Dear Tytherington Families,

It has been another packed fortnight. Below is a snapshot of some of the things we have been up to:

- Sixteen times world darts champion and Sky News visited
- Our Under 12s girls football team were crowned the area champions
- A team of 30 Sports Ambassadors helped to organise and run the Macclesfield and District SEND Sports Day
- Year 11 students visited Macclesfield Town Football Club to raise money for one of our nominated charities,
 The Teenage Cancer Trust
- A group of year 7s are creating an anti-bullying animation to be shown in assemblies
- Our orchestra rehearsing for the Spring Concert

A FORTNIGHT IN THE LIFE OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

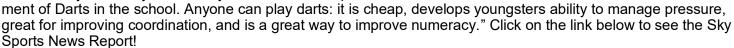


THE DAY THE DARTS CAME TO TYTHERINGTON!

Two weeks ago, Tytherington School launched its inaugural Darts Open competition for students. Nearly 100 students from across all years have entered the competition with matches taking place during lunchtime. It has been great to see students in all year groups competing and enjoying each other's company.

The tournament caught the attention of Sky Sports News as well as darts legend, Phil "The Power" Taylor, who believe this to be one of the few competitions of its kind in the country. The sixteen times world champion was on hand to offer coaching advice and guidance to youngsters at the school. He was also keen to emphasise the role that Darts can play in developing students' numeracy.

Headteacher, Manny Botwe, said: "We are delighted that Phil Taylor could join us today to see the develop-



http://www.skysports.com/watch/video/sports/darts/10757270/darts-now-part-of-pe





THE "MACCLESFIELD PLEDGE" CAREERS FAIR

The Macclesfield Pledge is a scheme created to forge closer links between students and employers. Students from Tytherington students attended a special 'Your Futures' Careers fair in the Town Hall building on Wednesday 1st February. Several employers were represented including Astrazeneca, Bentley and East Cheshire NHS Trust.





Here are some quotes from the students:

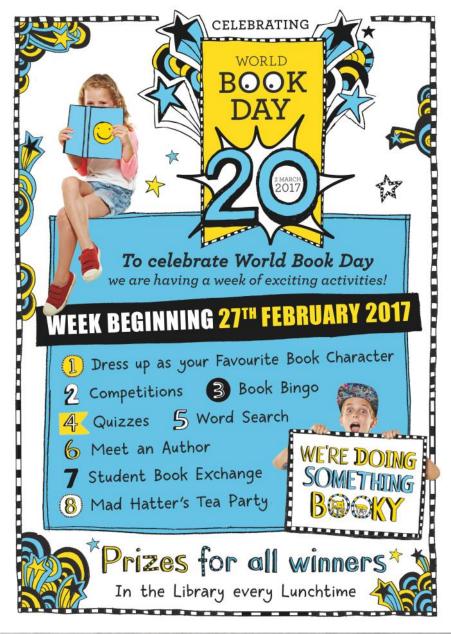
- "Learning a lot about different career options."
- "There were a range of companies I could talk to, they were able to answer my questions effectively."
- "I felt there were many opportunities to explore."
- "It was good to have so many companies under one roof."
- "good stalls from the employers, lots of choice."

INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION

Well done to Rainow Primary School who won the Indoor Athletics competition on Monday night. Thank you to Sportshall Athletics and our fantastic Year 7 Sports Leaders.









Eddie Mackintosh, the winner of the Bobby Timperley Trophy, receives his prize from organiser Chloe Glendenning, of Hexham Canoe Club.

Eddie is pick of the bunch

SUCH was the competition at the Bobby Timperley Memorial Race that five youngsters were in the running for the top prize.

The trophy awarded in the memory of Bobby, a passionate member of Hexham Canoe Club, is awarded each year to the best performing junior at the club's national ranked Wavehopper race.

The decision to award just one junior was an extremely difficult one, but the accolade was bestowed on 11-year-old Eddie Mackintosh, a member of Hexham despite living in Macclesfield, Cheshire.

In his first Wavehopper event, he impressed throughout to earn the trophy just ahead of fellow Hexham junior Ryan Dodds.

WHAT'S THE SECRET OF THE YEAR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL SUCCESS? WE INTERVIEW THE TEAM TO FIND OUT

Interview with Captains Lily Fallon & Susie Bridgett

What do you think was the key to your success?

Susie: We are all great friends which helps a lot, it's a nice environment to play in as everyone is really encouraging of each other and we have a good chemistry on and off the pitch.

