Dear Tytherington Families,

We have been absolutely delighted by the start to the year. There have been some great highlights this term. Here are just a few things we have been up to:

- Hundreds of students have auditioned for the Christmas House Pantomime (there will be staff participation this year!).
- The Music Department is hard at work preparing for the Christmas Concert.
- We raised nearly £2000 as part of our Macmillan Coffee Charity morning. Last year we raised over £12000 for charity so we are well on the way to surpassing the efforts of last year.
- We celebrated record A-Level and GCSE results.
- Over 150 students have joined me for a Celebration Breakfast.
- We have welcomed several of our partner primary schools to a range of transition events including a Coding Day, "Play in a Day" and a "Popera" music workshop.

In this week's edition find out about:

- Bollington Bus update
- Mr Quigley's TV appearance as one of Britain's Landscape Artists of the Year
- Year 7 ROPE Race!
- Our Diana Award Assemblies
- How we celebrated Poetry Day
- Advanced Learners Update
- Sporting successes this term
- Our student in profile this week is Ryan Newbigging in Year 8

Mr Quigley appears as a contestant on Britain's Landscape Artist of the Year!



BOLLINGTON BUS UPDATE

As many of you will be aware, the Cabinet have taken the disappointing decision to withdraw free buses for many of our students from the Bollington area from September 2017. As I have said in the local media, the fight is not over. We have several concerns about the way the decision was made and we intend to contest the decision. We will keep you posted on how we get on and what you might



do to help. A huge thank you to the many students and parents who attended the Council Meeting on Tuesday.

TYTHERINGTON SCHOOL IN THE MACCLESFIELD EXPRESS

TV beckons for art teacher

A TYTHERINGTON
School teacher has
reached the heats of a TV
competition to find the
Landscape Artist of the
Year.

Tom Quigley, 29, who teaches art at the school, entered the contest, run by Sky TV, online and was one of 42 artists selected from more than 1,600 applicants.

In his heat, held at Wray castle in Cumbria, he had to complete a four hour drawing task based on the castle, watched by the public.

His work was judged by

Tai Shan, head of painting at the art academy in London, Kate Bryan, art historian, and Kathleen Soriano, independent curator.

Tom, from Manchester, whose artwork is also on display at the Macclesfield Art Lounge in the Grosvenor Centre, said: "I have watched the programme every year and this time just thought I would apply.

"I was pretty chuffed to be chosen, as you never think it's going to be you."

The programme, presented by Frank

Skinner and Joan Bakewell, began on Tuesday, October 11 and the episode featuring Tom will air on November 8 on Sky Arts.

Tytherington School headteacher Manny Botwe said: "Tom is a fantastic teacher and a very gifted artist.

"Earlier this year he was commissioned to produce work for the Bridgewater Hall.

"We are very proud to see him do so well.

"We look forward to seeing how he progresses in the competition."

ROPE RACE 2016 - FROM THE STUDENTS PERSPECTIVE

Rope Race is an activity centre located in an old cotton mill. It got its name from the ropes that were used to power all the machines in the mill. There are many activities to choose from there, such as canoeing, kayaking, team building and archery.

Here are a few quotes from pupils who went there:



"I enjoyed the kayaking most, especially when I fell in the canal. I also loved shooting the targets in archery". Jack Chadwick

"Rock climbing was fun even though it was a great new experience".

Chloe Radcliffe

"I enjoyed the canoeing because I was with my friend and she fell in the water! I also enjoyed archery because my team won".

Emilia Clarke

Nandhini Sivamani 7AM

Rope Race was just something amazing. It was a great way of getting to know your form a bit better; I made lots of new friends and met some super people. There are loads of things I did at Rope Race that I will remember forever.

Some of the activities I would never even have dreamed of doing, like kayaking. I was always scared of the boat capsizing and that I wouldn't be able to get to the top of the river...and guess what, I didn't capsize once. It was probably one of the best things to do ever, I can't believe I was ever nervous to do it.

