

Across the Bay March 2024

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Barnacre Road Primary School News



World Thinking Day at Barnacre Road

At Barnacre Road Primary School we encourage pupils to be involved with activities and community events out of school.

Each week we celebrate our children's achievements, whether it is raising money for charity, gaining a swimming certificate or playing for their local sports team.

Last week, 22 February was 'World Thinking Day'; all children who are engaged in an uniformed activity came to school in their uniform. This year's theme is 'Our Planet, Our Peaceful Future' and the day focuses on the collective impact of children and young people taking part in scouting and guiding.



Random Acts of Kindness Week

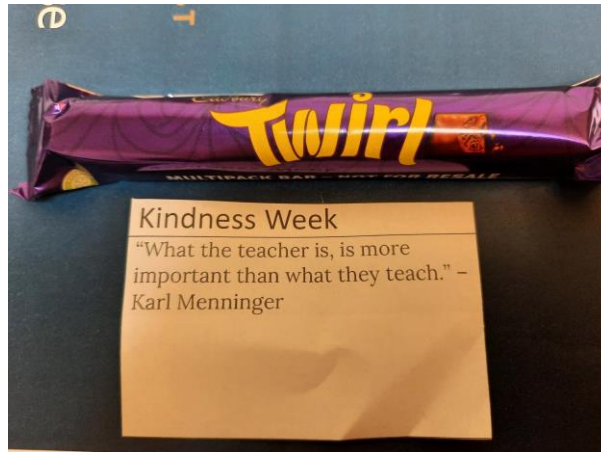
Barnacre Road Primary School engaged with 'Random Acts of Kindness Week' from 19 February.

Pupils were given a heart and asked to write about someone who had been especially kind to them this week.

In addition, staff went out of their way to support their colleagues and we were spoilt with gifts of chocolate, flowers and other simpler gestures like making a cup of tea for someone or making it known how appreciative we are of the work that they do.

'Kindness' is one of the Barnacre values so we intend to ensure that we continue to be kind and thoughtful going forward.





Carnforth High School News



Carnforth
High School

Cooking for the Homeless

Our Year 8 students trialled our first 'cook for the homeless,' making 57 exceptional vegetable curries and rice from scratch! As you can see, they were all labelled and packaged, and Mrs Rogerson had the pleasure of taking them to Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service (LDHAS) the next day as they were using them for lunch!

LDHAS staff were very grateful for the donations. They provide 3 meals a day for homeless people in the Lancaster and Morecambe area. They have 80 homeless people working with them and on average serve food to 25 adults at a time. 80% of the local homeless are male and the average age is 40. The meals we provided were very gratefully received and we hope to cook for them every half term. We are going for a BIG COOK on our upcoming Enrichment Day 2, creating 200+ meals.





Year 11 Intervention and Revision Success

With the summer exams fast approaching, we have created a wide range of intervention and revision/support programmes for our Year 11 students. Our current 'phase' has been focussed on students building upon their mock series 1 results and getting prepared for the mock series 2. The programme has included lunchtime sessions, after-school sessions and some in-lesson intervention, as well as extended core lessons for all. An excellent 83% of the students in Year 11 have attended lunch and after-school sessions. We've been very impressed with our students' willingness to commit to the extra support available, and would like to thank our staff for offering their time so generously to support their students.

In addition to the in-school sessions, we ran mock exam booster sessions to support student revision over the recent half term. Eleven sessions were offered, with attendance at English, History and Geography being particularly high.

To reward our students for their attendance and hard work, they have all received a booklet that outlines the sessions available to them and they receive stamps every time they attend. This allows students, staff and parents to keep track of which sessions have been attended, and if students receive enough stamps they can earn free food, entry to prize draws and discounts on their prom tickets.



Oxford University Visit

On Wednesday 31st January, Molly Lockwood of Queen's College, Oxford University, visited school to deliver a talk to 50 Year 10 students. Molly talked to us about university life, finances, types of university, how to apply, and which courses are available. She also talked about Oxford University specifically, busting some commonly held myths about top universities being more expensive than others and about the idea that the best education is only open to some.

The students who attended represented the school well and asked some very good questions. It was great to see so many students with such high aspirations.



