



the Federation Bulletin

Welcome to the Federation Bulletin, your regular newsletter containing a selection of the exciting activities we have been undertaking across the Manchester Federation of EBSD schools.



'Sea Shore': Artwork by one of Mrs Shaw's talented KS4 Art students

ART IS IN THE AIR AT BUGLAWTON HALL SCHOOL

Everyone at Buglawton Hall is very proud of Art and Photography teacher, Tanya Shaw, who has just been awarded Qualified Teacher Status.

Tanya has spent the past two years working towards this, alongside her normal teaching requirements, as well as extending the Art and Design curriculum by offering GCSE Photography.

Tanya said: "It's been really hard at times to find all the time to fit everything in. I'm so pleased, I

can't stop smiling! Everyone's been so supportive and I'd like to thank all the staff and students for being positive.

It's one of the best Christmas presents, second only to being proposed to by my hubby on Christmas Day, a few years ago now!"

Mr Gillie commented: "Buglawton Hall has a very committed and enthusiastic teacher of art; GCSE results are always good and she deserves a well-earned rest this Christmas after all her hard work."





BAKING AT MEADE HILL BACKS CANCER SUPPORT

Pupils and staff have been busy baking this term to raise money for an excellent cause. In November pupils played a key role in producing a wide array of delicious confectionaries for a Macmillan Coffee Morning. There was an excellent turnout at the coffee morning with parents and carers filling the gym and digging deep to support a very worthwhile cause. In total the Macmillan Coffee Morning raised over £350 which was gratefully received by the charity.

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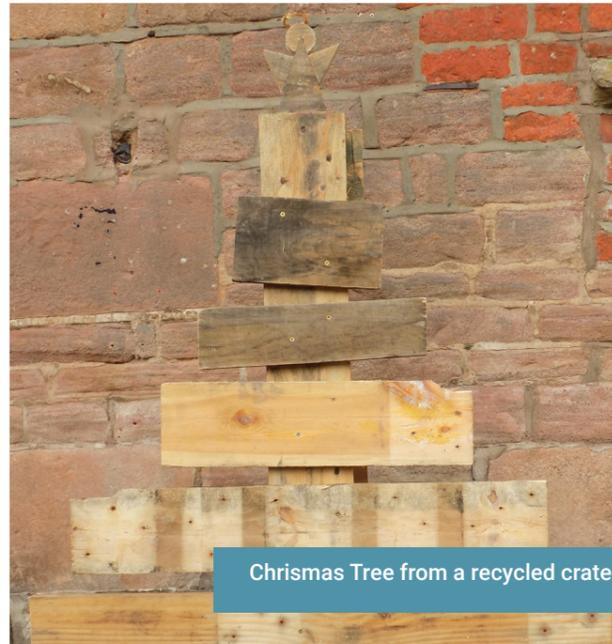
At the beginning of December pupils again baked a variety of cakes, biscuits and pies for our annual coffee morning at Meade Hill. Again, turnout was excellent with parents and carers coming down to talk to staff and each other about this term at school.



The theme of this term's coffee morning was one of drugs awareness and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Micky Dunn from eclipse was in attendance and his stall gave everyone a chance to learn about the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse. Eileen Gill, the school nurse, was also in attendance offering support and guidance on a wide range of issues from oral hygiene to how to maintain a healthy diet.

CHRISTMAS INSPIRES BUGLAWTON HALL SCHOOL'S BUDDING CARPENTERS

What a brilliant opportunity to show off some of the work students have completed in Vocational Studies at Buglawton Hall School. The woodwork classes have been a huge success with students and some very creative ideas have led to a variety of projects, from garden furniture and plant holders to some appropriately seasonal decorations...



Christmas Tree from a recycled crate



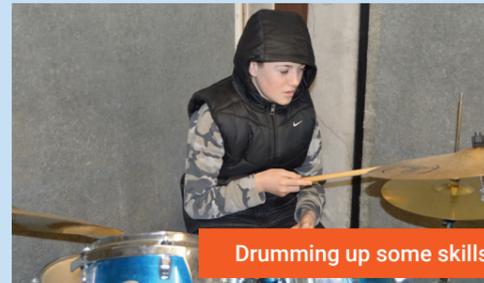
An Abominable Snowman



All hands on 'decks'...



Meeting Bear Grylls



Drumming up some skills

ENRICHMENT COMES TO WYTHENSHAW & CASTLEFIELD CAMPUSES

Wythenshawe now has enrichment as part of its timetable. Enrichment aims to develop our young people's life skills by taking them outside of the classroom and introducing them to different environments such as hospitality, media and the leisure industry.

We have organised educational trips to museums, the airport and media city to name a few. Wythenshawe are also collaborating with 'Rubbersole Studio' in Stockport so that some of our pupils with an interest in music can gain hands on experience in a real studio, learning DJing and mixing skills. Pupils also have the opportunity to learn keyboard and drums.

Castlefield Campus has also introduced a new timetable to include an exciting experience for all pupils in the middle of the week. We recognise that learning isn't always about academic work and that many skills can be mastered through a range of active and physical learning experiences. Pupils are offered a choice of activities that are on rotation so that they can try a whole range of activities throughout the year. The amazing activities that pupils have enjoyed so far are...

The Oasis Garden Project: This exciting project plans to transform the current baron concrete courtyard into a green space which will include a relaxation area, outdoor games and lots of plants. Students who participate in the project will help to; design and build wooden raised beds, create mosaics and murals, plan the development of the relaxation space, planting and sowing seeds, cultivating fruits, vegetables and herbs, and fundraising for the garden area using edible plants grown from the garden.



run for their money!

Food and Languages: This programme offers the chance for pupils to master cooking mouth-watering European dishes and design their own menus as the head chef. They have lots of opportunities to taste starters, main courses and desserts, as well as learn basic Italian, French and Spanish phrases. If your child is a budding chef or just enjoys making delicious food, then this is the activity for them!

Climbing: Indoor climbing is a really fun way to exercise and offers exciting physical and mental challenges at a level specific to the individual. Pupils have discovered hundreds of different colour coded climbs to attempt from easy to the really challenging. For the dare-devils there is even 'bouldering' which is climbing on a small wall without a rope and using crash mats.

Trampolining: Pupils can leap into action at the all new and exciting 'Go Air' trampoline centre. Our very own P.E teacher Mr. Snape is also a qualified trampolining instructor and consequently pupils are taught techniques that would impress any spectator, including forward and back flips, turns and spins!



NEW SENSORY CENTRE SOOTHES STUDENTS AT SOUTHERN CROSS

The KS2 Eagles have recently had a sensory room installed at Southern Cross, and what an impact it has had! The room includes a light bubble tube, fibre optic string lights, a shudder bar and star lights.

The pupils have been making good use of the sensory room, exploring a variety of sights, feelings, touches and sounds. It has quickly become a place of retreat and calm for many of the class and they

enjoy spending time in there, both alone and as a class.

We have been having some of our morning circle time sessions in the new room, which has been a calming and soothing start to the school day. Pupils have also used the room when they are feeling a anxious or upset.

As a class we are new to the sensory room and hope to keep using it effectively and developing new ideas for how to use this magical space.



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