Hayley Fairfoot 7BT

Our favourite activity was rock climbing because we learnt lots of new skills. We also got to belay other

members of our group which meant we had to take responsibility for their safety. This was nerve racking, but lots of fun.

In archery we got to pop balloons and had a competition in which each group represented a country and had to compete with each other. My team was winning right up until the last shot when they hit the bull's eye and scored 100 points. This team building meant that we had to work together and we all did extremely well.

Rope Race was an incredible day and a great break from normality. Everyone learnt something new and enjoyed taking part in new experiences! Thank you!!!

Susannah Bridgett & Lili Miller 7IB

At Rope Race we did a variety of different activities. My favourite would have to be canoeing as it was really funny because we spent half the time crashing into the bank and the other half crashing into other people, it was so much fun!

Rebecca Hodkinson 7DL

As a Head of Year 7, I would like to take this opportunity to say what a fantastic start all the students have made to life at Tytherington School. They are such a lovely year group and I have no doubt that they will continue to go from strength to strength. Rope Race was a perfect example of just how far the students have come since their first day in September. Their new found confidence and willingness to get involved and try new things was truly heart-warming to see and makes me thoroughly proud to be their Head of Year. Well done!

Miss Henshall Head of Year 7



DIANA AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

On Thursday 13th October, all Tytherington School students had assemblies that were delivered by Conor Monk from the Anti-Bullying (@AntiBullyingPro on Twitter) section of the Diana Award charity. He spoke with and engaged students in scenarios and facts about the "Power of Questions", covering the positive and negative aspects of our connected world and advising them on what to do if either they or someone that they know becomes victim to those negative aspects of cyberbullying. Our students came out from the assemblies extremely well informed and their feedback shows both how much they enjoyed and learnt from it.



Further resources about cyber-bullying can be found through http://askfm.antibullyingpro.com/, including "What to do if..." videos.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

English poet WH Auden once said that a poet is "before anything else, a person who is passionately in love with language." A group of students, passionate about poetry, decided to celebrate their own love of language on National Poetry Day this year, by hosting a performance poetry event in Tytherington School Library.

Year 13 Literature students shared some of their favourite verses, as well as Taran Spivey and Lily Brown reciting



some of their own inspiring poems. Laura Nancollis performed one of Shakespeare's beloved sonnets and Eleanor Smith delivered a powerful piece by Elizabethan poet Thomas Wyatt.

Poetry enthusiasts in Year 8 also took the time to share their love of language. Gregor Watson performed a witty poem about a footballer having trouble with his ball skills and Charlie Paddock delivered verse that he penned himself.

The Year 13 Literature group also created an impressive display at the front of the Jubilee Building to mark the day, ex-

press their shared appreciation for genre and their passion for language. The atmosphere in the Library was electric, with student's verve and dynamism impressing all staff who came to listen.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE BY MRS CLARE WOODS

It's been a busy first half term here in the Learning Resource Centre. The School has not had a dedicated Librarian for some time so the list of jobs was quite extensive.

The first (and most important) job was to extend the stock of fiction and non-fiction books and, with the help of the Education Library Service, we have added over 200 books to our non-fiction section. Over the next half term we are going to be focussing more on expanding our selection of reference and non-fiction books, based on the curriculum for various subjects.

A new Library Management System has also been purchased with a kind donation from our Friends of



Tytherington fundraisers. This will not only allow us to keep track of all our stock, but will allow students to browse, reserve and renew books online. The system will also allow students to write reviews, rate books and generally share their love of reading!

We celebrated Roald Dahl's 100th Birthday in September with a book display and some Roald Dahl quizzes and puzzles for the students to complete. In addition, a 'Design a Bookmark' competition was launched for our new Year 7 students; we received some fantastic entries with the best entry from each form receiving a prize and our overall winning bookmark will be made into a bookmark for students to purchase from the Library. This was designed by Ashley Lamidey of 7IB. Well done Ashley!

The Library is not only used for reading; our Year 7 and 8 students have one English lesson per fortnight in the LRC where they' are split into reading groups and complete written tasks based on the book they are studying. They also have the opportunity to borrow a book from the library at the end of these sessions.

