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# Oswaldtwistle Newsletter.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

With just a matter of days to go before we break for half term we would like to share with you some of the exciting activities that have taken place this half term at Oswaldtwistle School.

## Harwes Farm

Hameldon are up at Harwes farm now, learning about plant and land maintenance. We start the academic year by building up a wood store for the winter months. The pupils cut down the trees that have fallen in the storms and make kindling or small log stores. In the bottom picture pupils had to use the bark to stop the ground inside the tepee from becoming too boggy with all the recent rains.



These are updated pictures from the allotment at Harwes Farm that Longridge students planted last year!



# Afternoon at the care home



## Community service and visits

Some of our pupils have been out and about visiting groups in the community and attending various conferences and fairs. Worthy of recognition are our Duke of Edinburgh students who have been offering their services to a local care home, and the students who attended an anti-bullying conference in Bolton and in so doing successfully gained The Diana, Anti-Bullying award.

## Careers Events

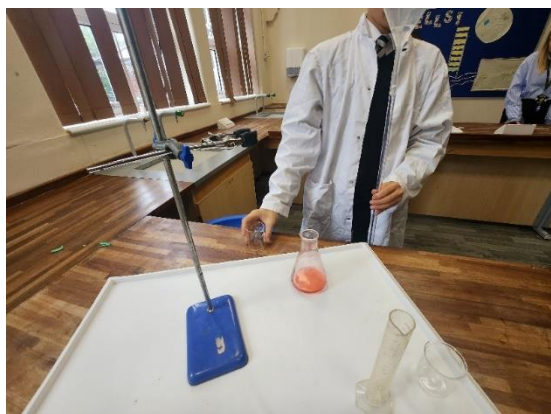
We have also been busy on the careers front. Our year 10 and 11 students visited the Amazing Accrington Careers Fair at Accrington Town Hall and all students benefited from our first, on site, Careers Fair, which was a huge success.

**Please visit our Twitter feed for more information and images.**



Longridge are looking a useful compound in science, how we use acids and alkalis in everyday life.

Here they are using a titration technique to find out how much alkali is needed to neutralise a certain volume and strength of acid. The end point is when the red liquid turns green, if it goes blue they have gone too far.



## Celebrating International Events

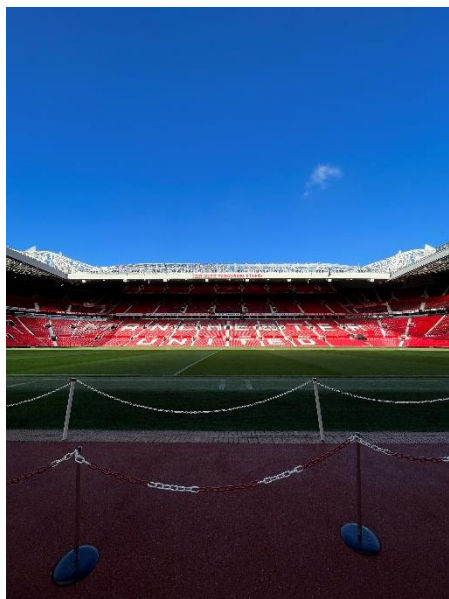
On 10th October we marked World Mental Health Day with an interactive assembly that allowed students to gain an appreciation of the issues surrounding mental health. The week prior we paused to think about the meaning behind Black History Month and recognised the many successes and achievements of a number of black people over the centuries.



### Guest Visitors

We have also warmly welcomed a number of guests who have worked with our students on a number of themes linked to keeping safe and leading happy and healthy lifestyles. Amongst our visitors have been members of the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley (HARV) Domestic Abuse Team, representatives from the East Lancashire Community Sexual Health Team and staff from our local Children and Family Wellbeing Service.

'Solution Not Slides' were also warmly welcomed and delivered a session on Antisemitism, Islamophobia and polarisation around the issue of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. A presentation on firework safety and the role of the police and fire service was also delivered to our students by Lancashire Police and Fire Service.



A selection of students went on a visit to Old Trafford football stadium, home to Manchester United.

They were able to walk through the history of the club via the Club museum, which showed all the trophies United had won in their history, along with memorabilia from club legends such as Bobby Charlton, George Best and David Beckham. After this, the students went on an all access, behind the scenes tour of the stadium. They were lucky enough to enter the players dressing room and sit where players such as Cristiano Ronaldo get ready before every match, walk out of the players tunnel and sit in the dug-out where Erik Ten Hag watches the team play. The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit which gave them an insight to the inner workings of one of football's biggest clubs.

Future visits are planned to visit Anfield and The Etihad stadium, home of Premier League giants Liverpool and Manchester City, which other students will have the opportunity to visit.

### Arrangements for the Half Term break

School will close at the normal time on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and **re-open Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

We hope you have a safe and happy half term break.

The staff at Oswaldtwistle School.