recipe - it's a secret - but I can tell you that it tasted great! Just ask my Mum, my Dad, my two brothers and my sister!"

The cake that my dad and I made looked rather like this. before the family ate it!



SUPPORTING THE REDS!

McKenzie's a happy young man at the moment – he supports Liverpool! McKenzie says "I think that Liverpool are the best team and we are the Champions of Europe! We beat Spurs 2-0 in the Champions League Final in Madrid and I watched the match on television. My favourite player is Mo Salah and he scored one of the goals! I have a Liverpool shirt and my family are keen Liverpool supporters; my dad, my uncle and my cousin are all fans. We finished second to Manchester City in the English league, but I hope we can win it next year! I like watching Match of the Day each week when the football season is on and I enjoy playing FIFA 19 on my computer."



Liverpool celebrate their great Champions League Final victory over Spurs in Madrid!

HOLIDAYING IN SWANAGE

Casey had a wonderful holiday in Swanage on the south coast of England and wrote a lovely letter to her mum and dad when she got home. Casey stayed in a holiday home with her Mum, Dad, Aunt Rose, Uncle Ben and Daisy, her dog (who also got a mention in the last Newsletter!).



She recalls: "I had my own room, which was great! We went to the beach and it was really

sunny. I had ice-cream - caramel is my favourite flavour - and I swam in the sea! We also had a look round Swanage's Museum and Heritage Centre! "Dear Mum and Dad: I love you so much. Thank you for my holiday at Swanage. From Casey.'

JASMINE JETS OFF



Jasmine had a brilliant holiday in Cyprus, staying at the wonderful Villa Theo in Coral Bay. She also made sure that she stayed safe in the sun! Jasmine says "The weather was so hot but I never got burned because I put plenty of

Factor 50 sun cream on! One morning we went to Pafos Zoo, where we got to stroke the baby elephant and also saw some bats, giraffes, lions and birds. When we got back, we all put more sun cream on and went in the pool!"

MAJORCA MEMORIES

Laura had a wonderful holiday in Majorca and can't wait to tell us all about it! She recalls "I went in an aeroplane with mummy and daddy, together with my sisters Aimée and Olivia. I had a bag

of 'Gummy Bear' sweets (one of my favourites) at the airport. We stayed at the BLUESEA Don Jaime Hotel in Cala Millor in Majorca, which was brilliant. There were two swimming pools and I swam in the big one. The weather was lovely and hot; I'd and can earn my own money. I'd really love to work in Booth's in Barrowford! My brother's girlfriend Milly works there, so I'm hoping she can put in a good word for me!



Summer was busy last autumn! She took part in the joint trip with Pendle Vale College to Ullswater in the Lake District last September and kept a Newshounds diary! "I went to Ullswater with other pupils on a joint school trip. We had a great time! There were loads of activities, such as jumping in the lake, which was cold! There were also some tunnels we had to get through. They were different sizes and I tried to get through the small tunnel but I got stuck! Ifras had to pull me out from one end, while James from Pendle Vale had to push me from the other!! Finally, I managed to get back and had a nice sleep! The next day, we tidied up and went on a walk. We were wearing blindfolds in an activity to practise relying on one another, but I managed to walk into a bench because Ellie (my activity partner) gave me the wrong instructions and I couldn't see! Ouch! We went back, had a shower and went to the shop to spend our money. The next day we went in the bus to a waterfall and walked up by the side of it, which was great. I also spent a night sleeping in a tent! I really loved the trip to Ullswater and I'm going again next year!"

SUMMER IN ULLSWATER

STOBART SPOTTERS!

Liam is always coming up with great ideas for Newshounds articles and he hasn't disappointed this time! Everyone will be very familiar by now with the bright red and green Eddie Stobart lorries that zoom up and down our roads and motorways, but how many of us know anything about the company? Well, thanks to Liam's investigative report, now we do!

Liam reports "The Eddie Stobart Company was founded as the Stobart Group Limited in January 2002 and its head office is in Carlisle. Eddie Stobart and his brother-in-law William are both leading figures in the business. Today there are about 2,000 Eddie Stobart vehicles on the road and there's even an official Eddie Stobart Fan Club, which boasts no fewer than 25,000 members, including me! Would vou like to join too?"



PARENTS & CARERS

NHS ADVICE: MEASLES

Measles outbreaks can happen anywhere and at any time. Since October 2017 measles outbreaks have been reported in Leeds, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester and Surrey that are all linked to ongoing large outbreaks in Europe.

Anyone planning to travel to Europe should make sure they are up to date with their MMR vaccines. Unvaccinated people travelling to Romania, Italy and Germany (where there are large outbreaks) are at particularly high risk. Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very unpleasant and can sometimes lead to serious complications.