We have a Homework club which takes place after school on Tuesday – Thursday and is open to all students. We also run a Study Café for Years 10 & 11 after school Monday – Thursday for our KS4 students to help them to prepare for the looming exam period.

As we are approaching Halloween, the Library has been 'spookily' decorated with crafts made by students and a



Halloween book display with some chilling reads. We are also holding a Ghostly Tales event in the Library over lunchtime on Monday 31st October where students are invited to come and share their favourite poem or short story whilst wearing a spooky Halloween accessory!

At the start of the next half term we will be opening a stationery shop in the Library for students to purchase various stationery items. Keep an eye out for our new and exciting Student Voice Magazine which will be designed, written and produced solely by students ranging from Years 7 to 11.

SPORTING SUCCESS

U13s and U14s Cheshire Rugby

Congratulations to Ryan Newbigging, Aaron Willis, Harry Gascoigne and Oliver Stubbs who have all been selected for the Developing Player Pathway for U13s and U14s rugby, Cheshire East, Central and West. They will begin training very soon and we look forward to following their progress through Cheshire Rugby.

Running Successes



Lauren Robinson

Year 10 GCSE PE student Lauren recently won the National Road Relays with her team in the 3x4k race in Birmingham and this followed a fantastic 3rd place in the English Schools Cross Country Cup held at Walton Hall and Gardens, Cheshire. Lauren and her Macclesfield Harrier team mates are already confirmed as the Cheshire Champions, the North West Road Relays and Northern Athletics runners up so we are incredibly proud of her and look forward to supporting her through another great season ahead.

Dids Parish

Another promising running talent can be found in Year 7 in the form of Dids Parish. Dids runs for Sale Harriers and has had notable success representing the school in the English Schools' Cross Country Cup as well as for Sale Harriers at regular Indoor Sportshall Athletic League meets. Dids also recently performed fantastically well in the 3k Northern Athletics Road Relay, finishing in the top 12%!

Finley Proffitt

Congratulations to Finley Proffitt, Year 9, who ran fantastically well in the English Schools' Cross Country Cup and managed to be placed 4th in his race, despite competing against boys a year older than himself! An excellent achievement Finn, well done!

Sportshall Athletics - Poppy and Lily Dutton

A huge congratulations to further success for Tytherington athletes Poppy Dutton, Year 9 and Lily Dutton, Year 7. This sporting pair of sisters won a collection of medals between them representing Cheshire at a recent Indoor Sportshall Athletics Event. We look forward to seeing them compete for Tytherington later in the year at the Schools' Sportshall Athletics Competition!



SPORTING SUCCESS CONTINUED....

Football

Sixth Form

The first round of the Cheshire Cup was easy work for our Sixth Form team who breezed easily past Malbank School with an emphatic 6-1 victory. Man of the match went to Sam Watkins whose individual skill and quality passing made a significant contribution to the team. The second round tie will be played soon and we look forward to the outcome.

Year 10

Tytherington's Year 10 team also beat a Malbank side in their first round tie in the Cheshire Cup, winning 7-0. A notable performance came from player Kevin O'Neill who scored a hat-trick! Great work boys!



Year 7B

Another first round tie in the Cheshire Cup was played at Tytherington versus a team from St. Margaret's Stoke by the Year 7B team who also cruised to victory, overcoming their opponents to win 7-4. Not to be outdone by his older counterpart, Charlie Forster also scored a hat-trick to help his team to the win.

Sports Leaders

Following a number of incredibly successful primary school events last year, a selection of Tytherington students were selected again as Sports Leaders to help run a primary school event as part of the Change For Life campaign. The local organiser has sung the praises of our fantastic sports leaders in the past and has, subsequently, regularly selected them over leaders from other schools, to help lead sporting events. We are incredibly proud of the dedication, work ethic and attitude of our fantastic students.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT UPDATE

This half term has seen students throughout the school applying to be members of the Student Parliament for the 2016/17 academic year. In recent meetings students have been discussing and planning form tutorials around the topic of bullying. These will be delivered during the national Anti-Bullying Week on the 14th to 18th November.

