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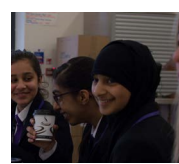


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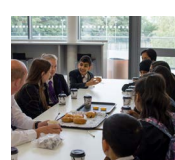
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April



May



Lancashire Minds on their Schools Challenge



With an increased focus recently on the health & wellbeing of staff and students, we were delighted to have the opportunity to work with Lancashire Minds on their Schools Challenge. The challenge involved a group of Year 9 students working on a weekly basis with Lancashire Minds staff to assess current levels of happiness in school and identify focus areas. The duration of, and provision at lunchtime was identified as the key area to work on. Our students created a proposal related to the Five Ways of Wellbeing and presented this to SLT. The Lancashire Minds Awards Committee were extremely impressed with the long term plans and sustainable aspect of the project and our students were recently awarded with the Fredericks Award for Sustainability 2018 - 2019!



Millionaire and Multimillionaire Readers



Multi-Millionaire Readers May 2019



Multi-Millionaire Readers July 2019



Millionaire Readers Summer Term 2019

Well Done Year 7 Earth Day Winners and Runners-up



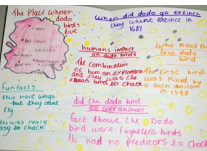
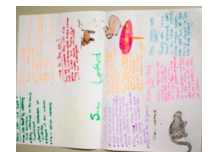
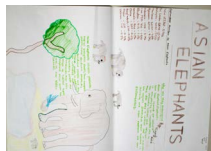
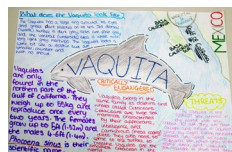
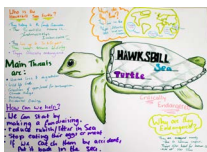
Students have been taking part in activities to celebrate the theme of this year's Earth Day – Protect Our Species. Students learnt about some of the concerning issues in the decline of various species causing them to be included in the endangered list. Through research and a greater depth of understanding and knowledge, then chose a species to highlight its plight. Work was presented through posters and these were then submitted for the Geography Earth Day Competition. Congratulations to all winners and finalist and well done to all the students who took part.



Well Done Year 7 Earth Day Winners and Runners-up



Well Done to all the Year 7 Earth Day competition winners and runner ups. Please see their amazing artwork below:



Well Done Year 8 and 9 Earth Day Winners and Runners-up



Well Done to all the Year 8 and 9 Earth Day competition winners and runner ups. Please see their amazing artwork below:



Access to Dance April 2019



The year 7 & 8 have been working with Access to Dance to improve their individual confidence and self-esteem by performing a mix of street dance and lyrical. They have all worked extremely hard learning about the importance of exercise and a healthy balanced diet whilst learning and performing new routines. Well done to everyone who took part.



HIVE Skills Showcase



Mevish and Fatima entered the HIVE Skills Showcase competition at DACA in March. We provided two pieces of fabric and asked students to design or create an item of their choice with the material and send in some photos of their creations by the deadline with the chance to win £50 John Lewis voucher.

Mevish designed a beautiful dress with different fabrics and a flower. Fatima designed two cushions using 2 different fabrics with frill edging detail. We were really impressed with the standard of all the entries from all the schools and the range of items students made which included: bags, phone covers and pencil cases.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mevish and Fatima every success with their studies and encourage them to continue to be creative with fabric.

