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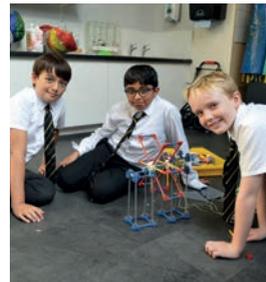
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# SCHOOL LIFE

## SCHOOL'S MATHEMATICIANS INSPIRED BY LEADING EXPERTS

Sixth Form mathematicians attended the Royal Northern College of Music for a Maths Inspiration lecture.

The day was hosted by 'stand-up mathematician' Matt Parker and featured talks from three inspirational speakers.

The first talk was from Jennifer Rogers, a research fellow at the University of Oxford and an expert statistician in TV programmes Long Live Britain and Mystery Map. Her talk, entitled 'Risky Business', delved into numbers to show attendees how statistics can help you to make better decisions about risky activities.

Ben Sparks, a mathematician and musician who works at the University of Bath, explored how circles can be a source of beauty, awe and mystery and how Maths can be, literally, moving, in his talk 'Windmills of Your Mind'.

Last up was David Acheson and his talk 'Pi, Pizza and the Electric Guitar'. The author, guitar player and fellow of Jesus College, Oxford, has appeared on BBC's Tomorrow's World and he looked at how Maths is all around us – from infinite series in the living room, pi in the kitchen, catastrophe theory in the bathroom and circle geometry in the garage.



## GEOGRAPHY PUPILS WIN REGIONALS

Well done to Fifth Year pupils Cam Wylie, Oliver Ensor-Adams and Zara Latif who won the Geographical Association's North West Regionals WorldWide Quiz.

The geographers competed against 12 schools from across Greater Manchester at the new Brooks Building at Manchester Metropolitan University's Birley Fields.

The team won with 85 points from 100 – eight ahead of their nearest rivals – and it is the third time SGS has won the competition in the last three years we have competed!



## PHYSICS OLYMPICS VICTORY

Well done to Upper Sixth students Nick Dow, Alex Hewetson, Max Howe and Alex Pollard who won one challenge and came second overall at the Liverpool Physics Olympics.

The competition saw the pupils take part in six Physics themed events against 25 other teams.



## HISTORIANS SECURE NATIONAL ACCOLADE

A historical magazine created by Lower Sixth students in the History Department has scooped up a Young Historian Award for the second year running.

The summer 2018 edition of 'SGS Historian' which focusses on 'Nine Takes on Imperialism around the World' has been named joint 'Best School History Magazine' by the acclaimed Young Historian Project.

The magazine contains a book review of Robert Harris's 'Fatherland', a report on the History Department's trip to Westminster and a host of articles on the topic of 'Imperialism'.

Kitty Grant, one of the magazine editors, said: "Although producing the magazine was a lot of hard work, we all really enjoyed working on it and are very proud of what we made together."

David Stone, Head of Sixth Form said: "The pupils can be proud of their achievements in having put this excellent magazine together. The range of themes covered by their articles is testament to the breadth of interest that exists within our Sixth Form historians here at Stockport Grammar School, and to have this recognised for the second year running is tremendously pleasing."

The team involved in creating the magazine are Lydia Horne, Kitty Grant, Anna Davies, Grace Patterson, Hannah Stead, Alex Billingham, Victoria Massie, Basmah Ali, Oliver Helme and Bryony White.

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

I have greatly enjoyed my first term at Stockport Grammar School. The friendly and positive atmosphere, the academic endeavour and the co-curricular opportunities are all hugely impressive.

The phrase "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." is often attributed to the Irish poet W B Yeats. Fittingly, in this post-truth age, there is little evidence that Yeats ever said or wrote this, with most sources simply quoting other sources so that the attribution becomes true because everyone says it is true. The phrase itself, however, is absolutely true, distinguishing between schooling that simply tries to squeeze some facts into pupils to get them through an examination and an education that truly inspires, challenges and transforms mind, body and spirit. It is clear from being part of the school community over the last few months that Stockport Grammar School is deeply committed to lighting fires rather than just filling pails.

Visit the website to read Dr Owen's regular blogs.



