



Dear Tytherington Families,

It has been a great start to the new term. On behalf of the Tytherington community we welcome our rising Year 7 who received their offer letters this week. We received our highest number of applications for five years so we are very excited. It was great to see so many of our future Year 7s at our Science Transition Day on Tuesday.

We write to you every fortnight so please feel free to access our Headteacher's Notes archive to get a sense of all the things we get up to in school: <http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/category/news/headteacher/>

This edition includes:

- World Book Day celebrations
- 6th Form students win Macclesfield Civic Awards
- Tytherington Students visit Manchester University for a special Science lecture
- Former student appears on University Challenge!

Bollington bus update: On 23rd February the council passed a motion *“deferring the implementation of its decision made on 18th October 2016 to withdraw free school transport from Bollington to Tytherington High School via the Middlewood Way, until a toucan crossing for pedestrians and cyclists has been installed and is operational, adjacent to the roundabout on the A523 Silk Road, at the junction with the B5090”*. We have made it clear that we continue to maintain that the best solution is to continue to run the buses and we will continue to campaign on this issue. We also believe that it is unacceptable that a timeline has yet to be outlined on the proposal e.g. a consultation will be required, risk assessment etc. We have been in contact with the local authority who have confirmed that they will outline their proposals within a fortnight. I will keep you posted on any updates we receive.

WORLD BOOK DAY AT TYTHERINGTON SCHOOL



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This Year we decided to have a week of activities to celebrate World Book Day. Throughout the week, many different teachers brought their classes to the Library for book themed lessons including History, German & English.

During the week, students were invited to complete book themed word searches, crosswords, quizzes and to also redesign their favourite book cover to be displayed on our book tree.

On Wednesday we welcomed local author Jo Welch into School to hold a creative writing workshop to a selection of Year 7 and 8 Students. Jo spoke to students about her book, *The Einstein Code* and gave some top tips on story openers and plots.

We asked Students to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday with the money kindly donated by the Students to go towards fundraising for books for our Library. After reviewing the many fantastic characters, first and second prizes were awarded to Abi McDonald & Nathan Lloyd respectively. Our 6 runners up were Mia Share, Gregor Watson, Charlie Moffatt, Aiden Simpson, Edward Hague and Taran Spivey. Members of staff also made a fantastic effort with their book character outfits.



On Friday we held a Mad Hatters Tea Party to celebrate the successes of many Students including our Student Librarians, Accelerated Reading stars and our book character finalists and winners. The students enjoyed a tea party, some music and games of book bingo.

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PLEASE GET INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR FAIRER FUNDING

The government is consulting on proposals for changes to school funding that will result in a £9.3 million reduction to education funding in Cheshire East, with 131 out of 146 schools seeing a reduction in funding. At present Cheshire East is one of the worst funded local authorities in the country (145th out of 150) at £4,209 per child. The new proposals make Cheshire East the worst funded local authority at only £4,122 per child, which is £87 less per child than now.

If we received the national average per secondary school child of £4,732 per child, this would amount to an extra £628,000 per year for us.

Tytherington School will lose £61,000 per year plus the loss of the Education Support Grant of £79,000 which is a loss of £140,000 per year, which is 2.7% of our budget.

All schools in Cheshire East and Cheshire East Council are working together to challenge these grossly unfair proposals. We believe our children are being discriminated against as a result of the postcode of their school.

We ask for your support in the matter and we strongly urge you to:

Respond directly to the government's consultation by 22 March 2017 at:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>

Contact our local MP, David Rutley (david.rutley.mp@parliament.uk), who is campaigning on our behalf, to express your concerns about the consequences of this funding formula for us.

We are committed to ensure children in Cheshire East have the same opportunities as children in other local authorities. I really appreciate your support and understanding on this matter and please do contact me if you have any questions.

In light of these cuts to school budgets, I will be writing to parents in the next few weeks about our fundraising plans to ensure that we continue to provide youngsters with an excellent standard of education.

We will be hosting a Parents Forum on Wednesday 15th March at 6pm. The focus will be National Funding Formula and its potential implications. There will be a short presentation followed by some guidance on completing the consultation documents.

We would be delighted to have your input on the formula from a parent's perspective and as such, there will be plenty of opportunity for you to ask questions and for staff to listen to feedback on this topic.

If you would like to attend, the please send a quick e-mail to info@tytheringtonschool.co.uk.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to seeing you on the 15th March.



Department for Education

SILLY SOCKS DAY AT TYTHERINGTON TO RAISE MONEY FOR ACTION DUCHENNE

On Friday 3rd March, the Year 8s at Tytherington School held a "Wear silly socks Day" in support of Action Duchenne. The day was arranged by Gregor Watson in year 8 to raise money and awareness of Duchenne. Gregor said: "This is a cause that's very close to my heart and I'm overwhelmed with all the support from my friends and sponsor money they have given so far. Tytherington School hopes to raise hundreds for the charity.

Duchenne muscular dystrophy is the most common fatal genetic disorder diagnosed in childhood, affecting approximately 1 in every 3,500 live male births (around 2500 people have DMD in the UK).