Student Parliament - 2016/17 - List of members

Year 7

Luca Allbright

Edward Hague Susannah Bridgett

Charlotte Hall

Oliver Gaunt

Year 8

Sam Dodd

Jack Allen

Lilia Fernando Almanza Torres

Isobel Drake

Alice Langston

Year 9

Toby Morton Collings

Louis Bostock

Lewis Peal

Annie James

Year 10

Emily Griffen

Callum Brindley

Holly Brockbank

Joanna Stephen

Tallulah Howarth

Year 11

Luke Staniland

Amber Simpson

Joe Helliwell

Dylan Pengelley

Seb Roberts

Kirstie Davies



ADVANCED LEARNER UPDATE

Term 1 has proven to be a busy and productive time for our Advanced Learners, including a Garden project for Year 8, Rose Day Challenge for Year 7 and the Dragons' Den Enterprise Competition for Year 10.

Beginning with the latter, some of our 10 Advanced Learners who are also Business Studies students, are currently braving the Dragon's Den! The students are participating in a Dragon's Den Enterprise Competition run by Manchester Airport to encourage and develop business enterprise skills, and to raise money for local charities. The task involves designing and producing a Christmas present for friends and family, retailing at no more than £5.00. A large number of local schools are competing in the event.



The first stage of the competition involved creating a business pitch for the Dragons to bid for a £100 loan to create and produce the product. On Thursday, October 6th, our students went to Manchester Airport where they successfully bid for the £100; the pitch took place in a small (and very hot!) room with six professional (and scary!) dragons. Our team, accompanied by Mr Coppock and Mr Bowyer, were complimented on the quality of their presentation and research, so well done to the team!

Having secured the money, it is now all systems go, and students will be sending their product, Choccy Cups, fast and furiously over the next few weeks to raise money for the East Cheshire Hospice. They will be running a stall at the Treacle Market on November 27th, and will also be selling them at our own Christmas Fair in December – so look out for these, and support the students and the East Cheshire Hospice. Your support will help our team reach the Grand Final at the Radisson Hotel on December 12th, in which the team which has raised the most money will be crowned the winner. So order your Choccy Cups now to avoid disappointment!

From stuffy indoor spaces to open air ones, a group of Year 8 and 9 students have been engaged in a Garden Project in which they have been challenged to design an outdoor learning space for Tytherington School. To kick off the project, students attended a Launch Day run by the RHS at the Whitworth Art Gallery on September 12th, and followed this up by embarking on the project on Rose Day. We look forward to seeing the fruits of their labours later in the year.

As we are all aware of the advantages as well as the pitfalls of communication technologies in the modern world, a group of our Year 8 and 9 students provided a focus group for two local teachers who are setting up a scheme designed to go into schools and make students aware of how to manage their online communications and networking safely; the project is called Digital Resilience, and our students provided a very useful perspective on some of the issues involved from their own experiences, to inform the project in the future.

ADVANCED LEARNER UPDATE CONTINUED....



On October 10th, we were fortunate to have Kate Wilson come into school to conduct a Debating Training Day for Year 8 Advanced Learners. Kate has previously run a debating league for Islington Council in London in conjunction with the English Speaking Union, and is hoping to set up a debating league for East Cheshire schools. During the course of the day, our keen debaters staged formal debates on a range of topics from "Should Boxing Be Banned?", to "It's Easier to be Born a Boy than a Girl". Hopefully, we will be able to enter some of our younger students for speaking competitions in the future.

Our new Year 7 Advanced Learners began the year with the Rose Day News Challenge, and a number of these students will be taking part in this year's Bollington Live Project in December, in which they will be producing a double page spread for Bollington Live's February edition. Before Christmas, we will also be running the Headteacher's Short Story Competition in December, so look out for more news on that, and this year's theme, yet to be announced!

In addition, Year 7 and Year 9 will also have the opportunity to take part in some poetry workshops run by Ailsa Holland and Barbara Evans later in the year, and we are hoping to run another broadcasting project with Canalside radio in the spring.

