

PENDLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

# WINTER

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In memory of  
*Jennifer Lucy Bayliss*  
1964 - 2022

On the 22nd of November we very sadly lost our Deputy Headteacher Jenny Bayliss. This was a huge shock to our whole school community and we have been working hard to support everyone through this very sad time. The Christmas break will provide us all with an opportunity to reflect on what Jenny gave to this school and also what she gave to individuals. Her knowledge and advice can never be replaced, nor her generosity, selflessness and desire to help people.

Jenny's funeral will take place on 22nd December. The car will leave Helliwell's at 2.40pm & will drive along Oxford Rd, round the back of school and then drive across the front of school, pausing slightly at the college entrance and then through the car park and back onto Oxford Rd. Family and school are sending flowers and if anyone wants to make a donation, the total will be split equally between We Can Charitable Trust and Derian House.

If any parents, carers or students, past and present, wish to come and show your respects at school it would be lovely for both the school community and her family to see that show of support, respect and love for a colleague and friend who will be so sorely missed.

With love and best wishes, Debra.



## OH YES IT IS... WENNING AGAIN

Wenning have had a very busy first term of the year settling into our class and making new friends in our topic All About Me!

This half term Wenning have enjoyed trips to the cinema and the panto to see Jack and the Beanstalk, oh yes we did! Students loved eating ice cream while they laughed along to the show, oh yes they did! Did they share any of their ice cream? Oh no they didn't!

Students in Wenning have also been practicing being in a band, as part of our topic Music and Musicals. They have been playing instruments and singing as practice for the video performance of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer for Pendle's Got Talent.

Wenning are all looking forward to a well-deserved rest over the school break, and look forward to coming back refreshed in the New Year.



## CHRISTMAS AT CARLO'S

On Monday 12th December, staff and students from Post 16 gathered at Carlo's Italian restaurant in Colne for the college Christmas meal.

It was lovely to see the students making an effort to get dressed up in their party wear and enjoy some social time together outside of college.

Everyone tucked in to a starter and a main course and the food was delicious! It was also a member of staff's birthday on the same day, so we surprised them by singing happy birthday and then presented them with not one, but two Colin the Caterpillar cakes, which he generously shared with the whole group!



**ParentPay**  
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## CASHLESS SCHOOL

As all parents/carers are aware, we have implemented our online payments system, ParentPay. So far 81% of our families have signed up and are using the system. We would like to encourage the remaining 19% of families to sign up as we are no longer able to accept cash payments in school. If you send in cash from January, your cash payment may be returned home with a letter about how you can pay online. Please contact the school office if you are struggling to access your account.

Making a payment is straightforward and ParentPay holds a payment history for you to view at a later date; no card details are stored in any part of the system. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

Online payments are available for school dinners, trips and events, clubs, even for donations for fundraising events.

Thank you for your support with this.



# CHRISTMAS MARKET

On Tuesday 6th December we held our annual Christmas Market event. This year we had a few extra special guests joining us as Ark Eduction Barn came along and brought some furry friends! We had a goat, sheep and guinea pigs by the names of Marmalade, Wallace, Evie and Jasmine. They were very popular and our visitors loved getting into the pen to meet them.

Once again, the staff and students in the DT department did us proud, building another fantastic grotto ready for Santa to meet the children! Santa had a choice of sitting in his sleigh or on his giant chair. The children loved meeting him and telling him what they wanted for Christmas. They all left with a gift and a smile. Our external stallholders lined the main street in their custom built market stalls and enjoyed a steady stream of customers all looking for something different.

‘The Kitchen’ proved very popular again this year, serving hot food and drinks for that all important winter warmer! People were also pleased to see that they had once again produced their famous jams, spreads and pickles which many took away as Christmas gifts. Also on hand to serve drinks was the ‘Gin Tin’ which set up outside the main reception and was a welcome addition to the event this year.

In the hall, we had craft activities for everyone to enjoy such as bauble making and decorating a plate for Santa. We saw lots of wonderful creations and it was a lovely way to spend some festive time together. In ‘The Workshop’, our most popular activity was create your own log reindeer. These were so popular that we ended up selling out!

Our raffle and tombola were busy all night and lots of happy winners took home fantastic prizes. The raffle prizes this year were themed with our new branding colours, each of which represents one of our core values; and then one extra that incorporated all five. We also had a winner for our name a teddy and one of our students successfully guessed how many sweets were in the jar.

All in all, the event was a huge success and raised a total of £1705.03! The Christmas event is one of our favourites and we aim to make each event better than the last. This is a whole school and community effort and we would like to thank everybody involved in making this happen and to all of those who came along and supported the event. Merry Christmas everyone!





WONDERFUL WYRE

Wyre have had a very busy first term this year. In English we read a book called 'After the War' where a young boy called Yosi and his friends have finally reached safety after surviving the horrors of the concentration camps. We wrote letters to our father from Yosi's point of view, and this task also improved our letter writing skills.

We have also been really busy in maths learning about geometry, angles and capacity of liquids. During a Maths challenge day, we made a 3D house out of pastry with 2D shapes which was really fun and VERY sticky.

In Science we have been learning about the solar system and the planets in order by distance from the sun. We even made our own rhymes to remember it.

We have also had some really amazing days out. On one of the days we went to the cinema to watch Sonic which was so much fun. Another day out was to Oswaldtwistle to watch a pantomime: Jack and the Beanstalk which was really funny and we laughed so much! The ice cream during the intermission may have been our favourite part!

It has been a great first term and we cannot wait to see what the next term brings.



BONFIRE NIGHT

On October 13th we had a visit from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service who came to talk to us about Firework safety ahead of Bonfire night.

The students found the talk to be very informative and they learned a lot about staying safe.



STOP DROP AND ROLL

On 1st and 8th of December, Lancashire Fire and Rescue service were back again to talk to us about fire safety in the home. The students got the opportunity to try on the uniform and practice the stop, drop and roll. The assembly finished with a hazard spotting exercise.

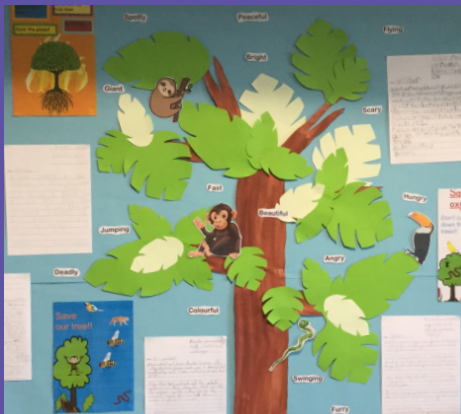


CINEMA TRIP

Well done to students in Hodder, Irwell, Yarrow, Slaidburn, Ribble and some of Wenning for being absolutely amazing on our trip to Reel Cinema in Burnley to watch Clifford the Big Red Dog. You were brilliant representatives for our school.



THE GREAT KAPOK TREE



In Hodder this term the children have been reading a book called The Great Kapok Tree, this book is all about saving the Rainforest. The students then wrote letters to Senhor giving all reasons why he should not chop down the Kapok tree. Once the letters were finished the children then made posters to again get across their message about saving the tree, the environment, and our oxygen. After all of this had been completed the class then looked at each other's posters and reviewed them.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This term as part of PSHE we have taken part in Anti-bullying week. It took place from 14th to 18th November and had the theme 'Reach Out' which was chosen to empower our young people to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

To kick things off on the Monday, students and staff either wore odd socks or designed their own.