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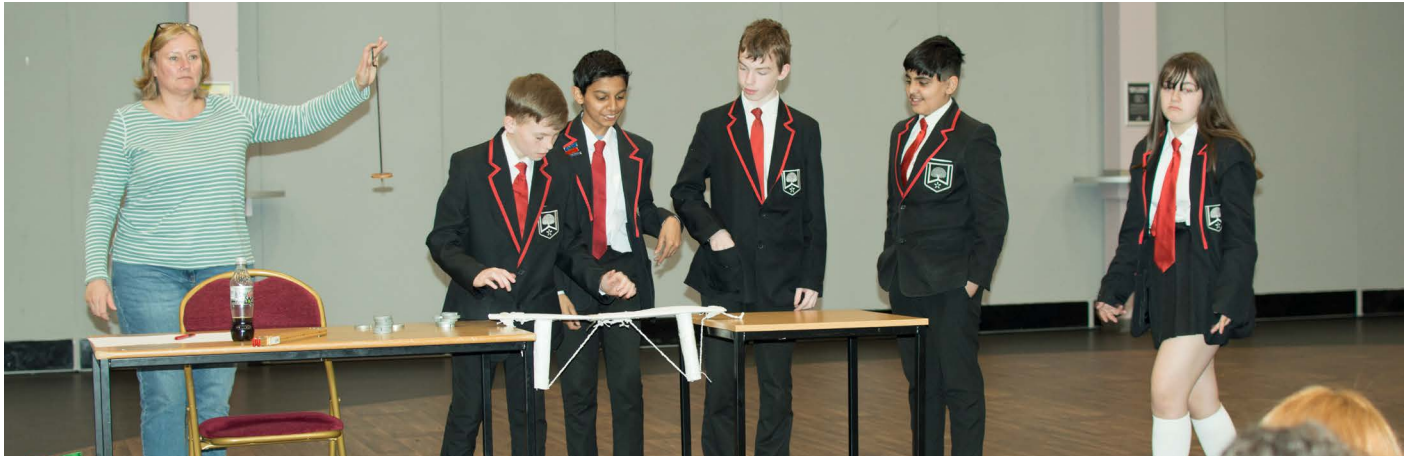
Duke of Edinburgh



Students completing their Duke of Edinburgh award accomplished a practice walk Houghton Bottoms.



Construction and Architecture UCLAN 2019



Year 8 students attended a construction and architecture team at UCLAN. The trip gave students ideas upon the different careers within construction and architecture. The students worked together to create a structure.



Year 9 Thoughtworks Technology Day trip to Manchester

A group of Year 9 students recently visited Thoughtworks in city centre Manchester for a fascinating Technology Day with Miss Barratt and Mr Henderson. In a cutting edge Northern Quarter working environment, they engaged in practical yet fun tasks; firstly following a user requirement through project development (in Lego!) and working as a team to produce a bespoke design.

Fortified by a takeaway lunch from Pizza Express, they then used command and control of a robot arm via Alexa and experienced a prototype 3D game using a VR headset and hand controllers. Finally in three teams, competing for a small prize, our students thought-showered practical real-world uses linked to online applications.

They were also able to hear directly how and why Thoughtworks people in different roles in the company had chosen software development as a well-rewarding and varied career path and how increasingly, more women are entering and succeeding in the professional IT world.



Speaker Project

Students created a speaker as part of their creative business technology project. Please see some of the amazing designs the students created:



U13 Ruby team

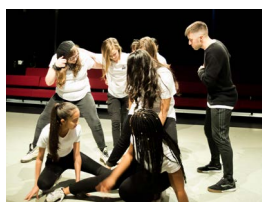
The U13 Girls Rugby team competed at a touch rugby festival held at Blackburn Rugby club on Thursday 16th May and WON the competition. This has meant they have secured their place in the final at the Lancashire School Games in July.

All the girls demonstrated excellent ability, knowledge and tactical awareness when playing which saw them outwit their opponents and take the title. I would like to wish them lots of luck for the final.



Dukes Theatre June 2019

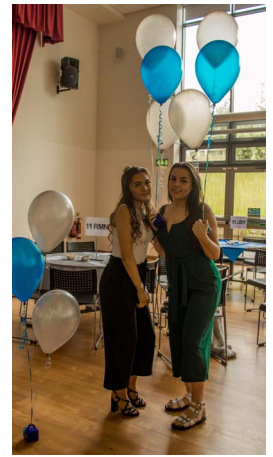
A group of 8 year 8 pupils were offered the opportunity to take part in the Schools Festival 2019 at The Dukes Theatre. This year's theme was 'What makes your community unique?' This fitted in perfectly with the theme of our KS3 Drama/Resilience course. The project consisted of four workshop sessions run by artists from a Lancashire based theatre company, The Knotted Project. They worked with the group during their Resilience lessons and then they performed what they have devised at the Dukes Theatre in Lancaster on Thursday 6th June.



Goodbye Year 11

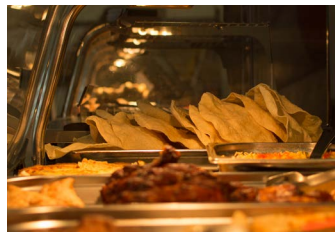
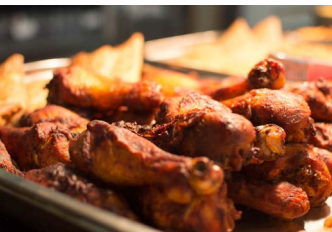


This term we once again said goodbye to Year 11 pupils. The pupils left Witton Park Academy after completing their final exams. The pupils returned to school for a leavers assembly, looking back and celebrating the last 5 year's.



Eid Lunch

Students celebrated Eid with a special Eid menu.



Harry Potter Cooking Competition



The competition had three elements: Creative Kitchen Challenge, Creative Display Challenge and Creative Marketing.

We had three groups of two working on each challenge. The group winner would go through to be judged against other group winners where they would determine the overall winner of the competition.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of competing against other schools. The experience they gained from this was extremely positive and very encouraging to push themselves to rise to the challenge of competition.

Creative Display...

In our section of the challenge, we created and displayed a cake stand based on a Harry Potter theme. We spent our day in the workshop using different materials and techniques to assemble the cake stand. We experienced the different aspects that creative design can offer and the different jobs that are possible through it. The workshop was educational and fun and overall was a good experience to have at a younger age.

Creative Marketing...

For our part of the challenge, we had to come up with a short story that included : a new spell, a new character and a new beast. After coming up with a story, we had to type it out on a website that they made and published the website. We then had to post our story on social media websites : Facebook and Twitter. We had a fun time coming up with the story. We also enjoyed learning how to promote things on social media.

Creative Kitchen...

We were asked to create a feast for the Harry Potter theme banqueting table; we baked cakes that linked to the three tasks that the characters had to perform in. We baked a chocolate cake for the sorting hat, fiery sausage rolls and chicken wings for the challenge with the dragon and a maze cake for the final task.



Newscast Videos



**Newscast Series 4
Episode 27**



**Newscast Series 4
Episode 33**



**Newscast Series 4
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**Newscast Series 4
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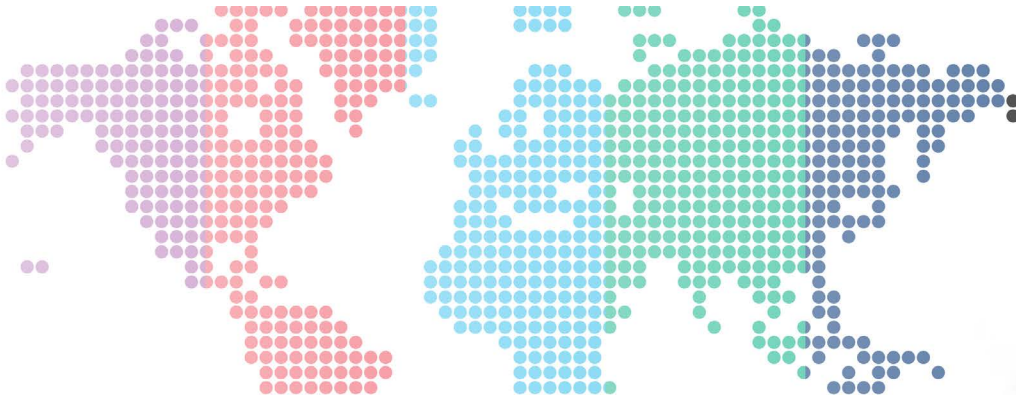
**Newscast Series 4
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**Newscast Series 4
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Miles Mundo Videos



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Egypt**



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Paris**



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Liverpool**



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