

# PENDLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

### **SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2018**

Welcome to our first newsletter of the summer term. As you will see it's been another very busy term and one in which there have been a substantial number of achievements.



This has included our singing and signing choir supporting a Commonwealth Event (see the thankyou letter from the Lord Mayor of Pendle on our noticeboard on page 2). We have had two successful Year 8 - 9 outward bound trips to Ullswater, a practice D of E expedition and a scouts weekend residential. We also had another successful Erasmus+ trip with 6 Year 8 - 9 students to Portugal. One of our College groups came third in an inter schools competition after designing a promotional video for an app they had designed, what a fantastic achievement!

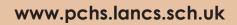
There has been a lot of preparation for events that are coming up next term, particularly around our inaugural musical Oliver, facilitated by our music therapist,



Beth Allen and scheduled for production on Friday 6th July, a date for your diaries! More to report in the next newsletter no doubt.

Best wishes as always

Chris Lingard





## Habitats and Sculptures

As part of the students science topic studying habitats, Hodder and Wenning enjoyed a trip to Thornton Hall Farm.

It was a great opportunity for them to experience life on a working farm and a farm habitat. We even got to meet some creepy crawlies...they were all SO brave! We all had an AMAZING day!

Hodder also experienced Barley Sculpture trail as part of the Erasmus+ personal challenges project. The students explored Aitken Wood to see which beautiful sculptures they could find.











We have watched the lifecycle in real time and have grown our own butterflies. We watched them develop from caterpillars into chrysalides and even got to witness them hatching out and stretching their wings.

The picture shows the moment we released them in to the wild.

# Football Finale

A boys and girls team both took part in the final fixture of the season at Blackburn Soccerdome. A total of ten teams took part from around East Lancashire.

The games were fast and furious with no shortage of goals and goalmouth action. Both our teams competed well in an exciting and at times physical encounter. One of our girls excelled in scoring a hattrick, cheered on by Miss Dinsdale.

When the medals were handed out our girls finished in a creditable 3rd position and the boys missed out on winning by only 2 points!

They all did the school proud and their teamwork, behaviour and sportsmanship were exemplary.



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As part of our life cycles topic in Science, Hodder have been looking at the life cycle of a butterfly.

Wycoller students have had a busy half term taking part in various work experiences from Tree planting to housekeeping at Boothman Park, working on reception and with Engie in college. They have also been to Nelson & Colne college where they have spent time learning about hair and beauty. As exam time is approaching fast students have spent time in lessons preparing for them.





We have some EGG-citing news from the science department...our German Langshan Bantam eggs will be ready to hatch on the 8th June after their 21 day incubation period.

Fingers, toes, claws and feathers crossed that we have 8 healthy chicks at the beginning of next term! Watch this space...



continue to beaver away, bringing you the very best news as and when it happens! What have we aot this time around? Plenty, thanks to our current Newshounds, who are Brooke, Callum, Laura, Liam, McKenzie and Nabil!

Callum (Year 7) is our Newshounds Computing whizz-kid and he brings vou further explorations into all things 'techie'. In the last edition, Callum gave us the 'lowdown' on choosing a computer system; this time he delves into the actual Windows 10 operating system that we're all using to run the shiny new computers that we have in School and College. Callum goes 'behind the screens' in this issue and will meet up with Daniel Sharp, Pendle Community High School and College's Computing

Welcome to another bumper Curriculum Lead, in the next issue for Newshounds edition! Our journalists a 'computing chit-chat'. Should be great!

> Have you ever wondered what our Newshounds get up to when they're out of school? Liam (Year 8) and Laura (Year 9) certainly go places, but not always on foot and not always in a car. Liam has a great hobby, which puts him in touch with some really big four-legged friends, while Laura's into pedal power! Meet them and their modes of transport! Laura was also just one of several who took part in a brilliant celebration of Commonwealth Day at Christ Church, Nelson in April; that's a story not to be missed!

> We've met Brooke and McKenzie, our identical Year 7 twins in a previous Newsletter and this time we find out a bit more about their

passion for footy! We already know that Brooke supports Burnley, while McKenzie favours Liverpool, but they don't allow their allegiances to get in the way of their friendship, which is just how it should be! They share a great hobby based on collecting football cards, so they're finding out about players all over the world before the2018 World Cup starts in Russia! Who are their favourites? Read on to find out!

Last but not least, we're hoping that the next issue will include an interview that Nabil (Year 9) is currently planning with someone very famous who, like Nabil, supports Arsenal. No more clues!

That's enough of an introduction; let the Newshounds presses roll!

