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NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT BURY CE HIGH SCHOOL

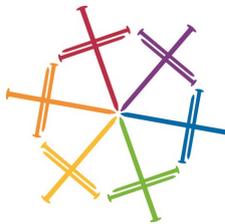
Bury CE High School has been a centre for sporting inclusion and excellence for many years. You can read about the most recent achievements in this edition of the Grapevine. This has been achieved despite having a sports field that is often out of action due to water logging. It is the consequence of having the school situated at the bottom of a dip. For many years we have been exploring the possibility of developing an all-weather pitch which would allow us to deliver high quality sports throughout the year despite the rain.



I am pleased to announce that the governors have approved a scheme which could see this dream become a reality.

Following a generous donation by a former pupil, the governors have decided to proceed with an appeal to fund an all-weather pitch that can accommodate Rugby and Football. This pitch would be made available to the community outside of school use, thus allowing us to bless our community by encouraging exercise and healthy lifestyles. We will be looking at siting the pitch in a position that will see little or no change for our immediate neighbours but will be convenient for changing facilities for users.

We are at the early stages of the project and are looking for parents, local business and sports clubs who would be willing to support the project to get in touch with school. This is an ambitious project that will bring about significant benefits for the school and the local community so we hope that you will be able to lend us your support.



INTERNATIONAL CROSS OF NAILS SCHOOLS

We are delighted to have recently been admitted to the community of the cross of nails as an International Cross Of Nails or ICON school. This community is centred on Coventry Cathedral and is all about reconciliation and forgiveness.

On the night of the 14th November 1940, the city of Coventry was devastated during an air raid and its Cathedral burned. Shortly afterwards, three nails from the bombed roof timbers were taken and formed into the shape of a cross. The Cross of Nails has developed into a powerful symbol of peace and reconciliation, and has inspired the development of 'Centres ' of peace and reconciliation around the world. Those involved in this work look to the Cathedral as a touchstone, and the Cathedral seeks to provide assistance and support for their work. The Cathedral's international ministry seeks to reach out to those involved and to share in the healing work of God's kingdom throughout the world.

Bury CE High School joins many schools around the world as an ambassador for peace, forgiveness and reconciliation as it fulfils its role in the local, national and international community as a member of the Community of the Cross of Nails.

The recent school show about the First World War was a great success. The audiences were wowed by the pupils performances and were touched by the way the pupils honoured the lives of those who fell in that war. One member of the audience commented *"What an amazing two evenings we have had watching the school production! The students have obviously worked tirelessly to give such fantastic and emotive performances in a superbly written show. They have clearly been very well mentored by the teaching staff and were supported by the backstage 'runners'. The front of house student greeters and ticket sales team were all extremely polite and helpful and everyone involved is a real credit to Bury Church."*

The portrayal of young men going over the top to their deaths in 1916 as part of the Lancashire Fusiliers was extremely moving, as each actor as they fell, stood to attention and reported their name, age and rank. A very personal tribute to the men in the locality who fought with the Lancashire Fusiliers, including the one man represented who survived the battle and went through the war, living to a ripe old age. Credit goes to Mrs Fyfe who produced the show and to Miss Russell who wrote the majority to the script, with a nod to 'Black Adder goes forth'! It was an emotional journey, where it was hard to know whether to laugh or cry as the tale of the war unfolded before our eyes.

We are currently welcoming two pupils from our partner school, College/Lyceé Sainte Marie in Riom, France, who are involved in an immersion in English programme. They are involved with providing French conversation practice for our pupils as well as seeing how education is carried out in England. We are pleased to have them with us and trust that their placement will be mutually beneficial.

Staff and pupils have also been preparing materials to send to our partner school, St Denys School in Muree, Pakistan. Pupils have made flags on which they have put messages of encouragement which have been made into strips of bunting. These will be sent out to the school through the Diocese of Manchester and the Diocese of Lahore.

We hope to welcome some staff and pupils from the Diocese of Lahore in June. The pupils are all Christian pupils and we would like to accommodate them with families who have pupils at Bury CE High School. If you would be willing to consider hosting a pupil from Pakistan for a week or so, could you please contact school to express that you are interested in exploring this further.

Finally, our new Emmaus Centre is nearing completion. We have been converting what was the old residence on the school site into a centre that can be used for a range of purposes by both school and the community. We hope to be able to open the centre in the near future so what this space for further details.

Revd C Watson

YEAR 8 BOYS JUNIOR NBA BASKETBALL

The Year 8 Boys Basketball team were entered into the Junior NBA Basketball Competition. Bury CE High School were in a group with 4 other schools. As part of the Junior NBA the school received a free Basketball kit and match ball. The competition took place at Philips on Wednesday 10 January and the students really enjoyed playing. The overall standard of Basketball was really high and Bury CE High School finished 3rd out of 5 schools.

The results were as follows:

St Anne's 5 Bury CE High School 10
Philips High School 30 Bury CE High School 4
St Gabriel's 10 Bury CE High School 6
Elton High School 6 Bury CE High School 10

YEAR 8 BOYS GREATER MANCHESTER FOOTBALL PLATE

The Year 8 Boys Football team played Castlebrook in the Greater Manchester Football Plate. The game

had already had to be postponed twice due to poor weather before Christmas. Bury CE High School played really well and won 4-1. The attitude of the students who played from our school was excellent and it was really pleasing to see some of the students who have not played as much doing really well.

