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Oswaldtwistle Newsletter. CHRISTMAS 2021



Hello!

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter—thank you to Miss Hardie for pulling this together and all the team for their contributions.

Within this newsletter, you will get a real idea of what we have been up to this half term.

We said goodbye to our long serving Teaching Assistant Miss Fitzpatrick in November as she leaves us to start pastures new. She has been an incredible asset to the school and we will miss her very much.

The Government have asked schools to continue playing a key role in wearing masks in communal areas and in the COVID mass testing after Christmas. You will have been sent consent forms for the mass testing, please return these to school as soon as you can.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to wish you a safe and Happy Christmas and healthy and peaceful New Year.

Mrs McKenna
Headteacher

Snow day at Harwes Farm

On Monday 29/11/21 the Sanctuary group were lucky enough to enjoy the farm with the added bonus of snow. We enjoyed making snowmen, snow angels and having a little snowball fight then warmed up with warm soup by the campfire.



Skiing at Chill Factore

A group of students have been hitting the slopes and honing their ski skills at the Chill Factore this term. They have gone from strength to strength each week, starting from small steps getting used to walking in the skis to now, confidently slaloming down the hills like they're preparing for the 2022 Winter Olympics!

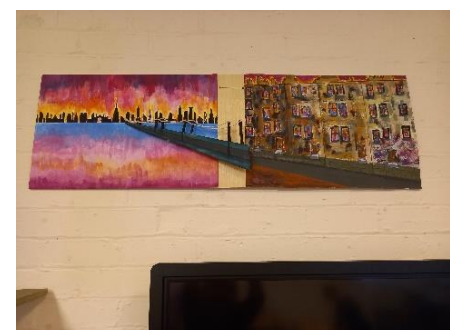
Special mentions go to Alyssa, Mackenzie and Jenson for making excellent progress. Well done!



Art at The Oswaldtwistle School

"Every picture tells a story."

The work shown here was completed by last year's GCSE Art students. The project titles were, **'My Environment'** and, **"Am I not a man and a brother."** This quote by 18th century Abolitionists was used as a starting point for work based on slavery past and present. Despite the problems caused by the lockdown, they created truly inspirational artwork to a very high standard.



Our school has submitted a bid for funding so we can continue working with our local primary schools. We are planning to promote Pupil Wellbeing through Arts based activities as well as undertaking learning outside of the classroom by visiting museums, galleries, theatres and our school farm. Hopefully, we will be able to secure the funding to help us do these activities!

Science Lessons & Experiments

Beacon and Longridge made pizza in science as part of their Food and Health Pathway module.

They had to make a traditional pizza, a gluten free choice and a vegan option and compare the texture, colour and taste.



**Puking pumpkins at Halloween.
These can be made with household items such as baking soda, vinegar and dish soap.**



Making elephants
toothpaste in
chemistry



Not all superheroes wear capes...



...some work at The Oswaldtwistle school



[@rebeccavosborne](https://twitter.com/rebeccavosborne)

Rebecca designed this amazing picture of Oswaldtwistle School and some of our wonderful staff!

The Sanctuary group visiting Harwes Farm. Activities included carving pumpkins and cooking on the open fire. They loved every minute of it.





The Breakfast Show

with

James Clarke (He/Him)

WEDNESDAY 7 - 8.30 AM

Twitter: @JamClar96



With Special Guests:



Hannah Weaver
(She/Her)
RSE Lead Teacher



Jenny Fox
(She/Her)
Senior Subject Specialist
@PSHEassociation
@JennyFoxPSHE



Lisa Hallgatem
(She/Her)
Head of Policy and Public
Affairs
@BrookCharity



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Leesa Amin
(She/Her)
Secondary PSHE Lead
for a Pupil Referral Unit
@Miss_Amin1



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Join the conversation!