Central Lancaster High School News



Phase 2 building work

The replacement of our three-storey block has come about in two phases. Phase 1 was completed and used by science, food technology, design and technology and IT classes from September 2023. We are now in the middle of the development of phase 2. The ground floor will be five new maths classrooms, the upper floor for the teaching of English.

This build is modular, meaning that the building is made out of blocks, which are made in the Collinson's factory and then driven to Central Lancaster High School on low loading HGV lorries ready to be assembled into our new building.









The modules are hoisted by an enormous crane into position and fixed together. The first module was laid on 5th December, and over the next two weeks a further 31 modules were delivered and craned into position. As you can imagine, there is no room for error when putting the modules together.

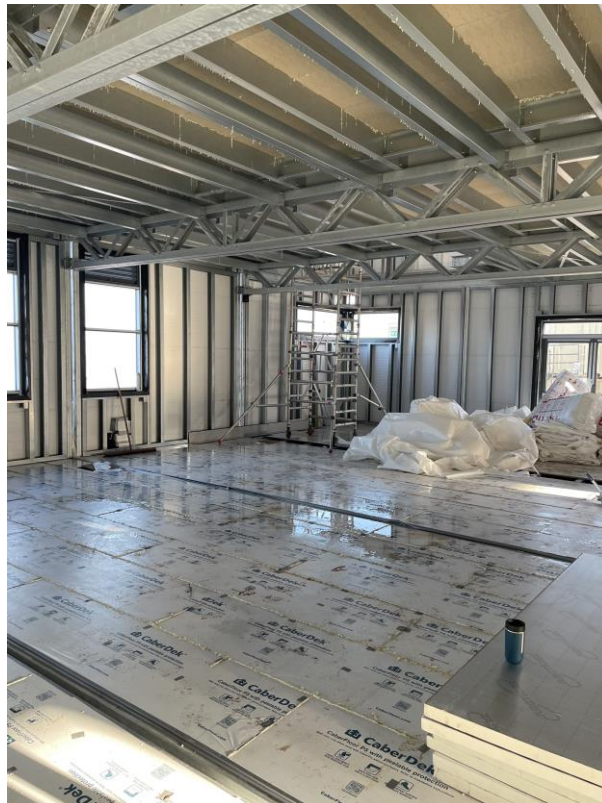






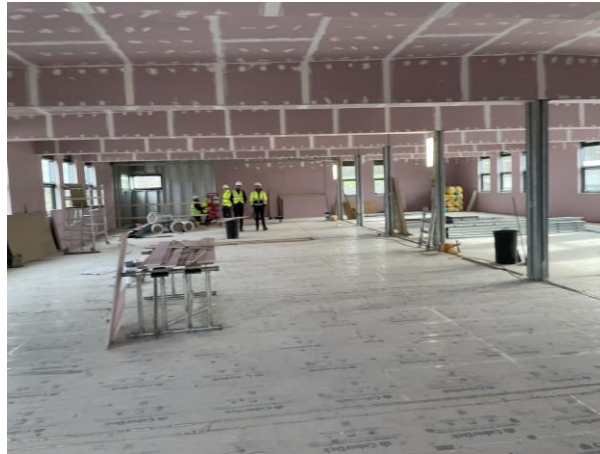
All the modules were delivered in a protective wrapping, so the assembled modules looked like a giant present, which was then opened to reveal the building underneath. Because of the pre-

assembly technique used, the building already had windows and doors, so within a couple of days the roofers had made sure the building was water-tight and could dry out.









Once put together, the internal walls will start to be put into place, turning the empty shell into a building that we can be truly proud of. It is anticipated that work will be complete around May 2024 so rooms can be fitted out for teaching from September 2024.

Maths Master Classes

55 of our Year 11 pupils attended two large lecture style 3-hour maths master classes in the main school hall at the start of February, to focus on some of the grades 7-9 elements of the higher maths paper. Sessions were delivered by three different members of our maths department and pupils enjoyed breakfast and break time treats while discussing some of the work they had been focusing on. It was excellent to hear some of the positive feedback from pupils, who have asked for similar sessions to be run to support their ongoing learning and progress.

February revision sessions

We have been delighted to see so many of our Year 11 pupils attend February revision sessions for English, Maths, Science, Geography and History. Nearly half of the year group attended at least one session. Classes were 90 minutes in length and were supporting pupils to effectively prepare for the final set of mock examinations, which started at the end of February.