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Pupils who received GCSE results over the summer enjoyed an evening celebrating their success.

Headmaster Dr Owen gave an opening speech and the pupils received their GCSE certificates.



## ARTS



## BATTLE OF THE BANDS HUGE SUCCESS

It was a great night at the Battle of the Bands event that was organised by Upper Sixth students, Jake Wyatt-Thomas and Andrew Goodwin to help raise funds for the trip to Madagascar.

First Year group 'The Lakes' displayed great talent during their set whilst staff band 'Assessment for Learning' saw a number of teachers strut their stuff on the stage.

'The Northern Lights', a band including Head of Classics Mr Alastair Thorley and Old Stopfordians Harry Vernon and Pete Anderson, also entertained the crowd with a host of impressive tunes.



## MUSICIANS ATTEND SEMINARS

A Level Music pupils met bright and early at Stockport train station for a trip to Liverpool to attend a series of seminars on their set works.

The pupils received tuition on artists as diverse as Debussy, Vaughan Williams, The Beatles and Kate Bush.

The trip was not just a useful source of information for their studies; it also gave them a chance to experience university-style teaching.

Before the train back home, the musicians visited the famous Cavern Club, the Wall of Fame and the Eleanor Rigby statue.



## PITCH PERFECT AUTUMN CONCERT

Over 160 pupils across 10 ensembles took part in this year's Autumn Concert, the curtain raiser for a season of large scale events in the Music department.

To begin, the large Junior Band, swelled by the number of pupils taking part in the First Year instrumental scheme, performed lively renditions that included 'Don't Stop Believin'.

The musicians were delighted to welcome Headmaster Dr Paul Owen to perform with them in the trumpet section and they put the audience in the festive mood with a short version of 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'.

Next up were Junior Chamber Choir who made a lovely sound and delighted the audience with their lyrical harmonies.

The energetic Senior Percussion Group played the 'Can Can' and 'Take 5'. Dan Grant, Oscar Williams, Daniel Vincent and Alex Pollard showed incredible flair as they

made their way around marimbas, xylophones and vibraphones.

The newly formed String Quartet of Zoe Shah, Talia Zelhof, Alex Pollard and Olivia Dow then performed the first movement of a Mozart 'Divertimento'. To bring the first half to a close the Big Band took to the stage.

The second half opened up with a zesty performance by First Orchestra of the overture from 'The Magic Flute' before the Junior Percussion Group gave a barn-storming performance of 'Thunderstrike', composed by Mr Landon.

Vocal group Vox sang wonderfully before the penultimate act of the evening, a newly formed Sax Trio, made up of A Level musicians Sarah Callow, Pippa Brown and Ruby Harrison played.

The evening was brought to a close by a hugely entertaining performance of 'The Lion King' by Chorus, featuring solos from Grace Shropshire and Sarah Callow.



## EXPERT MUSICAL TUITION RINGS TRUE

First Year pupils got the chance to demonstrate newly acquired instrumental skills as part of our school wide programme to provide every child with the opportunity to learn an instrument.

The First Years have been receiving expert tuition in a range of instruments and performed in front of their classmates. They will move on to lessons in other instruments after half term, with encouragement to continue with one-to-one tuition in instruments they have enjoyed.

From orchestras and vocal clubs to big band and from individual music performances to big stage productions, our Music Department encourages and promotes talent across all areas of music.

In recent years, our musicians have performed in many prestigious venues including St. Mark's Cathedral, Venice; Cologne Cathedral; St George's Church; the University of Cambridge; and Heaton Mersey Youth Festival. In collaboration with the Drama Department they have also created a whole range of magical and inspiring productions such as *Annie*.



## LONDON VISIT ENCOURAGES CREATIVITY

Sixth Form students studying Art and Design Technology enjoyed a trip to London to gather valuable source material and research for their practical work.

The majority of the Art students ventured to Tate Britain, Tate Modern and The National Gallery to see some of the world's most impressive collections of art through the ages.

Upper Sixth students visited exhibitions and buildings relating to the essay they are currently writing as part of their Personal Investigation. These included visits to Gunther Von Hagen's Body Worlds at the London Pavilion, The Flower Gallery to see pieces by Nicola Hicks, One Blackfriars and The Shard.