We were joined online by our partner schools as part of the Erasmus project 'Stamp it Out'. This is a picture drawn by a student from Portugal:



BUSY IN BLACKO

We have had a wonderful time in a wide array of clubs this half-term. In the Workshop Club, Blacko are proud of the amazing creations they have made, including Thor's Hammer which Kyle made out of wood, foam, leather and modrock. It looked like a prop from a Marvel film! Jake made a wonderful Battle Bus out of just a few pieces of wood and covered it in modrock before painting it a rainbow of colours. Kaiden made a wonderful Org out of a range of recycled materials as well as a matching Org suit which he has enjoyed wearing around school.

Leighton has thoroughly enjoyed meeting and looking after the animals at Animal Ark Barn and many of the Blacko Boys have improved their football skills with Mr Fletcher. Others have worked with Mr Harvey to learn how to create animated films or visited the gym with Mr Ali to build up their muscles.

After much persuasion, the Blacko Boys all came along to see the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' Their favourite parts were the cow, the baby shark song and the fun humour which had everyone in stitches. We all had a great time. We also enjoyed a cinema trip to see 'Sonic the Hedgehog' in Burnley and we loved munching on the popcorn.

Finally, we have really enjoyed rehearsing our comedy performance for 'Pendle's Got Talent' and the final performance went off without a hitch! It was also great watching the show and the other performances.

We wish all our families and friends a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

This term our college students have had the opportunity to take part in lots of activities as part of their community projects afternoon.



We would like to say thank you to the parents and carers for all of the kind donations you sent in for the food bank. The students in college were able to take these items to a food bank where they helped stack the shelves and organise the donations. We had so many that we are able to go and do it all over again in January.



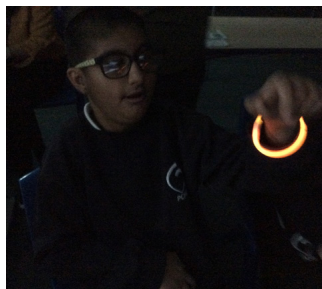
On 29th November a group of students went to take part in tree planting at Park Primary's forest school. The school was so impressed with them that they have asked for us to go back weekly after Christmas to help with jobs around the forest school which will involve planting, tidying and fixing things. The students were more than happy to oblige and will be returning in the new year.



On 15th November we held a table top sale at Hodge House to raise money for charity. It was well attended by parents, carers and the local community and the students got some real life work experience sorting all of the stock, labelling, pricing, taking money and working on their customer service skills.

LIGHT & DARK IN IRWELL

In Science in Irwell this term, we have had lots of fun discovering all about light & dark. We have looked at rainbows, sound vibrations and shadows.





HOME SAFETY IN MARSDEN

As part of the Equals programme delivered in college, students in Marsden have been learning about safety in the home and jobs in the local community.

Students have been learning about the different roles within a job, such as: washing up, folding laundry and vacuuming. They have been discussing what dangers are and what to do if they are faced with a situation that is unsafe. Within the lessons students have been identifying some everyday dangers and learning about the different rules that are there to keep us safe.



A GREAT TERM IN SLAIDBURN



What a brilliant start to the year! We’ve had a busy but great first term in Slaidburn. We have made some new friends and have settled in very well.

In English lessons, we found that we have some estate agents in the making! We focused on creating a persuasive leaflet for our dream homes. The students did a great job in including all the features in their leaflets.

We have also been reading the story of ‘The Three Robbers’. We acted out and sequenced the story, created character profiles and designed missing posters for the characters in the story. The class enjoyed dressing up as the robbers and acting out being mean and scary with big hats and capes.

In Maths, we have been learning about money, ordinal numbers, recognizing 2D shapes, sorting objects and creating bar charts to represent data.

We have been carrying out lots of interesting experiments in Science such as predicting which objects will float or sink. We looked at substances that dissolve, what chromatography is, made food chains and have been gaining an awareness of the three states of matter.

We’ve also managed to fit in two amazing trips to the cinema and pantomime!

LETTERS TO FATHER CHRISTMAS

Pupils in Irwell enjoyed writing their own postcards to Father Christmas and taking them to be posted at the local post box.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh group have successfully finished their Bronze expedition; despite the heavy rain conditions. They have all overcome obstacles and showed great commitment to complete their award. Everyone is extremely proud of conquering Pendle Hill. Well done TEAM PENDLE HILL!!!