#### **Horsing Around**

Liam, our current Year 8 Newshound, has a hobby which lots of us would probably enjoy, because it gets him 'up close' to some really beautiful animals that are really 'gentle giants'. He attends Draughton Riding Centre in Draughton, Skipton where Jazz and Barnaby, the home of two of his best four-legged friends. Have you guessed what they are yet? Yes, Liam enjoys horse riding! "I've been riding for a few years now", explains Liam "and always look forward to being with horses. I started riding at Herd House Riding School when I attended Pendle View Primary School and really enjoyed it. Jazz is probably my favourite horse at Draughton and she recognises me when I visit! Sometimes I ride with other young people and get to feed the horses. I look forward to the regular 'pony days' that are held there and would love to own a horse when I'm older. It would be hard work but I'd love it!"

The picture shows Liam and Jazz. "I don't ever ride without wearing my helmet." says Liam. "If I ever fell off Jazz or Barnaby, it's a long way down!"

#### **Commonwealth** Day

When there's a major event taking place involving Pendle Community High School and College, you can bank on Newshounds to be there on the spot! Laura, who's one of our intrepid reporters, was at Christ Church in Nelson on 10 April as a member of our famous Singing and Signing Choir to celebrate Commonwealth Day. It was a great event and we were in some very exalted company, including Their Worships the Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle, the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire, Ghulam Mustafa, Muslim community leader and representatives of the armed forces.





Commonwealth Day is an annual event to celebrate lots of different communities who have links to Britain and we were there with the Castercliff Primary Academy Choir. Father Brian Murphy, who led the service with Reverend Laura Hardy, said what a pleasure and honour it was for him to see and hear our wonderful young people taking part so beautifully. Well done, everybody!

#### **Football Fans**

Brooke and McKenzie are twins in Year 7 and both enjoy football, even though they support different teams. Brooke follows Burnley, while McKenzie is a Liverpool fan! They both like watching Match of the Day and are keen collectors of Match Attax cards, which they swap with each other and with friends. "There are probably hundreds of cards to collect," says Brooke. "There are nine cards in each packet and it's always nice to find one that we haven't already got to put in our sticker albums. My favourite players are Ben Mee of Burnley and Cristiano Ronaldo, who plays for Real Madrid." McKenzie, on the other hand, definitely places Liverpool's Roberto Firmino as her 'number one player', even though she also likes both Manchester City and Manchester United. At the time of 'going to press', Liverpool are just days away from meeting Real Madrid in the UEFA Champions League Final in Kiev on 26 May 2018. Who'll be on the winning side? Brooke or McKenzie?

#### Welcome to Windows 10

Welcome to my latest Newshounds article!

Follow the arrows to look at the all new Windows 10 in our school with a short tour for anyone who hasn't used Windows 10 much or maybe not even once! I have it at home and have been using it since it was released way back in summer 2015!

The Development of Windows 10 (simplified for school reasons): After the absolute train wreck that was Windows 8, Microsoft listened to the negative feedback and took all the responses into account. This included removing the start screen, the chimes bar and many other features that the larae majority of consumers either found annoying or just useless. After going through fixing Windows 8 during the Windows Programme, Insider Microsoft was ready to release Windows 10 to manufacturing.

Check out the 'Behind the Scenes' video of the 'Hero' wallpaper. Copy this title into Youtube: Windows 10 Hero Desktop Image | Behind the Scenes

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From here you can switch programmes with a simple click. That's all the basics you need to know! If you have any questions make sure to ask a member of staff or the Online Safety Guru (you know who you are if you're reading this). Anyway, I'm really excited to see pupils using Windows 10 soon enough!

- by Callum Hawthornthwaite

A tour for new users - Just like most of the other windows operating systems, logging in has never been simpler. Once you get to the 'log on' screen, just enter your username and password. After logging on, your desktop should look like this

known as Metro, which is making the colours and icons more '2D' and flat. Windows 10 also gets an entirely new wallpaper, otherwise known as 'Hero'. This is the 'Hero' wallpaper if you are interested.

Windows 10's new theme is

Windows logo in the bottom left hand corner of the screen, you should aet a 'Start Menu' looking similar to the 'Start Menu' on the picture above (results may vary). You may also notice that Windows 10 has got an entirely new makeover this time instead of the Windows Vista and Windows 7 Aero theme, which looked like this:

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#### **Pedal Power**

Laura (Year 9) is one of our regular Newshounds and likes to keep fit on her marvellous blue 'leopard' bike. Can you spot the leopard spots on the frame? "I love riding my bike, which was a Christmas present." says Laura. "I like to go off on it when it's nice and sunny, but I always stay guite close to home so that I don't get lost. I can usually spend around half an hour riding without getting too tired. Dad checks the tyres for me and pumps them up if they need a bit of air in them." She adds "I sometimes try to go really fast and ring the bell to let others know I'm there, although they can probably see my pink cycling helmet from a distance anyway! Everyone must wear a cycling helmet when out on their bikes in order to be safe." Laura also likes to ride the bikes that we have in school. More power to your pedals, Laura!



