

Notes Date: 17th June 2016

Dear Tytherington Families,

This is by far and away the most difficult *Headteacher's* Notes I've had to write. Last week the school lost one of its greatest teachers. So many of you have personally been touched by the infectious and passionate teaching of Guy Wharton. It is a regret that I only knew Guy Wharton for such a short time having only joined in September. I have heard so many stories over the past fortnight about his compassion, good humour and passion for biking and biology. We have lost a very special member of the school community.

We will be naming the school garden after Guy Wharton and his form will be planting a tree to honour his memory. We will also present an annual award to a student displaying his great virtues of endeavour, compassion and humanity. We will also keep you posted on a proposed charity bike ride in his memory. We will be closely liaising with Guy's family with regards to memorial arrangements.

A book of condolence is available to sign in the school reception. Please also take the time to visit the online page of condolence to see the comments which have been written by parents, colleagues and students both past and present:

http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/2016/06/09/ messages-of-condolence/

Mr Wharton will be hugely missed. I would like to take this opportunity to extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and three children.

Take care

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Emmanuel Botwe Headteacher



Tytherington School fights Local Council over Buses

On Tuesday 14th June, the Cheshire East Cabinet made the decision to withdraw free school buses from the Bollington area to Tytherington School from April 2017. There has been no opportunity for a full consultation on this matter and it is my view that this has been done with the intention of making it difficult to mount opposition.

The cabinet have decided to ignore the concerns of the local community, parents, Tytherington School and the Bollington Town Council on the issue of youngsters walking the Middlewood Way. We will fight this decision and I would urge you to make your voices heard by doing the following:

- If you would like to show support for keeping the free Tytherington school buses, there is an online petition available at <u>https://you.38degrees.org.uk/</u> <u>petitions/keep-tytherington-school-buses</u>
- BBC Radio Manchester will run a story next week on the matter. I will keep you posted on when this is going out.
- E-mail the Cheshire East Council Cabinet members to register your opposition. Please view the link: <u>http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/</u>

council and democracy/your council/ cabinet members/cabinet members.aspx

 E-mail Jacky Forster, the Director of Education and 14-19 Skills at Cheshire East Council on: jacky.forster@cheshireeast.gov.uk

There is more information on the Bollington facebook page or please contact Councillor Amanda Stott via <u>clerk@bollington-tc.gov.uk</u>.

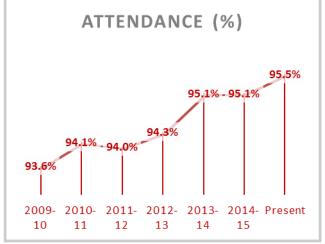
Will Tytherington School run its own service if the Council refuses to run buses from Bollington?

Yes. If Cheshire East Council refuse to bow to public pressure and change their decision, we will run our own bus service to Bollington from April 2017. This will be at a cost to families, however, we believe that we would have to step-in to ensure that there is an option of transport for families attending the school. We will contact parents with the transports proposals before the end of term.

Many thanks for your help and support on this matter.



A summary of improvements made within the school by the hard work of our students, their parents and staff...



ATTENDANCE

Owing to work done to improve attendance we achieved our target of getting into the top 60% of schools nationally at the end of 2012/13 and then further improved to be in the top 50% of schools through the 2013/14 and 2014/15 academic years with 95.1%.

We have maintained a figure of 95.5% during Term 5 following a dip in Term 4. Whereas this will place us in to the top 35% of schools nationally, we could all pick this up through the summer term and return to the top 20%.

ROSE Awards

As part of the Tytherington School rewards system, introduced by the Student Parliament, there is the opportunity

for students, parents or staff to make a nomination of students, parents or staff for a "ROSE

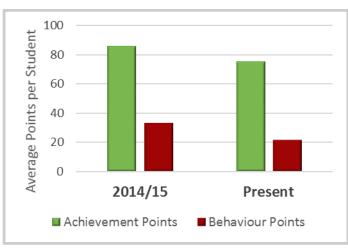


Award".