RIBBLE IN SPACE

In Ribble this half term we have been looking at different climates such as hot, cold and tropical. We split into groups and made a diorama for each climate using lots of different resources and they looked fabulous!

We have also been looking at space as part of our science topic and learning about the planets. Students finished the topic by making and painting their own solar system. They created their own 3D planets using clay and paint to decorate.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Wednesday 14th December, we held our whole school and college Christmas dinner. Since it worked so well last time and as we are ever increasing on numbers, we all went down to the main refectory.

We had the choice of a traditional turkey Christmas dinner or a vegetarian option with all the trimmings. The meal was delicious and enjoyed by everyone. The kitchen staff all came out for a very loud and well deserved round of applause!

Students had made their own hats and decorations and everyone looked really festive in their christmas jumpers or party clothes. Once again we all had a fantastic time.



IT’S BEHIND YOU! OH NO IT ISN’T!

On Tues 29th December and Friday 2nd December, coach loads of excited Pendle Community High School and College pupils travelled to Oswaldtwistle Civic Arts Centre and Theatre to see a fabulous production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'

For many of our pupils, this was the first time they had ever been on a coach, stepped inside a theatre or seen a live stage performance.

It was wonderful to see how much all the pupils and staff enjoyed the show and immersed themselves fully into the spirit of the pantomime traditions, including shouting, 'Oh no he didn't - oh yes he did,' and 'He's behind you' in all the right places. Add in the hilarious 'Baby Shark' routine, lots of singing and dancing, a hysterical version of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' (which included a game of 'throw the toilet rolls around Billy's neck') and an ice-cream in the interval, it is safe to say that a great time was had by all.



POP UP CINEMA

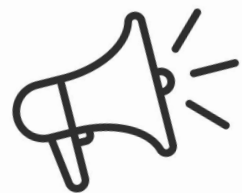
On Wednesday 7th December a small group of students who had been unable to access the main school cinema trips for various reasons took a morning trip out to a pop up cinema experience hosted by InSitu at Leisure Box in Brierfield.

It was an informal cinema experience allowing students to explore the light on the screen and vocalise during the film. A successful trip with lots of fun for the students driving gently over the speed bumps!

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday the 18th of November we joined in with The Great SPOTacular! Event. Students arrived dressed up, down, to impress, in pyjamas, onesies, or casual clothes and enjoyed activities in their classes that raise awareness of Children in Need.





# STUDENT VOICE



## A TRIP TO HUNGARY

As part of the current Erasmus Project 'Stamp it Out!' six students (Aqib and Chloe from school, Callum, Erin, Demi and Kacper from Post 16) were given a special opportunity to travel to Hungary.

Working alongside groups from different countries, this trip was to raise awareness regarding the current state of bullying and how it impacts the people involved alongside any prejudices that people may hold about other nations.

During the trip, the students took part in a vast array of activities, such as learning Hungarian and working with the other groups within a set of challenges that incorporated engineering and teamwork skills. They also had the experience of touring Budapest, shopping for souvenirs using Hungarian currency and even watching a horse show!

The students all had a fantastic time in Hungary and despite an unexpectedly long delay at the airport, they all made it back home safely.

*Written By Callum*



## REFLECTING ON MY FINAL AUTUMN TERM IN COLLEGE

It feels like only yesterday I was in year 7. Years go fast as a lightning flash! I feel a little emotional as I am getting older and my educational experience at Pendle Community High School and College is almost over.

I have been involved in many events during my last festive period such as Pendle's Got Talent and helping at the Christmas Market, it has been fun and I have gained so many employability skills. I have so many friends in Bowland, so it has been very special to join in the Christmas events with them.

I just wish that I was only under 18 years of age forever, and I could stay here at college but of course, that's not possible which I feel very sad about. I am being prepared for the big world and the exciting adventures that are waiting, but I have two terms left to make more memories.

