Dear Tytherington Families,

I would like to start off by saying a huge thank you to the wonderful students we have at the school. It has been a tough term so far with our Year 11s and Sixth Formers preparing for exams and a new structure to the school day as well as the range of events which have taken place. The sheer pace of the school is amazing. I'm also excited to announce that for the first time in several years, we will be bringing back the whole school photograph. On Thursday 14th April the whole school will come together to take a commemorative photo. We will also make an accompanying video to capture the event for posterity. In addition to this we will also be having Year group photos in Year 11 and the 6th Form as well as Sports Team photos on the following day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say that I am relaxing the school policy on scarves. I have no objection to students wearing multi-coloured scarves and I believe that within reason, students should be given the room to individualise their uniform.

Here's just a few things we have been up to in the last fortnight:

 Congratulations to Ms Linaker and the wonderful Ash House who raised over £1200 for <u>East Cheshire</u> Hospice.



- Well done to Michael Clark in Year 8 who led a campaign to raise money for <u>The Christie</u>. On Tuesday, the Year 8s handed over a cheque of over £2400 to <u>The Christie Charity</u>.
- Our budding Year 8 gardeners were gooseberry

planting this week.

 Our Year 7 sports leaders created and facilitated a Little Champions Event for Year 1 & 2 students from all over Macclesfield.



- Our Year 7/8 Rugby team defeated Poynton 27-10.
- We celebrated World Book Day in the midst of the snow.
- Our Year 8 Mathematicians took part in the regional UK Maths Challenge.
- We have revamped our reception with new pictures.



- We also filmed a whole school video two weeks ago which will be on our school website within a few weeks.
- Bollington Cross Primary School joined us for a Food Technology Event led by our Year 9 D&T leaders.

Focus on sporting Excellence

Sporting Laurels for Lauren



Elite Sportswoman, Lauren Robinson in Year 9 took time out to be interviewed by Mrs Burke on the secrets of her sporting success. Last weekend, Lauren Robinson in 9DL, took part in the highly competitive English Schools Cross Country Championships as a member of a successful Year 8 and 9 Cheshire team. Lauren and her team performed extremely well. Lauren finished in a time of 14 minutes for a distance of 3.5 kilometres - an amazing achievement. It was a great day for Lauren, and for the county. Lauren appreciated and enjoyed being part of a strong team of 8 who came in third for Cheshire.

Below is a short interview with Lauren in which she talks about her involvement with the sport.

How long have you been doing cross country running?

I have been taking part in cross country competitions since I was 10.

How did you start?

It all started when my Mum took me to join Macclesfield Harriers, and I have loved it ever since. Before that, though, I did do some athletics at primary school.

What do you enjoy about the sport?

I enjoy competing and the teamwork.

How often do you train?

I go training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If I don't have a competition at the weekend, I do a 5k run and on Sunday I do a long run with my friends.

What is the toughest aspect running cross country competitions?

The toughest times are when I am ill or injured, and sometimes I get nervous when I am competing.

What was it like competing in the English Schools Cross Country Championships last weekend?

I was very excited!

What advice would you give to fellow students who want to succeed in sport?

The advice I would give is to be positive and try your hardest.

Charlie Edwards makes the grade!

Well done to Charlie Edwards in Year 7 who has been selected to play for Stoke City in an International Football Cup Tournament in Barcelona over the Easter break. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish him all the best.



Charity and Leadership focus for Tytherington Students

Tytherington students have been taking a lead on raising money for local charities as part of the House System. Since September, the House system has been reinvigorated with emphasis on students taking a lead on a range of events around the school and fundraising for local charities.

This term Ash house raised over £1200 for East Cheshire Hospice. Leah Goodhind from the organisation gave a special assembly to Ash

House and was presented with a cheque this week. This is not the only fundraising which students have been involved in this year. Michael Clarke in year 8 organised a series of fundraising events this term which raised £2418 for Christie's Charity, and The Christie. The activities included a non-school uniform day, a series of cake sales and a staff car wash. Although students were asked to donate £1 as part of the non-school uniform day, many students donated more. Michael Clarke, year 8, said: "I'm so pleased at the amount we have raised for such a great cause and an organisation that have been so supportive to both me and my family through difficult times".

Emmanuel Botwe, Headteacher, said: "We can all remember being part of a House at school. We want to provide students with a feeling of belonging and community. We also want to give students the opportunity to lead across the school and the local area. All of our charity events are student planned and led which I feel means they have a greater impact."



Coming Soon!

Look out for the <u>Academy News</u> next week which will have a range of features including:

- Feedback from the Parents Survey
- •An update from your Governing Body
- A round-up of all our sporting action (including our Year 9 boys team who are still in the National Cup)
- An update on our Advanced Learners Programme.

To get the latest news about what's happening in school, please follow us on <u>twitter</u> on go onto our <u>news link</u> on the <u>school website</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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