Scorers for Bury Church were Nikolas (2 goals), Sam (1 goal) and Alex (1 goal). Player of the match for Bury CE High School was Alex.

YEAR 10 BOYS BASKETBALL V WOODHEY

Bury CE High School played Woodhey at Basketball in the Bury Schools 3rd and 4th play-off on Monday 21 January. Woodhey had the better on the 1st quarter but Bury CE High School then improved in the 2nd quarter and took the lead. Woodhey then had the better of the 3rd quarter with Bury CE High School doing much better in the final quarter. The game finished with a draw and went into overtime.

The game was end to end with both teams desperate to win. Bury CE High School eventually won 34 points to 33 points with Ben scoring the winning basket at the very end of the game. Luke was the player of the match from Bury CE High School.

Well done to all the students who played. Bury CE High School finished 3rd overall in the Year 10 Bury School Basketball League and this is an excellent achievement.

YEAR 7 JUNIOR NBA V BURY GRAMMAR AND SOUTHLANDS

The Year 7 Boys Basketball team played in the first round of the Junior NBA Competition against Bury Grammar and Southlands. Bury CE High School lost to Southlands but beat Bury Grammar. Player of the competition from Bury Church was Kyle.

The Year 7 Boys Basketball team then played Southlands and Canon Slade in the Junior NBA Competition. Bury CE High School worked really hard but lost narrowly to Southlands and then lost the second to a really strong Canon Slade team. The students from our school kept going against two really good teams. Player of the competition from Bury Church was Kyle.

YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL V ST PETERS

Bury CE High School played a strong team from St Peters in the Greater Manchester Plate in the Greater Manchester Plate. Bury CE High School lost 3-0 but gave a good account of themselves. Player of the match from Bury CE High School was Ryan.

GREATER MANCHESTER CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS ON SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Bury CE High School had a number of students who represented the authority at the annual Greater Manchester Cross-Country Championships. The students were selected to represent Bury as they had qualified in the top ten places for their age groups at the Bury Schools Cross-Country which was back in November.

It was a very cold day to compete following a week where we had lots of snow. The standard of competitors was incredibly high and was the best Cross-Country runners from all over the Greater Manchester area.

Well done to Josh in Year 11, Malachi in Year 9, Hannah in Year 8, Faith in Year 7 and Roman in Year 7 who all represented Bury in this Greater Manchester event. It is a fantastic achievement to be selected.

YEAR 11 BOYS FOOTBALL V PARRENTHORN

The Year 11 Boys Football played Parrenthorn in the Bury Schools Cup on Wednesday 7 February. The students from Bury CE High School played really well but lost the game. Player of the match from Bury CE High School was Liam.

YEAR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The Year 7 Girls Football played in a Bury Schools Football Competition and managed to come 3rd overall in Bury. Player of the match was Olivia.

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 GIRLS NETBALL V ELTON

Year 7 and Year 8 played Netball against Elton. Both year groups lost the games but played really well and enjoyed playing for school. The Year 7 players of the match were Chloe and Milly. The Year 8 player of the match was Molly.

ASSOCIATION FOR PE QUALITY MARK

The PE Department at Bury CE High School are currently in the process of applying for a national award in PE through the Association for PE. On Tuesday 12 February we had our inspection visit and the inspector from the Association for PE was really positive about the PE Department and also the whole school. As part of the inspection visit the inspector met with Mr Connolly (Head of PE) and the PE Department. A learning walk in PE also took place and then the inspector met with Reverend Watson and Mr Yarwood (Chair of Governor's). After this the inspector met with member of the School Sports Organising Committee and also with some other staff in school.

A final version of the application form along with the inspectors report will now be submitted to the Association for PE Executive Board who will then make a decision on the outcome of our application. We should know the outcome shortly after half term.

Mr P Connolly

ASPIRE TO A CREATIVE FUTURE

On Wednesday 16 January, ten pupils from Year 9 spent the day at Manchester Metropolitan University learning about the prospects of a career in the creative industry.

The day began with an inspirational talk from the host of the event who expressed how rewarding a career in the creative industry can be, and also evidenced that creative careers are completely viable, despite popular misconceptions.

Our learners had the opportunity to work with professionals in the creative industry in workshop-style sessions in photography, architecture and graphic design. In the architecture workshop, pupils were put into small groups and tasked with designed a building for a client. They were then asked to create their ideas in 3D using card, and present them in the form of a wearable hat. The pupils put their all into this session and came up with some very impressive concepts. Several pupils commented that this was their favourite part of the day.

The day ended with a tour of the art school, and a talk from two successful local graphic designers who provided a working perspective on the industry. Overall, the day was a success and was appreciated by all who attended.

DONATION

A donation of £210 was made to the British Legion following a Cake Sale held in November.

Charities have donated £450 to Grace's Place from money raised at the Staff Panto. The £104 raised from Christmas Jumpers has been paid in to the Malawi Fund.

APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH FAIR

On Friday 8 February, ten Year 10 pupils went to Old Trafford Football Ground, the exciting and inspirational backdrop for Apprenticeship Search Fair. The Fair allowed our pupils to meet apprenticeship providers from all over the UK, including the Co-Operative Group, Ernst & Young and the Army. This provided the ideal platform for our pupils to receive advice and guidance from industry experts. Our pupils particularly enjoyed taking part in UA92's interactive virtual reality exhibit. In addition to meeting apprenticeship providers, we also attended a seminar on degree apprenticeships which provided specific information on what to expect from these types of career paths. Overall, the day was a success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