Design Technology students took a different route, visiting The Design Museum, The Science Museum and the V&A where they were able to investigate and see how products had been made, designed and developed considering a range of materials, engineering and design approaches.

## DANCERS DELIGHT IN SHOW

'SGS Loves Dance' saw beginners and experienced dancers enjoy performing in front of an enthusiastic audience in an evening of impressive solo, duet and group pieces.

With styles ranging from contemporary to hip hop and tap, the Dance Show was directed by the school's Teacher of Dance, Mrs Abi Downing. Many of the pieces had been devised by the pupils themselves.

Featuring 18 members of Street Jazz Dance Club, 'Feel it Still' was the perfect up-tempo opening to an energetic evening; followed by a contemporary solo by Kate Holme to 'Say Something'.

A First Year group were full of confidence as they took to the stage to perform a lyrical piece, 'Fighters', which they had devised themselves while Hip Hop duet 'The Rumble' by Hayley Collins and Shreya Lapsia had the audience clapping along.

The Intermediate and Advanced Club had devised their tap piece to 'Another Day Of Sun', which featured in between solos by Emily Butler in 'Fly' and Sophia Fanigliulo-Vlassis in 'Sing Sing Sing'.

The Beginners/Intermediate Contemporary Club performed an elegant dance, 'Snow Globe', inspired by the idea of being the characters trapped within a snow globe. Cam Wylie followed with an impressive solo which belied its title, 'Sedated'.

Seventeen members of the First Year Dance Club made a dynamic debut on the stage with a fast paced performance of 'No Excuses'.

The Inter/Advanced Dance Club closed the show with 'A Chorus Line' before the whole cast returned for the finale and well-deserved thunderous applause.

Visit the website to read the full Dance Show report.

## SPORTS



## CRICKETER SELECTED TO BE ACADEMY PLAYER

Upper Sixth pupil Ali Chughtai has been selected by Lancashire Cricket Club as an Academy player for development along their emerging player pathway.

The call-up comes after a great season for Ali who scored over 700 runs (including two hundreds and four fifties) and was selected to play for the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) North team in the Super 4s National competition at Loughborough.

## NETBALLERS CHOSEN FOR TOP NATIONAL TEAM

A number of our netball girls are celebrating after being selected for Manchester Thunder Netball.

Manchester Thunder are part of the Netball Superleague, which consists of the top ten netball teams in England, Scotland and Wales.

Second Year pupils Rosie Lear, Darcy Breen and Annalisa Griffiths have been picked for the Youth Academy whilst Fourth Year Libby Wolstenholme has been chosen in the U17's Futures squad.



## WINNING STREAK FOR RUGBY

SGS rugby players have been dominating the pitch during the Autumn Term.

Playing in tough conditions but showing great skill and enthusiasm the school's U15 Rugby team won 33-5 against Audenshaw School.

Meanwhile the U16 team are through to the U16 Cheshire Cup final having beaten St Ambrose 32-12 in the semi-final.

Once again it was a true team performance and they will face either Wirral Grammar School or King's Macclesfield in the final.

## PUPILS RISE TO THE OCCASION IN BOULDERING COMPETITION

Pupils demonstrated their climbing ability during the First to Third Year and Fourth to Sixth Form House Climbing Competitions and the Climbing Hangar Liverpool's Winter Bouldering League.

The popular First to Third Year House Climbing Competition saw Vernon emerge victorious with 1308 points with Nicholson behind them in second with 997. Warren were third with 853 points and Arden came fourth with 728. Vernon also grabbed top spot in the Fourth to Sixth Form Competition.

In the Winter Bouldering League, pupils worked hard to tick off as many problems as they could during the first round of the series.



## NETBALLERS SCORE BIG

Well done to all of the girls (U12s, U13s, U14s, U15s and U16s) who took part in the Manchester and District Netball Tournament in October.

A special mention goes to SGS U13 team who won their age group; they were all smiles as they picked up the shield.

The U13 team was made up of Annalisa Griffiths, Aimee Reynolds, Sophie Harris, Amelia Massey, Rosie Lear, Anna Wilkinson, Darcy Breen and Libby Goodman.