*Written By Asad*



## OUR VISITS TO ARK BARN

This year in collage eight students were lucky enough to be invited to Ark Education Barn for 5 weeks. During the trips the students got to learn about different animals. There were goats, chickens, alpacas, donkeys, sheep and even giant rabbits.

In the first week it was just getting the children used to the different animals. By week 4 the children were shearing one of the sheep's fur and we were excellent at it.

My favourite animals there were the giant rabbits they were large, fluffy and so soft like a big cloud. They were so friendly and let me stroke them. Unfortunately, the weeks went by too fast, I only wish it could have lasted longer.

*Written by Daniel*

My favourite part of the Ark Barn was taking the goats for a walk.

*Written by Aqib*



Pendle's Got Talent took place on Tuesday 13th December with 2 performances, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

After some technical issues on the Monday before, we managed to do a full dress rehearsal and made sure we all knew our lines, songs and dances.

We started both shows with a dedication to our Deputy Head, Jenny Bayliss as this was one of her favourite times of the year.

It was a true variety show with students performing in so many different ways this year. Self-penned comedy videos and live four piece bands, as well as large singing groups and small dance troupes. There was plenty of twinkle and sparkle with bells and Father Christmas hats galore.

We were so pleased to see such a great turn out from parents, carers, family and friends and this just added to the atmosphere and the loud applause!

Well done and thank you to everyone involved in making this event happen.



## COFFEE MORNING WITH FLO

On 11th October, we held another well attended coffee morning at Hodge House Community Centre. Alison McConville, Family Liaison Officer, ran a well-being session with parents/carers, the students studying cafe skills and college staff.

We all discussed ways we promote our well-being (mindfulness, sharing our worries, exercise, connecting with friends etc) and how important it is to be kind to ourselves. Some of students talked about boosting their well-being by accessing free community activities such as attending Colourful Voices youth group on Monday evenings at the Zone in Nelson. Others attend activities including disability football or dancing at the leisure Box in Brierfield.

The students studying cafe skills were the perfect hosts taking orders, preparing and serving refreshments to the parents/carers.

Alison is planning more themed coffee mornings for parents/carers in the new year. We would love to see you there!

If you would like more details about Colourful Voices, Leisure Box and short breaks for your children; or if you would like any other help/advice to support your children, please get in touch with Alison.

**Tel:** 01282 682260 or 07742 669281  
**Email:** amcconville@pchs.lancs.sch.uk

## FOREST SCHOOL

This term at Forest School students from Darwen have been making tree swings and learning how to put up hammocks. The weather hasn't stopped them enjoying their sessions, braving all conditions such as the frost and snow.





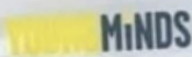
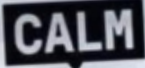



# NOTICEBOARD



**COPING AT CHRISTMAS**

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.

 0300 123 3393 Helpline mind.org.uk	 Text SHOUT to 85258 24/7 text service giveusashout.org	 116 123 24/7 helpline samaritans.org
 Text YM to 85258 24/7 text service youngminds.org.uk	 0800 58 58 58 Helpline for men thecalmzone.net	 0800 068 4141 Under 35s Helpline papyrus-uk.org

## ADVERSE WEATHER

As we are approaching the winter months it is time to prepare for adverse weather. Announcements will be issued by:

**Website:** Our school website will have up to date news of our closure:  
[www.pchs.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.pchs.lancs.sch.uk)

**Telephone:** If these options are not available to you please call the school office on 01282 682260. If you are unable to get your child to school because of adverse weather please call the school absence line on 01282 682263.



**SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY  
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER  
AT 1:30PM**

**We will re-open Wednesday  
4th January, Have a fantastic  
Christmas break!**



**Please be aware that Monday  
8th May 2023 will be a Bank  
Holiday in honour of the King's  
coronation.**