National Apprenticeship Week 5th – 9th February 2024

During National Apprenticeship Week, we had a number of events celebrating and promoting apprenticeships in all their forms. On Monday, we held an apprenticeship fair with representatives from the British Army, the RAF, JTL and Lancashire Training Services, which was open to pupils from all year groups. It was great to see pupils taking an active interest in their future possibilities by attending this in their lunch time.

Year 11 had an assembly from the NHS, who offer 350 different apprenticeship roles in clinical and non-clinical roles. We were able to find out about alternative routes to careers such as midwifery rather than the traditional university pathway.

Year 7-10 found out about how apprenticeships work and the main differences between them and full time A Level or Level 3 college courses in assemblies from Kendal College and Lancaster and Morecambe College. It was particularly interesting to hear from a first-year apprentice about his experiences to date.

A group of Year 11 students also had an application support session from Ask Apprenticeships, who complimented them on their excellent listening skills and behaviour. During this session they were able to find out how to make their application stand out from the crowd and get tips about being successful in interviews.



Lancaster and Morecambe Vocational Career Taster Sessions

For additional support in their learning and to improve confidence, a small group of Year 11 pupils visited Lancaster and Morecambe College to participate in taster sessions and learn about the range of career opportunities available.

The pupils attended workshops on subjects including Animal Studies, Sport Science, Beauty Therapy, Hairdressing, and Hospitality & Catering. They baked delicious pizzas to take home, handled a range of animals and engaged in sporting activities alongside existing college students.

Over the course of the day, the pupils' confidence and ability levels increased, and they had a great time experiencing college life.

Upon returning to school, the pupils shared that they felt more inspired to work towards their chosen career pathways. We also received an email from a parent to say that her son had returned home with a very optimistic outlook on his future.





Head's High Tea

At the 'Head's High Tea' we talked about how our life at Central is and what we have enjoyed since moving from primary school. All the teachers made us feel welcome and we enjoyed the cakes and biscuits!

We talked about things we really enjoyed at school, and we talked about our interests in and out of school. We all loved it! Miss Meetha told us why our House Tutors had nominated us for the opportunity, which was nice to hear. Our time with the teachers brought everyone together. We had a lot of fun and we didn't want to leave!

Haitham, Year 7



Open Mic

At Central, we love to celebrate our pupils' musical successes and talents. On the last day of February half term, we celebrated by hosting our half termly 'Open Mic' event. Our 'Open Mic' event allows pupils to showcase their musical talents in front of their peers, whilst raising money for charity.

It was great to see so many pupils take to the stage and perform in front of their peers – not an easy task! And what an array of musical talents we have: from rapping to trumpet playing to singing, the Open Mic had it all. As ever, our pupils, both those performing and those in the audience, demonstrated our community spirit and really supported each other. Well done, Team Central.



EDF Energy Heysham Power Station Visit

We were incredibly fortunate to take all of our Triple Y11 GCSE Scientists to Heysham Power Station for the day. Here, they learnt all about different energy sources, how the power station runs and works and how we can harness our energy resources for the future. It was an incredibly worthwhile experience as it allowed our Y11 scientists to witness energy in action and to see the theory in practice. Not only this, but it allowed our pupils to explore the possibility of future apprenticeships with EDF and how they may use their GCSE Triple Science qualifications for their futures.

Our pupils were a real credit to our school and it was an absolute pleasure to hear that Heysham Power Station were incredibly impressed with our pupils' commitment, enthusiasm and how they conducted themselves over the course of the day.

Thank you to all staff who attended the day and the Science team for planning the trip.



Longridge High School News



Time for options!

Longridge High School Year 9 pupils enjoyed an informative Options evening with their families. Staff were on hand to give information about the wide range of option subjects on offer for the year group, from Business Studies to PE, to Health and Social Care and Art and many more.

Families enjoyed a presentation on the GCSE core curriculum offer and Year 9 pupils were able to hear first-hand from Year 10 pupils about subjects on offer. Local colleges provided information on post -16 courses.



Basketball Champions!