Nominations will be asked for in this half term for awarding at the end of the academic year. Please look out for the nomination forms once they are released.

Bronze	Silver	Gold
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20	4	2
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Behaviour Improvements



It is incredibly pleasing to see the Student Parliament's vision of a 4:1 ratio of Achievement Points to Behaviour Points being reflected in what is actually happening in school. Students are, on the whole, being extremely well behaved and engaging brilliantly in their learning.

It continues to be very pleasing that with one term to go we are on track for Achievement Points to exceed last year's figures and Behaviour Points to be much less by the end of the academic year.

Since our last summary, it is also pleasing to report that punctuality in the mornings has greatly improved and the vast ma-

jority of students are arriving on time and are ready to go at 8:45am.

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The efforts of our students, their parents and our staff working in partnership are what is making this possible!

Over a period of two days, Year 9 and 10 students have been helping to lead a transition event at Puss Bank primary school. The theme of the event was Rio 2016 Olympics, and Puss Bank students had the opportunity to take part in Olympic-style sports, and learn some new Olympic related words and phrases.

On the Monday, Mrs Healey and Miss Bailey taught French and Spanish to Year 5 and 6 students. The following day, pupils from Years 3 and 4 took part in the same lessons. They learnt words for Olympic sports (complete with actions!) and later showed them to the rest of the years in an Olympic closing ceremony assembly. The pupils also researched the history of the Olympic games and created information posters based on what they had found out. These were also presented in the afternoon assembly, and prizes were awarded for the best ones.

Mrs Rodgers and Mr Parkinson led two sessions of sports on each day, which included a warm-up, stretches, demonstrations and a circuit of activities. The circuit consisted of parachute runs, throwing and



catching and hurdles, meaning that pupils could try out a version of the Olympics.

Everyone involved in the transition event including the Tytherington and Puss Bank students thoroughly

enjoyed their time, and we hope to see the Puss Bank students in September!



Keeping in Touch made Simpler

We are pleased to launch a fantastic new digital card app that can be downloaded onto your Apple and Android smartphones.

This digital card gives you all the latest news, term dates, parent pay and gallery. You can also find contact details and location maps of the school.

To download the digital card, use the QR code below or follow this link on your smartphone: tytheringtonschool.iinfou.com



BOLLINGTON SCIENCE RESEARCH AND RADIO PROJECT

Following on from our successful Bollington Live project earlier this year, a group of Year 7 Advanced learners have recently been working with Annette Hurst, the editor of Bollington Live, on an exciting scientific research project and radio recording project.

Students have been working in groups to research specific topical scientific issues such as the prevention of skin cancer, the dangers of a junk food diet and the perils of a high salt intake. Students were tasked with the challenge of reading complex scientific research reports, collecting information from the research and then writing a three minute radio script to convey their findings to a listening audience.

Some students also conducted their own research surveys, questioning students and staff around school about their views. They even interviewed Mr Salt of Innovate about the school's salt policy! They were happy to discover that there is no added salt in our school refectory food, thanks to healthy eating guidelines. As well as learning the result of new scientific research, these students have also been introduced to the art of scriptwriting for a listening audience – and with only three minutes to play with, they had to be both concise and



precise in their organisation of material!

On June 20th, these young scientists will travel to Canalside Radio in Bollington to record their radio scripts, which will then be broadcast on the radio for Bollington and Macclesfield listeners. So listen out for further information on this – these radio reports are definitely full of fascinating new facts and research about health issues, presented in a lively and entertaining manner.

ROMAN WINS MOST IMPROVED ARMY CADET AWARD

Congratulations to Roman Love-Goulden who won the local award for the most improved Army Cadet. Roman raised the Union Jack in honour of the Queen's 90th Birthday to mark his special achievement. Congratulations!