The MMR vaccine is available to all adults and children who are not up to date with their two doses of MMR vaccine. Anyone who is not sure if they are protected should check with their GP practice.

think measles It's not just a kids' problem

Measles symptoms:

- high fever
- sore, red watery eyes
- cough
- aching and feeling generally unwell
- a blotchy, red-brown rash

PARENTS & CARERS ACHIEVE ACADEMIC SUCCESS THROUGH PCHS&C

Over this academic year we have continued on the success of last year's coffee mornings and this time invited guest speakers such as Lancashire Adult Learning and Action for ASD to ensure our parents and carers are getting as much as possible out of these sessions. These have been well received and attended and have opened doors to learning opportunities which some of our parents and carers have been taking advantage of.

Some of these courses included Positive Pathways, 5 ways to Well-being, Power of Positivity, Lancashire Lifesavers and First Aid for Children and Babies.

Following on from these courses, Bradley's Mum, Eny has successfully progressed onto the Preacess course to Health and Social Care and also accredited Maths and English courses through Lancashire Adult Learning. Lewis' Mum, Charlotte has also successfully passed her qualifications in Maths and English. We would like to say a massive congratulations to both Eny and Charlotte and to all our parents/carers who have attended our coffee mornings and events. Look out for upcoming events in the new academic year if you wish to achieve qualifications of your own!



WATER SAFETY

As we approach the summer holidays, we would like to offer all parents, carers and students a reminder to stay safe near open water over the holidays. Open water may carry disease, rubbish and other hazards including very cold temperatures. Remember cold shock can lead to death in seconds and has caused 3 deaths in France within the last couple of weeks alone.Keep your family and friends safe - learn the SAFE code:

Spot the dangers

Check for hazards such as tides or currents; Consider what could be hidden under the water; Be careful of unsafe banks and stay well back from the edge.

Take advice

Always read the signs; Only swim where there is a lifeguard; Wear buoyancy aids and life jackets.

Go with a friend

Swim with your friends and family; Friends can go and get help if needed; Never go swimming alone

Learn what to do in an emergency **E** MERGENCY

Find the nearest phone and call 999 or 112; Shout loudly to attract attention; Never enter the water to save someone.

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BLACKPOOL PROMENADE

Students from Post 16 enjoyed a lovely day out at Blackpool Promenade. The weather was wild and windy but it didn't dampen any spirits as we went down the sea front, stopping to look out at the sea. Of course, no trip to Blackpool would be complete without a fish and chip dinner, and we all enjoyed filling up at Harry Ramsdens before visiting a traditional sea front Blackpool rock shop.





ULLSWATER TRIP

Earlier in the year a mixed group of Key Stage 3 pupils attended a trip to Ullswater Outward Bound Centre, Cumbria in the Lake District. During their trip they took on new adventures, overcome challenges and they learnt about leadership, teamwork and resilience.

They demonstrated pure determination during the different activities, including climbing up a waterfall and entering pot holes in the ground.

They experienced a ferry ride to Pooley Bridge, and they were able to take their time to explore the woodland glades, following the trail around Aira Force Waterfalls.

The students developed skills such as perseverance through 'adventure learning' which encouraged further engagement and enjoyment.

SLAIDBURN'S STUPENDOUS SKILLS

Slaidburn have worked hard all year preparing morning coffee treats and lunches for staff on Friday's as part of their Cooking and Nutrition units to raise funds for their end of year reward trip 10 pin bowling and lunch at Banny's. There were lots of high scores, strikes and inventive ways to bowl the ball down the lane. Slaidburn all then enjoyed a chippy lunch of fish and chips, appreciating that for once other people were feeding them.





PENDLE COMMUNITY SCOUT GROUP

Pendle Community Scouts challenge of walking 5km without stopping raised a fantastic £130! We had a walk around Marsden park, Nelson and saw the pseudo-roman spa bath and Icosahedral, or twenty-sided sundial. Well done everyone!



WENNING AT THE FIRE STATION

In Wenning this term we have been learning about safety in the home and who we would call in an emergency. As a class we went to visit Nelson fire station. Jeff showed the students around the fire engine and explained the different types of equipment and clothing. He had set up a front room with lots of different fire hazards. Jeff then showed us different items that had caused fires and explained how important it was to have a smoke alarm in the home. Wenning were all excellently behaved. Well done!



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Group Scout Leader: Chrissy Turner **Asst. Group Scout Leader:** Deb McKenna Meet on Wednesday 3:30pm – 4:45pm

TRANSITION IN THE PARK

Our current year 7 pupils met with Pendle View Primary School year 6 students to help ease their transition by sharing a day out at Towneley Park together on Wednesday 9th July. Students enjoyed the new park facilities and shared a picnic before taking a walk through the woods. To finish the day off on a high, pupils polished off a homemade ice cream.

Students were a credit to our school and fantastic role models for the year 6 students.



TERM DATES 2019 - 2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term Starts on Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Monday 21st October to Tuesday 29th October 2019 (inclusive)

Closure after School on Friday 20th December 2019



SPRING TERM 2020

Re-open on Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020 (inclusive)

Closure after School on Friday 3rd April 2019

SUMMER TERM 2020

Re-open on Tuesday 21st April 2020

May Day Closure Friday 8th May 2020

Mid Term Closure Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020 (inclusive)



Closure after School on Friday 17th July 2019