Our Teacher Miss Amin was on The Breakfast Show talking about Peer on Peer abuse and consent

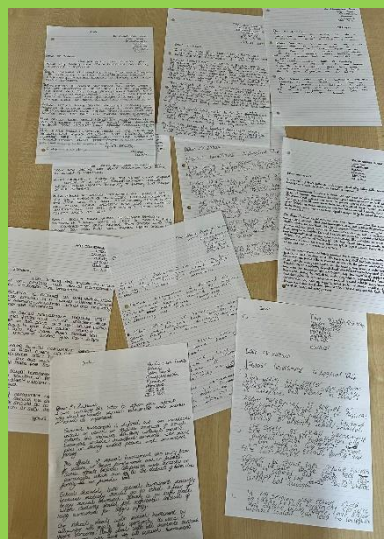
#Amazing
Accrington

Our Year 11 students thoroughly enjoyed the #AmazingAccrington futures event in October. Thank you to the organisers! Our pupils took a lot of material to make post-16 career decisions.





Our local neighbourhood officers on a weekly visit to speak to our pupils. Thank you [@HyndburnPolice](#) and [@LancsPolice](#)

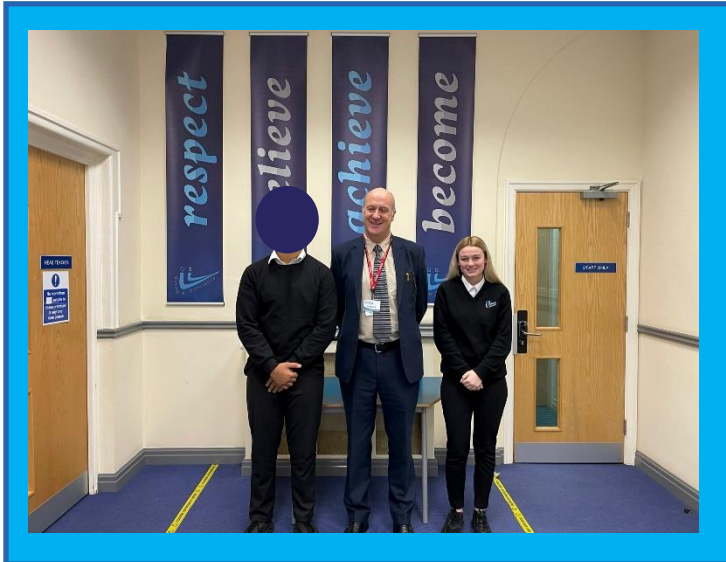


Some of our letters from pupils to [@nadimzahawi](#) about #Sexual Harassment in schools.



Banoffee pie made by one of our KS4 students. Mmmm...Delicious!





On 8th November, we invited Andy Penwortham Deputy Police Crime Commissioner to our school.



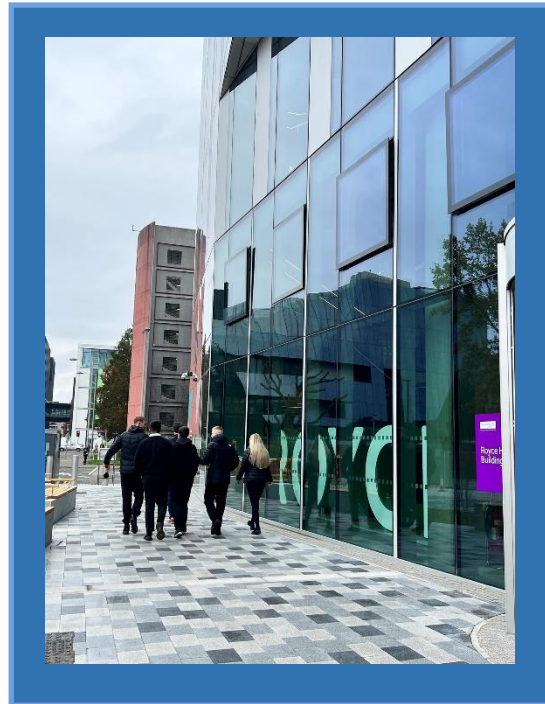
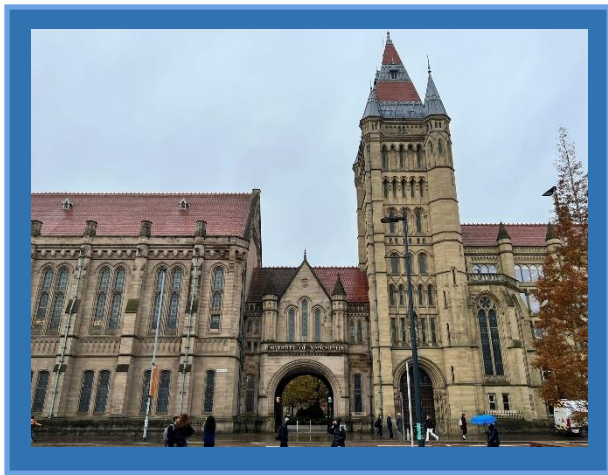
An extremely motivational talk about Andy's military journey which left him as a triple amputee.