Longridge High School boys' year 9 Basketball team were crowned Lancashire Basketball champions on Friday 9th February. The team have been unbeaten all season, and beat Archbishop Temple 44-31 in the final, held at Myerscough College. We are all immensely proud of their fantastic achievement, and they have qualified for the National competition, one of only 32 teams to do so in the country. Curriculum Leader for PE, Mr Jack Wright said, 'I am delighted for the team. They thoroughly deserve their success. They have shown great commitment, resilience and determination throughout the competition, and they have a great sense of team spirit.'



Year 11 Look to the Future

On Wednesday 17th January, we held our Year 11 Careers Day. We had over 30 different providers from local colleges, businesses, apprenticeship providers and UCLAN university.

Our guests spoke to Year 11 pupils about their aspirations for the future and talked to them about their personal statements. They also asked them interview style questions to get pupils to start to think about how they would prepare for a job, college, or university interview in the future.

Our pupils had the opportunity to ask questions about the various job sectors that were represented on the day, giving them a better insight into the world of work.

We also had two workshops running where our pupils had a presentation from Preston College Apprenticeship team in one and were taught how to create a CV with Future U in the other.

The pupils were a credit to the school on the day, showing a great deal of maturity when interacting with our guests and asking really good questions. We are extremely proud of them!



You'll Be Home By Spring

Long gone are the carefree days,
We thought would never end.
Now you must go and fly away.
Goodbye my dearest friend.

When I watch you drift away
And forget all that we used to be.
I'll be thinking of you,
So please just remember me.

You'll be home by Spring,
If you decide to come back at all.
But I'll be waiting for you,
My wings wide open and your name that I'll call.

I should have just told you before you went:
How much I really love you.
But now I'm alone in my nest,
And Spring is what I'll hold on to.

Lucy

Year 9G

Lucy entered a National Poetry Competition. Good Luck Lucy.

**THROUGH
THEIR EYES**



POETRY COMPETITION FOR 11-18 YEAR-OLDS



Sustainability at Morecambe Bay Academy

Mrs Karen Ashworth is completing her Level 4 certificate in Teaching and Learning for Sustainable Development through Lancaster and Morecambe College. This is supporting our whole school efforts to be more sustainable. So far, we have tried to reduce paper use, celebrated Fair Trade and collected litter in our local area.

Beach Clean Tuesday 20th February

Our day with The Morecambe Bay Partnership

'First, we left school about 1pm and walked to the pirate park on the promenade. We then met the lady we were working with, Anya. She explained the task to us, and we got into groups of two or three. We each got some litter pickers and bin bags.

We set off down the prom, as you are walking down there everyday you don't realise how bad it is, how much rubbish is everywhere. We all found a lot through the rocks. Our minds were all blown at the fact we were living in this everyday. At the end of a 1 hour session, we had collected 48kg of rubbish. A 1 hour session, a class of 30 and 2 teachers. This really opened our eyes to what a difference we could make. I really enjoyed this experience, I found it inspiring and fun.'

Florence, Year 8, Morecambe Bay Academy.



National Apprenticeship week

In National Apprenticeship week, we celebrated our strong connections with local employers and education and training providers, by inviting them into school to give our students a fantastic insight into life as an apprentice and all the benefits it can bring. We have welcomed lots of visitors over the week, including ex-students of MBA to deliver assemblies, workshops and lunch time drop ins. We hope this week has inspired our students to explore this exciting pathway and that they feel more informed about their future choices.







We Are With You RiskIt programme

We are the first school in the North of England to launch the We Are With You RiskIt Programme with our Year 10 pupils.

The programme has already been successful in the South of England and has been evaluated by researchers at the University of Kent. Findings have been extremely positive, showing reductions in a range of risk-taking behaviours where young people have taken part.

All Year 10 students have taken part in a survey and then some participants have been identified for further group work. Young people take part in 12 weeks of activities, including 3 one to one sessions, that look at all aspects of risk taking behaviour. Students learnt to set boundaries and keep themselves safe.

This is part of our growing early help offer at Morecambe Bay Academy as we seek to ensure that pupils are educated to keep themselves safe, well and happy as young adults.

We are pleased to announce that the RiskIt programme is going to be delivered at Morecambe Bay Academy over the next few months. The programme, which looks to help young people make more positive life and behavioural choices, is being offered to students in Year 10.

Nikki Morris, Programme Lead, had this to say about delivering the programme at Morecambe Bay Academy:

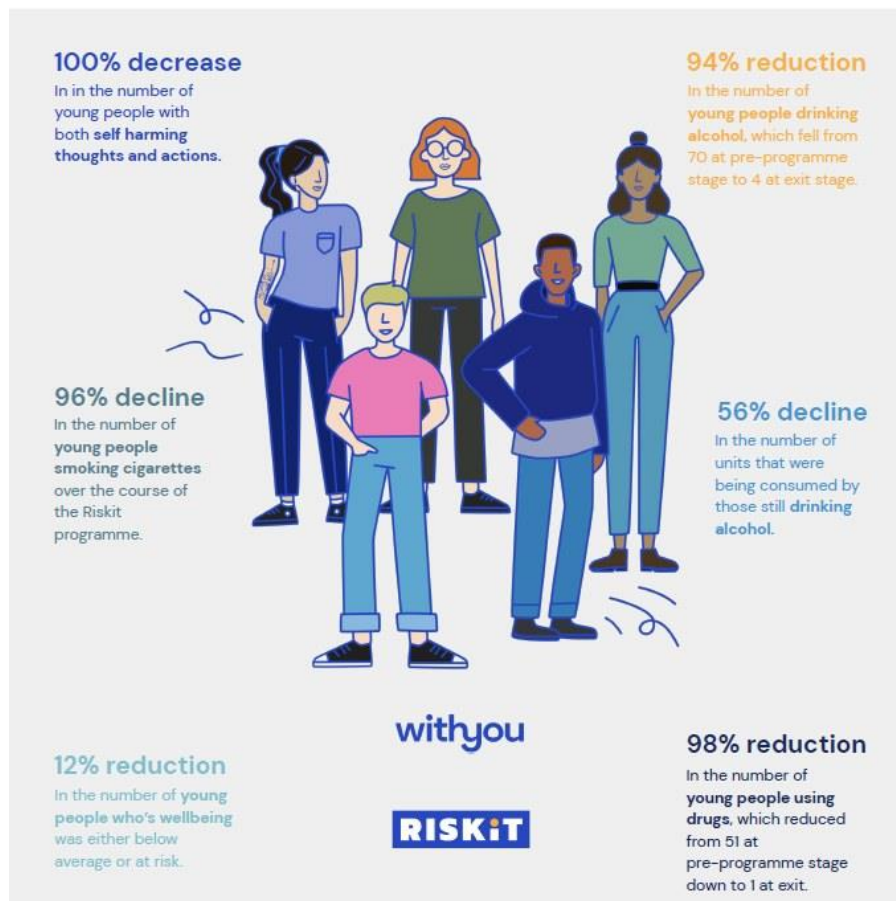
"I have really enjoyed delivering the programme at Morecambe Bay Academy. The pupils involved have been brilliant - they have engaged really well and been very enthusiastic. It has gone so well that I am looking to continue with some bridging sessions linked to a local Youth Group at Morecambe Library. I hope that this will enable the pupils to continue accessing support and link into the local Youth Group to maintain this out of school."

Pupil feedback included:

'The programme has been really good and I've enjoyed it. I feel that I have learnt a lot about how to stay safe when I'm out'.

'Riskit has been great. It has made me think a lot about the choices I make and making the right choices. I think I'm now much more informed about the risks involved with things'

'It's been brilliant and I would definitely recommend Riskit to others'.



We Are With You also provide confidential and non-judgemental support for parents and carers with regards to young people's substance use. If you are interested in receiving details of this then please email nikki.morris@wearewithyou.org.uk



Year 10 success in UK Maths Challenge

We were delighted to award a group of Year 10 pupils with their UK Maths Challenge Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates.

The UK Maths Challenge is a competition open to all UK schools and is a 60 minute, 25 multiple choice challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make pupils think. The problems on the Intermediate Maths Challenge are designed to be accessible yet still challenge those with more experience.

One of our pupils, Harvey, has been invited to the next round of the challenge 'The Pink Kangaroo'.

Well done to all pupils and good luck to Harvey in the next round.







