

NEWSLETTER

Think Big, Read Big



Our students are reaching *Wuthering Heights*... or reading it, at least.

As part of our literacy drive, our Year 7 and 8 students are trying to read the height of the school in books. With our three-storey school standing at 15.3 metres at its highest point, that's a whopping 612 books! However, our pupils are staying true to the slogan of the project - *Think Big, Read Big* – a phrase coined by one of our wonderful English teachers, Miss Morrison, and inspired by our school motto; *Think Big, Chase Dreams, Succeed Together*. Just since February, they've already devoured 210 books from our school library, putting us at over a third of the way there, just two months in!

Ms. Jones, our school librarian, is very excited about the project, certain it is “inspiring our children to develop a love of reading, becoming lifelong readers and successful learners.” It looks like the combined efforts of our English department, librarian and pastoral leaders to make reading fun is paying off; which is visible in this month's top readers, pictured above, who are some of our most enthusiastic bookworms. With them easily reading six or seven books every month the total is quickly stacking up.

We look forward to our next generation of book lovers achieving their goal!

Crosshills Meets College

In the words of one of our guests last Wednesday, "it's brilliant, this!" But brilliant does not do justice to the warm



atmosphere and smiling faces that populated our school last Wednesday morning, because it was then that a group of our Year 9 & 10 students hosted a morning of fun for the residents of a local care home.

These students had been regularly visiting the residents of Crosshills care home since the start of this academic year, either volunteering or as part of their work for the Prince's Trust, but decided that they wanted to do a little something extra in their

drive to combat loneliness in the local community. The students organised a fundraiser, raising the princely sum of £65, which they then budgeted, utilising skills learnt in their money management unit, to buy tea, cakes & bingo prizes for the tea party.

Our young people put in a lot of hard work and the event was a resounding success. The seven guests of honour were served tea, coffee and sweet treats with one remarking on the spread, "we didn't expect all this, it's beautiful!" The 50s music of their youth played in the background as the soundtrack of the day- at least until our students broke out a guitar and gave them a live performance! There was much reminiscing about the elderly residents' own school days and how much things have changed, from skirt lengths and PE uniforms to the way that children relate to their teachers, with one lady commenting that it was a shame that in her day "teachers didn't encourage and help us like yours do".

Our students gave their guests; amongst whom was a Mrs. Shuttleworth, the school's coincidental namesake; a guided tour of the school and then organised a game of bingo. They were educated in the mysterious terminology of the game - two little ducks, quack quack! - and happily handed out prizes to the excited winners. The pupils are clearly very proud of the positive impact they are making on their community, saying, "it feels good to give up your own time to interact with people you wouldn't usually interact with" and "it's nice to go and see older people as they might be lonely".

There were lots of smiling faces as inter-generational friendships were formed and there's even hope that we might have one resident joining our student body, as she said, "When I come back, I'm coming back as an eleven year old to come here. It's marvellous!"



Prize-Winning Pebbles!



Jacob Routh, one of our pupils in Year 8, recently spent his Saturday in a rather unconventional way- selling pebbles. But these aren't just any pebbles, these are pebble pictures, and they won him a prize.

Jacob, one of Shuttleworth's budding entrepreneurs, recently took part in the Burnley Teenage Market where he sold his homemade pebble pictures at his very own stall. He was extremely successful, selling almost all of his stock, with many passers-by stopping to make a purchase. One lady was so pleased to see "a young boy working so hard" that she started crying!

This hard work paid off when he was awarded the *Best Stall* prize, as voted for by none other than the Mayor of Burnley. Jacob says he is "delighted" to win the award, this having been the second year in a row that it has been presented to him!

He is a credit to our school and we are sure that if he continues to put in so much effort that he will be even more successful at the Blackburn Teenage Market's Festival of Making this Saturday.



Shuttleworth Stats

Congratulations to Form 10T, who had 100% attendance this week. As their curriculum becomes ever more crucial with their exams coming up next year, all of the staff are very impressed at their understanding of the importance of consistent attendance during this key stage of their education. They are taking control of their own learning and we are sure their results will remain outstanding if they continue in this way. The lovely ladies from our attendance office will be round to their form with a reward next week!

Olivia Noonan is Flipping Out!

One of our Year 8 students, Olivia Noonan, is ecstatic after winning 1st overall in the *Bolton Spring Into Gymnastics 2018* competition in the Pre Novice 2004 category.

Olivia came first in floor, her favourite discipline as she "likes tumbling", and second in vault, putting her at the top of the medals table. But this isn't her first taste of success, with her having placed first in an astonishing three competitions in a row!

The young prodigy only started her gymnastics journey when she was ten, but has already been competing for two years. Olivia says she got into gymnastics when "I went along with my friend and I just loved it". Since then, she has attended BEST Gymnastic Centre, her great pride in being a member of which was revealed when she told us about her favourite gymnast. "I really look up to Beth Tweddle; she's a really good gymnast. She used to go to my gym and opened it in 2012."

The whole community is very proud of her great achievement. Not only does she have the support of the whole school, but her parents are also delighted at her clear talent and hard work, with Olivia telling us, "my mum says I've got so many medals on the medal holder in my room it might pull the wall down!"

She is also using her talents within Shuttleworth as part of a school dance group with five other girls. At their most recent competition, the group, which practises during the lunch break and after school, placed in the top five whilst competing against several other schools.

We wish Olivia the best of luck in her next gymnastic competition, which is the *Milano Invitational* in June.

She says, "I'd like to compete at a higher level and go to the British Championships."

We have no doubt that, if Olivia continues in her hard work and perseverance, she can achieve this aspiration.



Year Five's First Taste of Shuttleworth

Here at Shuttleworth, we are committed to making the transition from primary to secondary school as easy & stress-free as possible. Along with our other outreach to local primaries, including Wednesday afternoon enrichment and Homework Heroes, we recently held our Year 5 taster days. We welcomed children from local



primary schools; including Ightenhill, Padiham Primary & St. Leonard's; who will soon be considering where they will attend secondary school, to come and experience a day at Shuttleworth College. The children had enormous fun, learning how to use computers to make their own 'radio broadcasts', making hovercraft and discovering the real history behind the Pendle Witches. We were very impressed by their intelligence and perseverance when tackling difficult concepts, with them even managing to grasp algebra at a Year 8 and 9 level!

We also had fantastic, nigh on full attendance from our young learners, with over 250 children coming along. Our student ambassadors guided them around the school and by the end of the two days, they felt perfectly at home. We hope that they soon choose to join the wonderful community here at Shuttleworth College.



Friday Lunchtime Concerts

Our open mic concerts on Friday lunchtimes are proving ever more popular as our talented students show off their musical abilities! Over the last weeks we've heard stunning performances from:

- ∴ Faith Simpson
- ∴ Garry Lord
- ∴ Emily Clark
- ∴ Sophie Collinge
- ∴ Lauren Kean
- ∴ Lewis Naylor
- ∴ Kyle Evans
- ∴ Katie Bieko
- ∴ Bradley Howson
- ∴ Faye Schofield

Shuttleworth Social

The best place to keep up to date on all the latest Shuttleworth news is our twitter feed. Follow us at @Shuttle_College

As part of our literacy drive, we are also running a second account, @Shuttle_Reviews, which allows our students to review books they have read in the school library, in a tweet! It's one of the exciting new ways that we're showing our pupils that, in the digital age, reading has not become obsolete. Follow us there for some brilliant book recommendations!

Good news to share about your child? Promoting a community event? Get in touch with our marketing and communications team, by contacting Laura Nutter via lnutter@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk