



Dear Tytherington Families,

Without doubt, this has been our best start to any term this year. There have been so many highlights but it is hard to find anything that has been as great as the whole school photo on Thursday 14th April. The school has not come together for several years to capture a whole school photo so this was a momentous occasion. The final picture will be available for purchase in a few weeks. I've included a couple of pictures here which give you an indication of the logistical feat required to bring together over 1200 people on stage!



We also welcomed, Ben Smith from the 401 Challenge. He is running 401 consecutive marathons and he took time out to speak to our Student Parliament. Since I last wrote to you in the Academy News, a great deal has happened in school which we will update you on in this edition of the Headteacher's Notes.

I will also be hosting my second Parents Forum on Wednesday 4th May at 6pm in the Main Hall. The focus will be on Teaching, Learning and Assessment. There will be a short presentation by Miss Florence Pope (Assistant Headteacher, Teaching and Learning) and

then we would be delighted to have your input on how we can improve for a parent's perspective. If you would like to attend then please send a quick e-mail to:

info@tytheringtonschool.co.uk .

World record holder wows Tytherington Students!

Tytherington School hosted Ben Smith who is on a challenge of a lifetime – to run 401 marathons on consecutive days in 309 different locations across the UK. This would be a world record. He had already completed 223 and Macclesfield was 224 on the list. Ben ran a marathon distance in Macclesfield in January. Ben is aiming to raise £250,000 for [Kidscape](#) and [Stonewall](#). He is also talking to youngsters across the country about his inspiring fight against bullying.

Manny Botwe, Headteacher, said; "Ben's courage is amazing and his story has inspired our youngsters. It was great to have him come and talk to our students and they were in awe of his stories about the mental toughness as well as the practicalities of running 401 consecutive marathons. It is not every day you meet a world record breaker. As a school we are getting behind him and we hope to raise over £1000 for his cause." Tytherington School have already raised £250 and Year 7 students, Lilia Almanza-Torres and Sam Dodd, presented Ben with a cheque.

Ben Smith said: "I was delighted to visit Tytherington School and the welcome we received was awesome."

To sponsor him go to:

uk.virginmoneygiving.com/the401challenge .



Tytherington's Music Department wows at Spring Concert

On the final week of the school term, Tytherington School hosted its annual Spring Concert event showcasing the best musical talent the school has to offer. The Mayors of Macclesfield and Cheshire East were amongst the several hundred guests at the event.

Well over 100 students took part. There were several spectacular solo and ensemble pieces from across the age range and including staff. The following students gave solo performances: Sarah Bailey (vocal solo), Alice Watson (vocal solo), Dougie Skelton (a range of instruments during his performance), Caitlin Lancaster (piano solo), Lili Holland-Fricke (cello solo) and Charlotte Foden (vocal solo).



String Group, Junior String Group, Brass Group, Senior Choir, Flute Group and Concert Band. We were also thrilled with a Guitar Duet from Sam Frost and James Lawrence who performed a self-written piece called "Spa Weekend Dreams".

Musical opportunities for students at Tytherington School continue to go from strength to strength. Mr Liley, Head of Music, said: "The

quality of the performances just gets better every year. This is down to the students' dedication and hard work".



Manny Botwe, Headteacher, added: "We

have a fantastic department here. One in ten students took part in the concert which is a tremendous achievement.

They were brilliant. We want the full range of our students to take part in high quality



musical performances. Mr Liley and Miss Leishman are dedicated members

of staff whose passion is taking music at Tytherington School to another level."



It was great to see a number of different bands and choirs represented. These included performances from the Jazz band, Junior choir, Steel Drum Band, Senior



Tytherington Students selected for National Poetry Competition!

The [Poetry Trials](#) is a national poetry competition for young writers organised by the [Young Writers' organisation](#), who are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. The Young Writers organisation aims to promote and encourage creative writing through schools, and to award prizes for pupils and schools across the UK.

The Poetry Trials competition offers students the opportunity to explore ideas and themes through poetry, and to learn new forms such as the lipogram. Students can submit poems on any theme, although the themes of The Future and Emotions were suggested as an option for students to explore.

Students who have their poems accepted will have them published in a poetry anthology produced by Young Writers, and the best poet in each anthology wins a free copy of the anthology. The top 5 poets from all the winners will be invited to make a video for the poetry trials final. A public vote will decide the overall winner, who will receive an Apple Bundle.

Talented Tytherington Writers have Poems Published - Mrs Burke

Initially, I decided to undertake this competition with a small group of Year 7 students in my Stretch and Challenge Intervention class (Eloise Gouldbourn, Nathan Grant, Henry Stone, Iona Wolstenholme, Olivia Muir). These students spent one lesson exploring the form of a lipogram, and experimenting with words and language choices, before drafting and writing their entries. Most of the students chose to explore the theme of *The Future* in their work. They thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of producing and perfecting their poems, and were excited by the prospect of entering the competition and writing for a real public audience. All the students from this class who entered their poems had them accepted (only one who was absent missed out, but hopefully she will enter one in May)

As a result of their enthusiasm, I decided to extend the competition to my Year 7 class, (7aE2) and a number of students from this class also entered the competition, and were accepted. Sam Dodd, one of the Advanced Learners in Year 7 had his poem accepted, as did Jacob Martin.

Some of our Year 9 Advanced Learners have produced some outstanding poetry in their workshops with the Cheshire poet laureate, John Lindley, which have already been displayed in an exhibition at Macclesfield Library. We entered some of these poems into the Poetry Trials, and 6 of them were accepted (Emily Griffen, Holly Brockbank, Joanna Stephen, Harriet Terrington, Ellen Marchetti, Vicky Wilson). Not a surprise, as the quality of these poems was excellent.

I have now opened up the competition to all the Advanced Learners at KS3 at Tytherington, and will also encourage the English Department to promote it with all students. On April 27th, we have Ailsa Holland, one of our parents and a local published poet, coming into school to do a workshop with Year 7 students on *Heroes and Villains*, so I am hopeful of some further stunning entries as a result.....

Advanced Learners have been given this term's Secret Mission!



The Friends of Tytherington School

You may not know it, but the Friends of Tytherington School (FOTS) run a lottery (it used to be called the 500 club). ALL proceeds go to benefit YOUR children, but FOTS also give a percentage back to lottery members as cash prizes. Becoming a member of the school lottery is a really easy way to support school fundraising.

Lottery tickets cost £1 per month and, whilst you can join at any time, you must join for a minimum of one year (costing £12). Lots of current members have more than one ticket; they pay £2, £3 or £5 per month (or £24, £36 or £60 per year). The more tickets you have the greater your chance of becoming a winner, plus the more tickets sold the greater BOTH the prize money and the money raised for school.

Three lottery prizes are drawn each month. 1st prize is 25%, and 2nd and 3rd prize each 10%, of the total monthly ticket sales. Currently FOTS sell about 150 tickets each month, so monthly prizes are £37.50 (1st) and £15 (2nd and 3rd).

There are two easy ways to join the lottery and there are no forms to print off/fill out:

1) If you do electronic banking then it is really easy

for you to set up a Standing Order from your bank account to the FOTS bank account to pay your monthly lottery fee. Simply send an email to tythy.fots@gmail.com and FOTS will send you all the information you need to set up a monthly payment, plus a summary of the lottery rules.

or

2) Send a cheque into the school finance office payable to Friends of Tytherington School. If you want one ticket per month make it out for £12. For more numbers make your cheque out for more (e.g. £24, £36 and so on). Please write FOTS lottery on the back of your cheque, and include with it your name, address and an email address to which FOTS will send confirmation of your lottery membership and a summary of the rules.

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needs you!!!!

At present, just 34 families support the school lottery. It would be wonderful to increase the membership. It will raise valuable funds for school, plus make the monthly prizes bigger and bigger ... a win-win situation!!!

Thank you from Jane, Elaine, Jackie and the rest of the FOTS team.

Tytherington School's new video

If you have not had a chance to have a look, please visit our school website and check out our new school video.



Go to <http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/> and click on "our school video".

Chloe is back on track after injury!



National sprint champion Chloe Newbigging in Year 9 was back from injury with great victories in the 100m and 200m at a Liverpool Open Athletics event. Chloe was in action for the Sale Harriers and returned from a lay off since her injury in January. She is on the hunt to retain her national titles this summer.



Go Chloe!!!

Places of Worship for the Future - Year Seven

Mrs Wearne's Year 7 class reflected on how our



changing environment might affect places of worship in the future. There were several key skills which were developed during this assignment

including:

- Researching into a range of faiths
- Teamwork
- Independence
- Working to deadlines
- Peer and self assessment



The presentations the students produced were fantastic.

Mrs Wearne – Beliefs Teacher

Youth Advisor to the Mayor of Bollington

Congratulations to Holly Brockbank in Year 9 who has been selected to be the Youth Advisor to the Mayor of Bollington. This will mean advising the Mayor and their office on supporting young people in the local community which is a fantastic achievement.

What a fantastic start to the term. I look forward to updating you on what we achieve in the next fortnight.

Yours sincerely,

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