Cadets Round-up

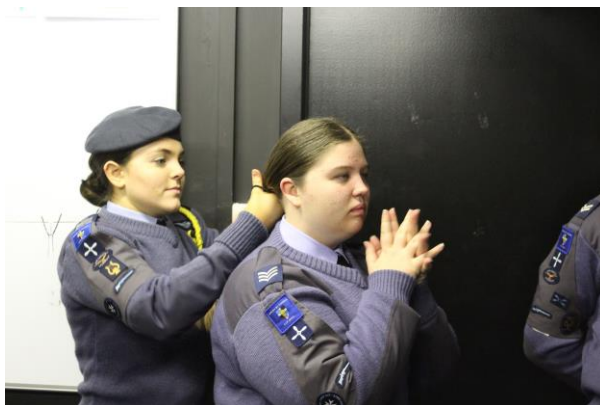
Our Combined Cadet Force have been busy in the last couple of months with lots of exciting plans for the future.

RAST

They recently took part in the Regional RAST competition - Royal Air Squadron Trophy - held at Inskip near Preston on 3 December. This popular event draws teams of 15 from cadet forces nationally, tests them regionally and moves the top 3 teams forward to the national finals.

The teams are required to undergo assessed performances in Drill and Turnout, Indoor Air Rifle Shooting, Leadership, General Knowledge, Aircraft Recognition and take part in a practical Emergency First Aid scenario.

Our brilliant team performed really well and just missed out by only 1 point on 3rd place. Regardless, they hugely enjoyed the day, bringing their all. There's always next year!

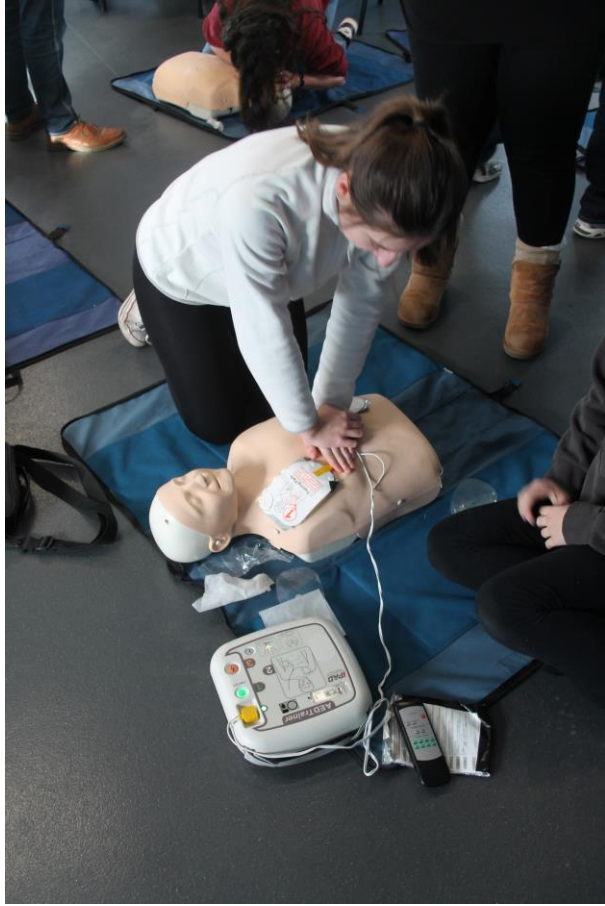






Activity First Aid

A number of Sixth Form cadets attended Inskip again on 28-29 January to participate in the RAF 'Activity First Aid' qualification. This 16 hour assessed certificated course provided them with an accredited certificate plus their Silver First Aid cadets badge.





