

Thomas Ashton School Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer Issue, we would like to thank you for your continued support

Scarecrow



Each year pupils have taken part in scarecrow competitions. This year they took this one step further as they were approached by Broadbottom community to make a scarecrow to display in the village. Emin and Banksy designed a Queen and a soldier scarecrow which they proudly exhibited in a variety of places including Broadbottom village. We were very proud to be informed that we actually won first place in the visiting category. Well done Emin and Banksy.

Mondrian

This term Mondrian group have been focusing their PSHE sessions on Random Acts of Kindness. Random Acts of Kindness is based on people doing a selfless act for another person, in the hope that their kind act will encourage that person to also do a Random Act of Kindness. The children have done a range of activities for others, including: litter picking around the school premises, making a beverage for adults in school, baking and giving out rock buns to both staff and students in school, helping other children who are struggling and saying kind things. Every time the children have done a Random Act a note has been added to their bucket and all their buckets are now over-flowing.

The Open Art Gallery

The 'Open Art Gallery' is an event which we take part in each year. Pupils get to display their artwork as well as have it on sale. Luke Fletcher represented school, and on the opening night he met the Mayor.

Emin



After a successful exhibition at Hyde Town Hall the Mayor invited our school along with the other special schools to visit his parlour. Addison Stretton from Emin represented school and presented the Mayor with a collage of the day's events. The Mayor presented all the children with a boxed pen in memory of their trip. It was a fantastic experience for all pupils. The press were present so watch this space

Project 110

I am very proud to be able to announce that both Shania Keegan and Tyler Campbell have been entered into the Project 110 following their trip to Belgium last year. This project required both pupils to create a project around their trip. This resulted in a short video which has been on YouTube for a couple of months now. Their requirement was to receive over 120 hits. Today they have received over 150 which puts them on the shortlisting. I have received confirmation to say that the pupils have been shortlisted and we await both the certificates and the possibility of a trip to the Houses of Parliament.

Arts Exhibition

Thomas Ashton School once again was proud to be part of the special schools arts exhibition which was held at Hyde Town Hall. Tyler arrived early that morning and help set up the event. Emin group were fantastic and helped run stalls and raise lots of money in aid of Reuben's Retreat. There were lots of positive feedback from both the public and Nicola Graham from the charity, who was present at the opening.

Ice Cream

Pupils in Emin have revamped the Pick and Mix shop in the Art room. They have extended their sales to include slush puppies and ice cream. They have raised quite a lot of money to date and have taken responsibility for both stocktaking and replenishing stock. They have also been across to Hyde Community College and sold ice cream.

Coffee Morning

This year's coffee morning was run by Emin. They worked hard to raise money for Reuben's Retreat. Morgan Ross arrived early to set up for the event. We had lots of things on sale and raised over £100 for the charity.

Summer Term 2016

We have reached the end of another year and first of all I want to wish our Year 9 pupils all the very best as they move on to White Bridge College, starting September 2016.

Actually, they have been full-time at the College for the past two weeks as part of the improved transition programme we now have in place. We know that the change to White Bridge is a really big deal for our pupils, and that they will feel anxious about it. Which is why we will continue to make our transition the best possible, to ease those anxieties and to help our pupils realise just how much of a fantastic opportunity they have to start a fresh chapter in their lives, as they move towards Post 16 education and beyond. Seeing them with their families in our Leaver's Assembly is always quite emotional because you realise how much they have grown since they first started with us.

Congratulations are in order for Ms Colette Walker who now is the proud owner of a baby boy! Ms Walker returns in November.

We say a sad farewell to Mr Mc Burnie who has successfully applied for a post in a mainstream primary school starting in September, using his skills and knowledge to help young children and their families with early intervention strategies and support.

We also say thank you and goodbye to Mr Micheal Johnson, who has worked with us on a temporary basis recently whilst he looks to secure a full-time teaching job. We wish him all the best for the future.

We also want to say a big thank-you to Mrs Linda Smith who has taught Food and Design Technology to our KS3 groups. Linda works at Hyde Community College and they very kindly let her come to us for 3 days a week in the afternoons. Unfortunately, they now need her back at Hyde.

This newsletter reflects the fantastic opportunities we have had this year through our Artsmark programme, and the really hard work of all our staff and pupils throughout the year, to make the most of the theatre trips and workshops, the scarecrow making, the dancing, the art exhibitions, the music making and the fund raising and enterprise opportunities that have gone with them.

In particular I would like to thank Ms McDonough and Mrs Southall for their work behind the scenes to enable all this to happen.

Have a safe summer, and I look forward to seeing you all once again on Wednesday 7th September.



School meals will increase in September to £2.13 per day, £10.65 per week.

Remember you can always view our Safeguarding and Child Protection policies on our website, or ask for a copy in the office.

School Dates

Finish for Summer	Tuesday 19th July
Return	Wednesday 7th Sept
Finish for half term	Friday 21st October
Return	Monday 31st October
Finish for Christmas	Tuesday 20th December
Return	Weds 4th January

SPORTS DAY



KS2 Sports Day was a massive success . All the KS2 pupils joined in our Greek Olympics for the afternoon. The events included the Running Relay, Basketball Shoot Out, Bean bag Target Throw, and Balancing Relay. All the classes worked together and supported each other with cheers of encouragement. We were even visited by Tameside Sports Development Mascot!! It was all very exciting. The winning team , with bonus points for outstanding sportsmanship was Warhol. Well done to everybody.

Picnic

Shania Keegan represented school at the 'Queens Picnic in the Park' in Stalybridge. She was impeccably behaved and represented school well. We had our Queen scarecrow and soldier scarecrow on display and received a lot of public attention. The day was very successful even though it rained. Shania took part in a range of activities including drama and Art and was able to pass on the skills to younger people within our school.

Arts Award

Pupils in Emin have just been entered for their Explore Arts Award. This was in relation to the 'Wicked' show performance and Drama related events they did over the course of the year.

We await the results !

Laser Quest

Picasso has had such an amazing working year, that we decided to treat the boys by going on a trip to Laser Quest, in the Trafford Centre. The boys absolutely loved every minute of their trip out, and were so well behaved, a credit to Thomas Ashton School. As the quest didn't take too long, staff treated the boys to a drink in McDonalds, they had worked up quite a thirst from all that running around.

Warhol

The children in Warhol class took part in a cricket competition between the primary schools in Hyde and Newton. Our school had great support from the schools who participated, especially Godley Primary School. We came third and all received a medal from the Mayor. As an end of year trip, Warhol class took a trip to the cinema and watched The Jungle Book.

We have all been amazing in sport and are being treated to having an afternoon at Debdale Park taking part in Water Sports activities.