Remembrance Day



Oswaldtwistle Remembers. For remembrance day, we held a whole school assembly on what Remembrance Day means to people across the world and held a 2 minute silence at 11:00am.





A fantastic careers trip to the University of Manchester. It was great speaking to staff about university life and having a tour. @UoMCareers

Year 11's are all looking now to submit applications for colleges and apprenticeships to enable them to move on next year.

Some of our female students have taken part in a BAE activity workshop to promote STEM jobs for girls.



Our students are ready to embark on the Trident Military program and some students are ready to take part in 4Tech Motors in Preston.

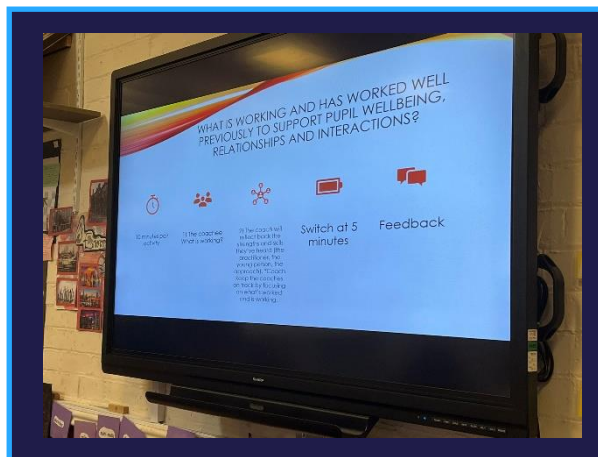
Well done to our Year 11's who have completed their mock exams this term!

Careers & Exams



A fantastic workshop on knife crime and visit to the @knifeangellancs. Our pupils enjoyed it and has left a lasting impression on them!

Pupils engaging in boxing coaching delivered by Blackburn Youth Zone



Fantastic CPD session with the Educational Psychologist on positive pupil relationship building!



Thank you to Holden Dance & Fitness for coming in for a few sessions for a morning of dance & fitness. Our pupils (& staff) loved it!



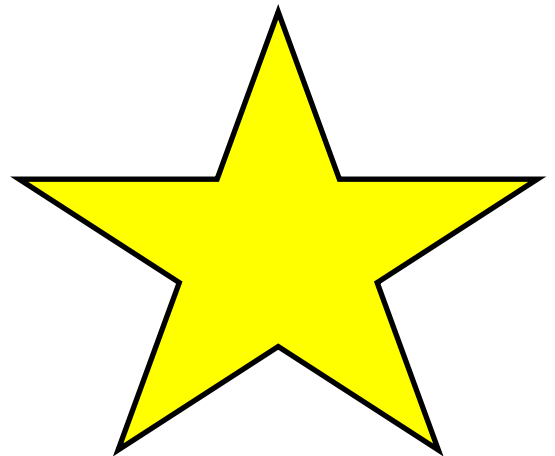
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SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!

A special shout out goes to Mohsin and Shayne for demonstrating excellent citizenship and community spirit after they returned house keys to their owner that were left in the front door of a local house!

We are very proud of you!



Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Oswaldtwistle School hosted Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 14th December. Thank you to all students and staff that joined in!

We raised £32 in total!

This money is going to be donated to the Charity Save the Children.

**We're joining Save the Children's
Christmas Jumper Day!**



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As part of our drive to improve communication with parents and carers, we have invested in a package called School Forms which aims to create electronic consent forms/permission slips and much more.

We cannot wait to get all these gifts distributed to our pupils. Special thank you to cash 4 kids Lancashire for the donations!