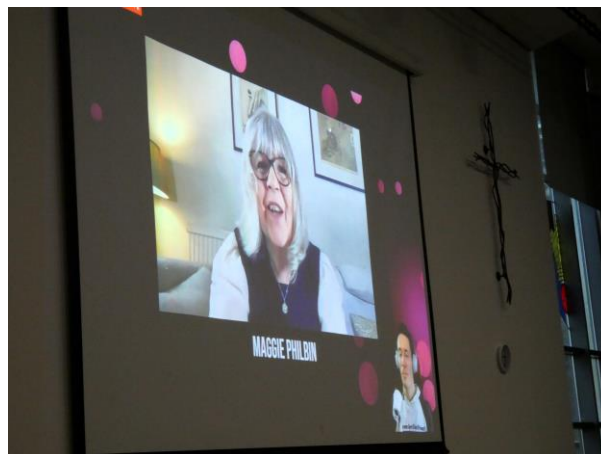


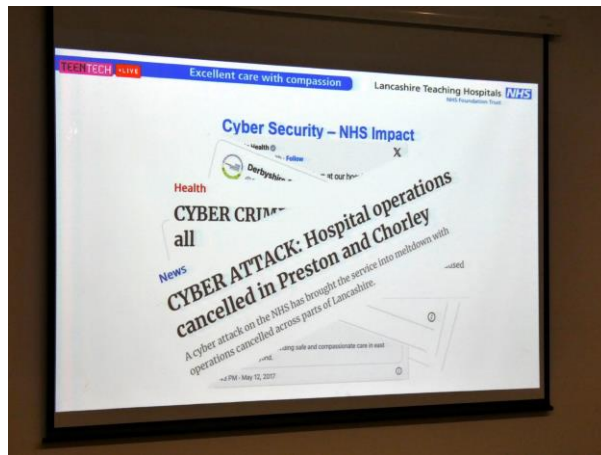
TeenTech Live stream event

On Tuesday 6th February, 50 Year 8 pupils and 50 Year 9 pupils participated in the Teen Tech 2024 Live stream event.

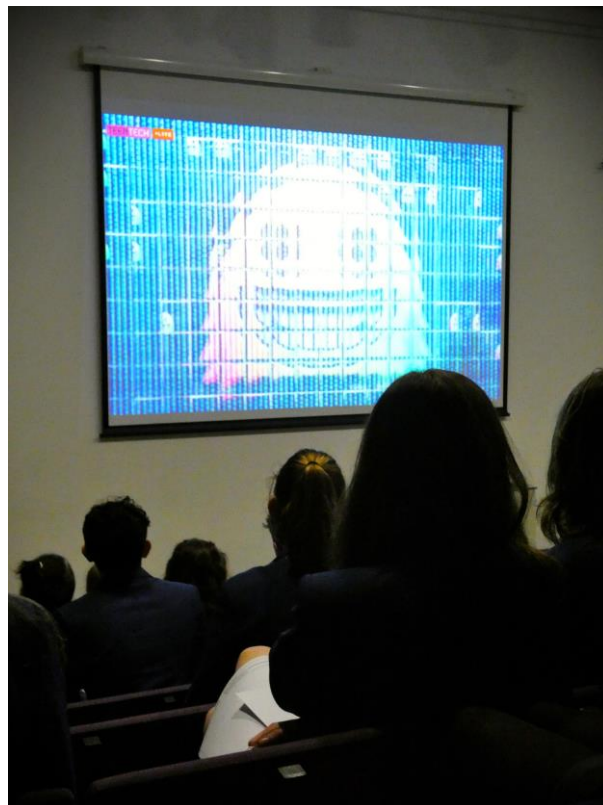
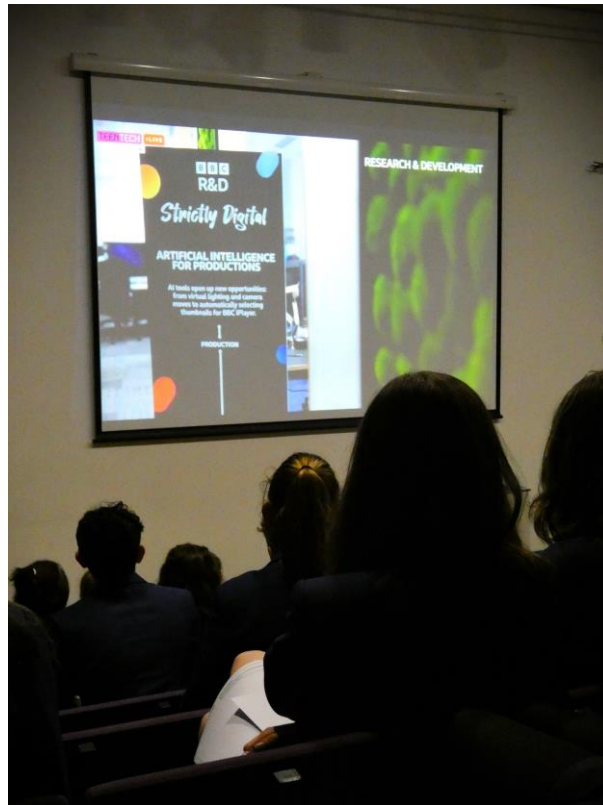
The Live stream was hosted by well-known science and technology reporters including Maggie Philbin of Tomorrow's World (for those of us of a certain age), Suzanne Clarke from the BBC, Saeed Umar of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Andy Clark from Oracle.