Laura at home, ready for another great cycling adventure!



# Digital Development

Wycoller students had the opportunity to experience working life in the media world working alongside Digital Advantage. Our students used a range of skills including team work and co-operation and developed their creative side while creating the basic requirements for an app they named Ambr. The app helps anyone with an special educational need live an independent life. The idea was then entered into a competition against 11 other entries across Lancashire.

We were all delighted when Ambr came in a commendable 3rd place against a range of mainstream settings. The judges were very impressed with the concept and would have liked to take it further, however funding would have been a huge problem as it would take at least £250,000 to make a simple version. A special well done to Abdul for gaining the excellence award for his contribution to the app chosen by Ann from Digital Advantage.



Portugal Trip

6 of our school students went on a trip to Portugal for a week as part of our Erasmus+ project Make Every Step Count. We were warmly welcomed by our hosts at D. Luis Mendonça Furtado, and were introduced to staff and students from all of our partner countries.

We started the week with some traditional Portuguese music in a very enjoyable welcome concert. The pupils had many experiences during our stay, learning new words, making new friends, learning to play the guitar, producing some great artwork and taking part in various activities.

We did manage to take in some famous sights and went to visit St George's Castle and Christ the King statue. We also had some free time in Lisbon and visited a monastery and a beach.

It was a fun packed week and there were definitely some tired students who have changed so much in a week trying new foods and actually drinking water! As always they did us proud and were a credit to the school!









Work is well underway in DIY on the scenery and props for our production of Oliver. Everyone has been working really hard and we have produced some top quality items. Well done everyone!



Busy in Bury

Wenning visited Bury Market to explore the different food stalls, we saw lots of different fruits, vegetables and a huge fish on the fish stall which was very smelly!!!

We all had a areat time and the students were a great example of how sensible they can be whilst out in the community.





Scouts go to Silverhelme

In April, 16 of our students from the Pendle Community Scout Group went on a trip to Silverhelme for the weekend, camping with Mr McNulty's Explorers from PECs. The Camp was a Harry Potter Theme!

We started the weekend by making wands and then the next day we took part in the Expedition challenge.

We took a train from Silverdale to Lancaster and then on to Morecambe. The students buried Mr McNulty in the sand whilst playing on the beach. It was such a lovely day nd we were all happy with our chippy lunch.

It was an action packed weekend full of adventure giving our young people the opportunity to gain important skills for life.

As always they did us proud and were a credit to the scout group and the school.

Well done everyone!





In April Wyre and Ribble went to Ullswater Outward Bound centre for a residential trip.

The students took part in lots of activities involving working together as a team and every student did really well.

We went gorge walking which saw us climbing up an actual waterfall! As you can imagine we all got absolutely soaked but we all tried our best, including the staff! We also learnt how to row a boat, went for a jog and a dip in the freezing lake and had marshmallows around a campfire. The biggest challenge for some however, was when we first arrived and they had to learn how to make their own bed!

We were very proud of our students and a great week was had by all!





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#### Trainers on for Charity

from Nurse Deborah

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I have been running for Charity for the last 2 years. Most recently on Sunday 13th May in the Mencap Heaton park 10km, raising money for Mencap and Sunday 20th May raising money for Destination Florida.

My New year resolution 2016 was to learn to run so I did the couch to 5km challenge with Barnoldswick Fell runners.

My New Year resolution 2017 was to run a Half Marathon and I ran 3 Half Marathons in 7 months, Bath, Manchester and Dublin raising money for Destination Florida.

My New Year resolution for 2018 is to run a Marathon and I am running in the Berlin Marathon for Mencap in September.

#### **Immunisations**

The immunisation team will be visiting school on Friday 15th June. Please return all consents ASAP.

Year 8/9 Girls - HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) to protect against this virus linked with Cervical Cancer.

Year 9/10 Boys & Girls - MenACWY (Meningitis A, Meningitis C, Menigitis W, Menigitis Y) & DTP (Dyptheria, Tetanus & Polio).

Meningitis figures appear to be high in young people between 15 and 25. It is important for young people to receive this booster to protect them during this period of increased vulnerability.

The DTP Booster completes the Baby vaccination programme. Tetanus is 5 injections for life (3 as an infant, 1 pre school and then this booster around Age 15).

### **STAY SAFE IN THE SUN**

**Thank you for returning the suncream consent.** Remember to check the UV Index before getting dressed and if above 3 think about protecting skin by applying suncream, wearing a cap, or hat with a brim.

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