USEFUL LINKS

Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme December 2021

Please find further information regarding holiday activities during the winter break by following these links:

- Burnley - <https://www.burnley.gov.uk/fun-food-friends>
- Chorley - Telephone Inspire Youth Zone on 01257 228888
- Fylde - <https://new.fylde.gov.uk/december-holiday-club-providers/>
- Hyndburn
 - [Hyndburn Winter HAF Handout](#) (1.95 MB, Acrobat PDF)
 - [Hyndburn Teens Winter HAF Handout](#) (8.79 MB, Acrobat PDF)
- Lancaster - <https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/happy-healthy-holidays>
- Pendle - <https://www.pendleleisuretrust.co.uk/fun-vibes-active-lives/>
- Preston - <https://getstuckin.org.uk/>
- Ribble Valley - <https://www.ribblevalleywellbeing.co.uk/fff-familyinfo/>
- Rossendale - <https://rltrust.co.uk/community/haf/>
- South Ribble - <https://www.southribble.gov.uk/haf2021>
- West Lancashire - <https://westlancashirehaf.com/whats-on/>
- Wyre - <https://www.wyre.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/holiday-club-kids/1>

Mental Health Crisis Line

0800 953 0110

**24 hours a day
7 days a week**



Asking someone if they are thinking about suicide will not put the idea in their head or increase the likelihood of an attempt. Don't be afraid to ask the direct question – it might just be what they need to start the conversation.

FIND OUT MORE HERE:

Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care
Partnership :: Start the conversation
(healthierlsc.co.uk)

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to build an internet conversation about online safety with their children, should they need to. This guide is one of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further advice, tips and fun for adults.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ... SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful, and is normally free but has been created to steal your personal information. You may be encouraged to download the app by a friend or a social media post. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can use your personal information to steal your identity and use it to impersonate you.

'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these accounts have been set up to look like legitimate online stores. A user lists an item for sale and requests a payment first. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that the scammer asks for payment via PayPal Friends and Family - not goods or services. This means you can't dispute the payment; the scammer keeps your money and you never receive the item.

Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which - in some cases - allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (for example, bit.ly). This may seem harmless, but it's an overview of an attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from a customer service team. When someone complains about a customer service issue, the scammer offers to help. They then ask for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker then uses this to access the user's account and steal their information.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that attackers cannot easily get access. You should also change your passwords every 7-10 days to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's security, change the password.

Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict who parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommend making your personal information visible to friends, which will help to keep the information scammer could find about you from social media. It's also useful to only accept friend requests from people that you actually know.

Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. You may be directed to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting your personal details at risk. Scammers may use your information to impersonate you or to steal your identity. If you are unsure if a website is safe, do not enter your personal information. If you have any concerns about your account's security, change the password.

Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address and make sure it's from a genuine email address. If the sender is unknown, mark it as junk. If you receive an email from a sender you don't know, do not click on any links or download any attachments. Scammers often use email to lure you into clicking on a link that takes you to a fake website where they can steal your personal information.

Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites. Instead, use well-known and trusted sources such as the Google Play or the App Store for downloading mobile devices. You can also check the app's reviews and ratings. If you are unsure if a website is safe, do not enter your personal information. If you have any concerns about your account's security, change the password.

Install anti-virus software

Another way to protect your device is to install anti-virus software. Anti-virus programmes will help to detect and remove any malicious software that may be on your device. They will also help to protect your device from being infected by malware. If you are unsure if a website is safe, do not enter your personal information. If you have any concerns about your account's security, change the password.

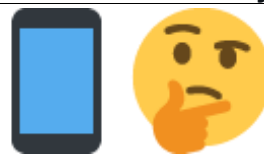
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we look at the ever-evolving

world of social media

scams! From clickjacking to

angler phishing, what

[WakeUpWednesday](https://www.wakeupwednesday.com) risks are

lurking on our favourite

social networks? Download

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Feeling unwell?

Choosing the **right service** will ensure you get the best advice and treatment as quickly as possible.