Other events to look forward to are the publication of poetry written by our students in their workshop with the Cheshire Laureate, John Lindley. This poetry has already been exhibited at Macclesfield Library and is about to appear in an anthology of poems entitled "Worn with Pride". This anthology will be out in a matter of weeks, so watch

this space for more news on this and an evening event to launch the anthology – never mind Amazon, this would make an excellent Christmas present for friends and relatives!

Other events to look out for include a planned trip to Media City for Year 9 Advanced Learners and a Liverpool Culture Visit for Year 8 later in the year, as well as an awards evening to celebrate all the above achievements, and others we will hopefully add to them this year. This evening will take place early in the summer term, and you will be given more details nearer the time. Also, of course, keep eyes and ears open for those Secret Missions.....





NEEDS YOUR VOTE!

Tytherington School has secured at least £8,000 as we have been shortlisted for a Tesco 'Bags of Help' Award.

Our gardening project has been recognised as having contributed to the local environment and we are guaranteed an award of at least £8,000, but with your help we could receive even more!

The money we receive will be used to develop an outdoor classroom and an interactive learning environment in a series of poly-tunnels. We also plan to involve local primary schools and community groups.

You can vote in store from 31st October to 13th November on who should receive the £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 awards, all raised from the 5p bag charge.

Please help us receive as much money as possible by voting for us at:

Tesco, Hibel Road, Macclesfield from 31st October to 13th November 2016

For more information visit: www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp









TESCO Bags of Help



INTERVIEW WITH RYAN NEWBIGGING

Ryan Newbigging in Year 8 is one of Tytherington's talented budding athletes. His abilities as a rugby player have recently been recognised by the well-known sale Sharks Rugby Club, who have selected Ryan to play for their Development team. Ryan has also been chosen for the Cheshire Rugby Development Team. In addition to his rugby successes, Ryan also competes in football and athletics.

We sent Ben Holland Fricke and Alex Allen along to interview Ryan, to find out the secrets of his success!

How long have you been interested in sport?

I have been keen on sport since I was 5 years old.

How did you start playing rugby?

It all started when my uncle took me to rugby matches when I was younger, and I liked the look of the game.

What do you enjoy about the sport?

It's just fun – and it challenges me physically.

How often do you train?

I train four times a week.

What is the toughest aspect of competing in your sport?

The toughest thing is that you have to run everywhere in the game – and you just can't stop!

What competitions have you participated in?

In rugby, I have participated in rugby festivals and matches, but I have also competed in football matches and athletics championships.

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement so far?

Getting into the Cheshire Rugby Team

What advice would you give to a fellow student who wants to succeed in sport?

Just keep on practising.....

Interview by Alex Allen and Ben Holland-Fricke 8NC







WOOD STREET MISSION FROM MISS DAVIES

For the last two years we have joined forces with the Wood Street Mission, in Manchester, to collect presents for children who unfortunately will not have anything to open on Christmas day. This has been a huge success and your generosity has been overwhelming. So, if you would like to be involved this year then please bring in a present for a child aged 0-13 (please do not wrap it as it allows the parents to wrap them for their child) and either drop it off at reception or give it to Miss Davies in J8, by the 8th December. Here is the link to their website if you would like to take a look at the great work they are doing.

www.woodstreetmission.org.uk

Bus service from Sutton, London Road, central Macclesfield and Hurdsfield to Tytherington School

The existing free service will continue until Friday 11th November 2016 and the chargeable service will start from Monday 14th November. Existing priority passes will be valid until Friday 11th November. We are still in negotiation with the bus company to get the very best price. We will write home to parents in the first week back with details of cost. Please note that from Monday 14th November 2016, we intend to change the route slightly so that the bus starts in Sutton, travels down Walker Lane to London Road (Co-op), then up London Road in the town. The bus will not go down Churchill Way or past the Tesco's roundabout (as very few students used it from there), but instead will turn right up Buxton Road, left down Fence Avenue, right up Rainow Road, left down Hulley Road and then to the school.

Have a wonderful break.