Duchenne results in progressive loss of strength and is caused by a mutation in the gene that encodes for dystrophin. Because dystrophin is absent, the muscle cells are easily damaged. The progressive muscle weakness leads to serious medical problems, particularly issues relating to the heart and lungs. Young men with Duchenne typically live into their late twenties. Life expectancy is improving as standards of care and knowledge about Duchenne increases and some men live into their 30s and 40s. To find out more please visit: <http://www.actionduchenne.org/>

Gregor has been moved to fundraise as his best friend, Toby Maurice is living with Duchenne. He is taking on a massive 98 mile walking challenge in April, and the school event is just the start of his amazing endeavours. Please visit the webpage below to find out about all the things Gregor is doing to raise awareness and money for charity:

<https://ad-challenge-events.everydayhero.com/uk/gregor-s-canal-challenge>

If you want to challenge yourself and join us in our mission to find a cure, and improve the lives of everybody living with Duchenne, get in touch with our Events Fundraiser Paul who is on hand to help 020 8556 9955 or paulbown@actionduchenne.org

Great work Gregor, keep going!



SIXTH FORM STUDENTS AWARDED MAYOR'S CIVIC AWARDS

Congratulations to year 13 students, Tom Smith and James Alexander who have been awarded a special Mayor Civic Award. James and Tom are exemplary young gentlemen. They have both given a considerable amount of time over the past three years to several charities and organisations through unpaid voluntary work.

James and Tom have both volunteered once a fortnight at a local youth group for 6-11 year olds with autism. During their time at Space4Autism (<http://space4autism.com>) they have run activities, worked with adult leaders in a professional and supportive manner as well as led visits to the park. They have also led activities in the centre, arts and crafts and weekend residential trips. Both have given a considerable amount of their time (18 months service and counting) during their important GCSE and A Level years to this charity.

James has now moved to support the Samaritans, another example of his dedication to helping out his community.

Both Tom and James have embodied the type of student we wish to leave Tytherington School, they are articulate, resilient, courageous, curious and have the confidence to stand up for what they believe in.

Due to James and Tom's support for this organisation children with autism are given a safe place to go, a place to build up their social skills, a place to play, learn and mix with similar aged children.

Parents and families benefit from this care, they can leave their children in a safe place, looked after and encouraged by outgoing and caring young people like James and Tom.

The community is more inclusive because of their work.



THE CANON CHANCELLOR AWARD 2017 BY MRS WEARNE



The Canon Chancellor award celebrates teaching Christianity in schools. The award is open to all schools. To enter, students must submit an essay relating to the existence of God.

For the first time, Tytherington School submitted essays for the competition. Mrs Wearne supported the entry of a group of Year 8 and 10 students.

CHESTER
CATHEDRAL
EDUCATION

We were delighted to hear that the Key Stage Four Winner is Harriet Terrington in Year 10. Nadia Hulme was also Highly Commended in the Key Stage Three section. The students will be going to Chester Cathedral for a visit on 4th April to receive their certificates. Also, the school will receive £100 towards purchasing resources for the Philosophy Department. Well done to all students that entered the completion and enjoy your trip



TYTHERINGTON STUDENTS VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER FOR GRAPHENE LECTURE



Students from The Macclesfield Academy and Tytherington School have experience of drawing with a pencil but they might not have known that their pencil graphite could produce graphene.

The Rotary club of Macclesfield Castle arranged for the students to visit the University of Manchester to join 300 other students for a lecture by Dr Aravind Vijayaraghavan, a member of the Graphene team and team leader of the nano functional materials group at the University. The world's first 2D material was isolated in 2004 by Andre Geim and Kostya Novoselov at the University of Manchester, resulting in the two winning the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2010.

The Macclesfield students learnt about Graphene: what it is, how it can be made, and, its many uses.

The comments from the students speak for themselves:

- *it was made with graphite and sicky tape!
- *the world's thinnest material and one of the strongest
- *graphene could be used to make 'bendy phones'
- *it could be used to deliver drugs to target cancer cells
- *really exciting to be at the university where Graphene was developed
- *I'd like to do nano-research

The Headteacher of Tytherington School, Mr E Botwe thanked Rotary for giving their students 'this exciting opportunity'. Mr R Hedge, Headteacher of The Macclesfield Academy thanked Rotary and said that the students 'were now enthusiastic supporters of nano technology'.

A WEEK ON TWITTER!



Tytherington School @TytheringtonSch · 13h

Well done to Mrs Butterworth's year 8 Mathematicians for winning prizes in the @ManchesterUniv cryptography comp.



Tytherington School @TytheringtonSch · 5h

Tytherington Transition ambassadors working with Year 5&6 pupils at our first science festival .



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Tytherington School @TytheringtonSch · 5h

Rehearsals for our summer production underway! Very tense audition room!



FORMER STUDENT FEATURES ON UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE



And finally...congratulations to former student Matthew De Sousa (middle) who has been selected to represent York University on University Challenge. Matthew is in his first year of a Medicine degree and was selected ahead of thousands of students to represent the university. The show will air in July. Well done!

M. De Sousa

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