SELF CARE	PHARMACY	GP ADVICE	NHS 111	URGENT CARE CENTRES	MENTAL HEALTH	HOSPITAL A&E OR 999 EMERGENCIES ONLY
www.nhs.uk Look after yourself. Ensure you have a well stocked medicine cabinet to treat minor ailments.	Pharmacists are experts in medicines who can help you with minor health concerns. They can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines.	GPs are available for all health concerns and can refer patients for other medical services when required. Evening and weekend appointments are available.	111.nhs.uk NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do. Dial 111 or visit online.	You can go to an Urgent Care Centre if you need urgent medical attention, but it's not a life threatening situation, such as a break or strain.	www.nhs.uk Find information and support by searching 'Mental Health' on the NHS website. Helpline: 0800 915 4640 Crisis line: 0800 953 0110	Emergency Departments or A&E are only for genuine life threatening emergencies only. NHS 111 can help if you need urgent medical help or you're not sure what to do.

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Lancashire Short Breaks Service are pleased to announce the launch of

Break Time

Group based activities for children and young people in Lancashire with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Services will include play schemes, clubs, groups and activities and can take place after school, at weekends and during school holidays.

REGISTER from 13th December 2021

For access to up to 78 hours of fun activities for your child, and a short break for yourself.

Break Time will replace the current Lancashire Break Time service from 1st April 2022. To attend these activities after that date, children and young people must be on the Break Time register.

Download a form from the Lancashire Local Offer www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND.

If you need a paper copy, please call 01772 538077 or email cyp-shortbreaks@lancashire.gov.uk

Registration forms must be returned by **21st January 2022** and will be processed in the order they are received.



Break Time is a service which can be accessed by children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities who live in Lancashire (excluding Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool council areas) and who do not receive short breaks following a social care assessment of need.

To see if your child meets the criteria to register for Break Time, please check the Local Offer: www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND

Break Time Plus will be introduced in 2022, to enable children and young people who are looked after or are supported through a social care plan of support, to access a group activity funded through their social care plan. This is intended to provide additional choice and flexibility for children, young people and their carers and families.

Families do not need to register for Break Time Plus; further details will be shared in 2022.






SEND

HYNDBURN'S SEN/D YOUTH GROUP

A CHANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH
ADDITIONAL NEEDS TO COME TOGETHER,
LEARN, DEVELOP AND HAVE FUN.

EVERY MONDAY @7PM

CONTACT KATIE ON: 07917 534459 OR
[KATIE.ROGERS@LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK](mailto:katie.rogers@lancashire.gov.uk)




POWAR


POWAR is a youth voice group for young people aged 11-25 with SEND. We support young people to have a voice and influence in all matters which are of importance to them. Providing opportunities for young people to speak with and help shape services within education, health and their local authority. To ensure a wider representation of Lancashire young people's voices are heard we have groups that meet once a month in the following areas plus a monthly Zoom meeting: Gt Harwood, Colne, Walton-le-Dale, Skelmersdale, Lancaster and Lytham St Annes

WHAT POWAR MEANS TO ME.

BY OLLY MOORES,
YOUNG PERSON CHAIR OF THE SEND EXECUTIVE BOARD



I think POWAR is really important because it gives me the opportunity to develop skills in terms of public speaking and being able to articulate my points in a more clear and concise way. I also think it is vital for young people with SEND needs to be able to have an input on how services should be run in the future, to help future generations of people with disabilities have a better experience than we had when using services! I also believe that young people are experts in their own lives and should be able to influence decision-makers to realise what it is like to use the service and helping make it more user friendly!



Young peoples views on POWAR



Join us at POWAR a group for young people with SEND

Next Meeting at each Location Walton-le Dale, Monday 13th December & 10th January 2022 Lancaster, Tuesday 14th December & 11th January 2022 Lytham St Annes, Monday 21st January 2022 Colne, Tuesday 22nd January 2022	Gt Harwood, Monday 28th January 2022 Skelmersdale, Tuesday 29th January 2022 Tuesdays: Zoom on-line 21st December 2021, 18th January 2022 All meetings 6pm to 8pm
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JOIN US NOW!

WE HAVE THE BUILDING, STAFF & OPPORTUNITIES WHAT WE NEED NOW IS YOU!!

Contact Suliman or Lorna to find out more.
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Pendle

Special Education Needs/ Disability Youth Group For 12yrs - 19yrs+

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Weekly Sessions on
Monday Evenings



EXPLORING POTENTIAL