## RUNNING STAR TAKES THE LEAD

A huge congratulations to Fourth Year pupil Joseph Farrelly who finished sixth out of 802 competitors in the A6MARR 5k race.

The race, organised by Stockport Council, took place on the new A6 road to Manchester Airport.

Joseph, who runs for Manchester Harriers and chose running as his skill for the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme was also the first junior to finish.

## EVENTS



## PUPILS NEW AND OLD HONOUR FALLEN SOLDIERS IN REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

Almost 100 Old Stopfordians returned to Stockport Grammar School for a Remembrance Day service to commemorate the brave men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Pupils from the Junior and Senior school also marked the occasion with separate Remembrance Day services.

The group of Old Stopfordians were joined by current Fifth and Sixth Form pupils; Hazel Grove MP, William Wragg; Cheadle MP, Mary Robinson and Stockport Deputy Mayor, Cllr Wendy Meikle on Friday, 9th November for the service.

Senior School Headmaster, Dr Paul Owen, led the service whilst School Chaplain Rev. L E Leaver led the service prayers.

MP Mary Robinson as well as the Head Boy, Murray Jallands and Head Girl, Megan King laid a wreath. Whilst Upper Sixth Form pupil Niamh Johnson played the Last Post before a two minute silence was observed.

Our Music pupils played an important part in the busy day and performed at a number of events. Four trumpeters: Niamh Johnson, Lydia Horne, Patrick Owen and Emily Edwards were involved in performing the Last Post at services in both Senior and Junior Schools. Meanwhile Lydia Horne (U6) also went to Stepping Hill Hospital to perform in their service. A string quartet which included pupils Zoe Shah, Talia Zehhof, Alex Pollard and Olivia Dow performed a Mozart Divertimento.

In the Junior School our pupils spent the week making their own poppies which culminated in a magnificent display in the entrance hall.

Pre-Reception pupils made tasty decorative poppy biscuits with icing and chocolate buttons and our Junior School's morning assembly was dedicated to Remembrance Day, with 5W performing an animated version of a war poem.

To finish the busy day, Junior School pupils tuned into a fascinating 'BBC Live Lesson' broadcast hosted by Naga Munchetti to commemorate Remembrance Day.

## EVEREST AUTHOR CAPTIVATES PUPILS

Everest summiteer Matt Dickinson took the First and Third Years on a captivating creative journey during a visit to school.

An Everest talk for First Years was followed by two creative writing workshops with Third Year English classes and a book signing.

Matt's new book 'Popcorn-Eating Squirrels of the World Unite' is his first illustrated piece aimed at younger audiences and stars a Popcorn addicted squirrel.



## SHAA LECTURE WITH RECORD BREAKER KIKO MATTHEWS

Sixth Form pupils welcomed world record breaker Kiko Matthews to the school for another fascinating Shaa lecture.

In March 2018, Kiko Matthews became the fastest woman to cross the Atlantic ocean as a solo rower and has since then gone on to successfully take part in a five day, 260km run across the Wadi Rum Desert.

Speaking to pupils in the Main Hall, Kiko gave a lively talk to encourage them to overcome any challenges that they face in life by utilising the power of collaboration, community and resilience.

In 2009 Kiko was diagnosed with Cushings Disease, a rare and life-threatening condition which causes tumours on the pituitary gland – the gland that controls the body's hormone production.

After having successful brain surgery to remove a tumour, Kiko was motivated to overcome her own challenges and focus on helping people and the planet.

Pupils learned about the importance of mental and physical wellness as well as the significance of collaboration to reach their full potential.



## OLD STOP GIVES ENGINEERING INSIGHT

Old Stopfordian Yusuf Ramzan (OS 2009) gave pupils an insight into his career as he gave a talk entitled 'Working as a Software Engineer'.

The Thales employee talked about designing, coding and bug-fixing security software for submarines, airlines and satellites.

He also described how he was fortunate enough to receive an apprenticeship, which means he is now studying and working at the same time.



## MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Well done to the Lower Sixth students who participated in the Mock Trial Competition at Manchester Crown Court.