The interactive session was fun, engaging and helped our students to understand more about science and tech careers and the way exciting emerging technology such as AI is shaping all aspects of our lives. [#teentech](#) [#stemeducation](#) [#STEM](#) [#AI](#)

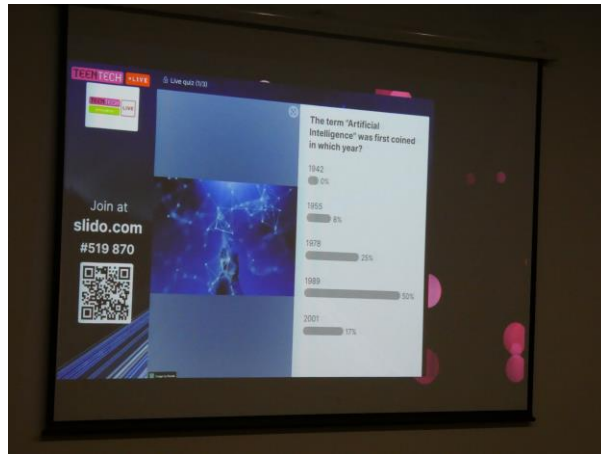












Early Spring Lambs down on Ripley Farm

Spring is finally springing and we are delighted to share our first 2 sets of early twin lambs born yesterday and this morning here on the #ripleyfarm.

Triplets should be on the way within the next 2 weeks then it's all hands ready and steady for the full flock delivery.

This is such a joyous time in school and everyone looks forward to cuddling the lambs and seeing them play with each other in the paddock!

#springlambs





1 - Mrs Price, Teacher of Animal Management and Edyta our Farm Technician with some very big 2 day old lambs!

Open to all - Tickets still on sale for Royal Institution visit to Ripley

Following our fabulous Science Club trip to London to watch the recording of the televised Royal Institution Christmas Lectures, we have secured an equally exciting opportunity as the RI are coming to Ripley!

As they are the world's longest running science television series, and always promise to inspire and amaze each year through brilliantly explosive demonstrations and interactive experiments with the live theatre audience, we are so looking forward to this!

Tickets are only £10 per person which is an absolute bargain given that the same presentation at Christmas Lectures costs £50 each!

Open to all. Pay through ParentPay - payday has arrived!

 You are invited to attend

THE ROYAL INSTITUTE AT RIPLEY



Join us for an evening of scientific wonder, from the Royal Institution!
Monday 25th March 2024
7pm, Phythian Hall



Following our fabulous Science Club trip to London to watch the recording of the televised Royal Institution Christmas Lectures, we have secured an equally exciting opportunity right here at Ripley. The Christmas lectures are the most prestigious event in the Royal Institution calendar, dating from 1825, when Michael Faraday founded the series to engage and educate young people about science. They are the world's longest running science television series, and always promise to inspire and amaze each year through explosive demonstrations and interactive experiments with the live theatre audience. This could be you!

Tickets £10 per person, open to all.
#sciencelecture
#STEMeducation
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 **The Royal Institution**
Science Lives Here

The Ripley Supper Run is back!

Book the 2024 Ripley Supper Run online through Bookitzone here -

https://bookitzone.com/steve_ashcroft/cjFFX

Paper copies of the form are also available in school for families (in the Friends rack in the dining room).

Read more information in the Friends Newsletter -

<https://ripleystthomas.com/app/uploads/2022/03/Newsletter-Feb-2024.pdf>

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The Friends of Ripley St Thomas Present:

The Supper Run 2024



Tuesday 23rd April 2024
7.30pm start

4 miles starting and finishing at

Ripley St Thomas C of E Academy
Ashton Road, Lancaster, LA1 4RS

£10 advance entry, £12 on the day, £5 for supporter supper

Medals to all finishers. Please pre-book to guarantee a supper!
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