Lily: We also talk A LOT! This usually drives Miss mad on the bus, but then means that we do talk to each other on the pitch too, this means everyone works together and we are a more effective team.

Susie: We help each other out too, we are not afraid to get advice from



each other. Even if you are the best player on the pitch there is always something you can do to improve. There is a mix of experienced and inexperienced players but everybody contributes, it's great.

Lily: We have a saying 'Don't stop when you get it right; keep going until you can't get it wrong!' – That's the attitude we have as a group. Miss Henshall always says we need to look professional from the minute we arrive, so we practice things like warm ups, making sure we are all doing the same thing and are mentally focused and ready for the match.

What type of things help you on the pitch?

Lily: We have team tactics set by Miss Henshall, for example because I am so tall she tells the defence to play a long ball up front so I can hold the ball up. She also tells us to shoot at any sight of goal, this has worked pretty well as we scored 36 goals this season and I scored 19 of those. We also have personal aims, things that we each want to improve in our own game, this not only makes each player get better, but it will benefit the team too.

Susie: On the pitch we are all pretty feisty, not aggressive but we have the mindset that it's our ball and we are not going to give it up for anyone. Most of the team are fast and strong which helps, we don't care about the mud, we love the mud in fact!

How does it feel to be Champions of Macclesfield?

Susie: It feels amazing and although we really appreciate all the rewards we received, the best thing is the pride we have from our accomplishments.

Lily: I agree, we are all really proud of being champions and that we got the opportunity to represent Tytherington School!

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

After an invitation from Councillor Olivia Hunter, Mayor of Cheshire East, 4 year 9 students attended the Holocaust Memorial Service at Sandbach Town Hall. The theme for this year's memorial is 'How can life go on?' Maddie James-Lee, Alicia Parry, Ben Yardley and Michael Clarke were accompanied to the service by Cover Supervisor Mrs Rigby.

The service, which was recorded for broadcast by BBC Radio Stoke, began with a trumpet piece played by a student from Sandbach School and following an introduction from Councillor Heath, the Mayor of Sandbach spoke, quoting witness testimony not only from the Holocaust but subsequent genocides, Rwanda and Bosnia.





The main speaker at the service was Peter Kurer who told very movingly about how much work the Society of Friends did before and during the war to alleviate the plight of the Jewish people.

Everyone lit a candle in remembrance of those whose lives have been taken, and following a period of silent reflection, the service concluded with prayers.

Ben said, "It was very interesting and a great experience", with Michael adding "it was great to learn more about peoples' past experiences and how they coped."

Maddie thought "the stories were very moving". Alicia summed up the service when she said "it showed me how many people still care, especially young people."

YEAR 7 ADVANCED LEARNERS TAKE OVER BOLLINGTON LIVE



For the second year running, a group of Advanced Learners are working on a centre spread about Tytherington School to be published in the February edition of *Bollington Live*. They have been working with Annette Hurst, the editor of the magazine, to produce a range of articles for the insert, including articles about charity events at Tytherington and interviews with staff and students. On Friday, 3rd February, the students visited the printshop in Bollington where the magazine will be published.

The visit began with a photo of the team on the steps of the printshop, followed by a welcome drink and biscuit to refresh the troops. This was followed by a visit to the printroom itself, where they were shown some of the printing practices and different effects that can be achieved by employing particular printing processes. After this, students were given the opportunity to work on the templates of their articles, and make decisions about the design of their two pages, as well as to devise some snappy headlines for their stories. The students all enjoyed the visit, and learnt a great deal about how a small printing business works, and the kinds of publications which are produced there. The next stage of the process for our students will be when they return to the streets of Bollington to deliver 100 copies of the magazine to local residents, enabling them to see the publishing process through from beginning to end.

CHANGES TO PARKING/PICKUP TIME PROCEDURES

In order to ensure the safety of our students as they board the school buses to make their way home, we have recently reviewed our end of the school day procedures. Following this review, we are adopting the following measures so that our students remain safe:

- After the last bus is in position on our turning circle, the entrance gate to the car park will be shut so that we can ensure that no cars are moving around the circle as students board the buses.
- If parents do park in our car-park prior to the gates being closed, we ask that they do not move in amongst the buses and wait for them to clear unless parked near to the exit and therefore not having to move around the buses.
- Students in Years 7-11 are asked to use the Manchester Road gate and not the front gate in order to ensure
 that they are leaving the site through the safest exit and pathway that we have, without going almost straight
 out on to a road.

Thank you for your help and support in ensuring the safety of our students.