The group had an enjoyable experience as they took up various absorbing roles and got to put into practice the things they had worked on during the Mock Trial club which takes place after school on Mondays.

Stockport Grammar School  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Roger Yates  
Director & Trustee  
AHM



## SPOTLIGHT ON A STOPFORDIAN AVIATION PIONEER

Pupils from the Senior School enjoyed an illuminating Spotlight talk by Roger Yates from the Avro Heritage Museum in Woodford on Sir Edwin Alliott Verdon-Roe, Stockport's Pioneer of Aviation.

With the help of his brother Humphrey, A V Roe established one of the world's first aircraft manufacturers, A.V. Roe & Company.

Pupils learned about the inspirations behind his airplane designs including the Wright brothers and the Albatross sea bird. The audience also learned how aircrafts have developed since then to include fighter, bomber and commercial airplanes.

# OUT AND ABOUT



## PUPILS EXPLORE CHINA

A Level Business, Economics and Geography students enjoyed a busy and culturally fascinating trip to China as part of their studies on trade, globalisation, urbanisation and superpowers.

Their first stop after touching down in Beijing was for a spot of lunch which involved some unfamiliar cuisine before checking into the hostel and walking around an ancient hutong shopping area. Hutong areas are narrow alleyways of traditional Chinese houses and shops, customarily built using grey brick as the Emperor had 'ownership' of the other brighter colours, such as gold, for his palaces and important ceremonial buildings.

Over the next few days, pupils travelled to a number of famous landmarks including Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the site of the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the Great Wall.

They also attended two lectures on 'Doing Business in China.' Pupils were especially interested to hear about the work of some NGOs (non-governmental organisations) on monitoring and addressing issues of desertification in rural China. The travellers then took an overnight train to Shanghai and after a night on the tracks, they woke up in the noticeably warmer southerly coastal city.

Whilst in Shanghai, the group visited the Canature water filtration company which was set up by a Chinese business person in response to the lack of clean drinking water. They also visited the Chamber of Commerce and enjoyed a fascinating lecture by Stan Vullings, a native Dutchman who has made his home in China for the last decade. The group met Chinese pupils at a grammar school called Pudong Foreign Affair Service School.

The final afternoon in Shanghai saw them take a trip up the 100 floors of one of Shanghai's tallest skyscrapers in the Manhattan-esq financial district, where the glass floor was quite a psychological challenge to walk over.

Sixth Form student Amy Gardner said: **"The culture was so different to anything I'd ever seen before and we got the opportunity to experience so much of it."**

**"My favourite part of the trip was the Shanghai Cruise at the end because it was amazing to see the city lit up at night. The lectures we attended were really informative and have definitely supported my Geography studies. It was also interesting to meet a Chinese school and take part in their lessons."**



## DEMONSTRATING DIPLOMACY

Fourteen pupils have taken part in the first Model United Nations conference of the academic year.

It was a packed two days for our delegates and they fully immersed themselves in conference.

Representatives from the school got the opportunity to research, debate and try to solve some of the world's most pressing problems, just like the real UN.

Four of the pupils ended the weekend with a certificate to show for their excellent efforts.

Alex Patsias was the 'Best Young Delegate' in the Security Council; Charlie Harrison picked up the same accolade for the Environment Committee; Jamie Carson was 'Commended' for the Environment Committee and Tobin Rose was 'Commended' in the Science Council.



## DISCOVERING DIFFERENT DELICACIES

Twenty six girls studying Life Studies visited Roby Church in Longsight to attend a food workshop run by Heart & Parcel.

During the day the girls watched, learnt, made and tried food created by local migrant women working on the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) qualification.

The trip follows on from the pupils' lessons on Britishness, living in a multicultural society, the positive impact of promoting integration and multiculturalism.

## ADVENTURE TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Pupils interested in Outdoor Education spent a busy weekend enjoying a number of exciting trips.

Kayakers spent the day at Manchester Canoe Club and mountain bikers journeyed around the trails of Oneplanet Adventure in Llandegla Forest.

The kayakers took to the water to work on their skills, with everyone benefitting from extended time in the boat.

There was a lot of muddy fun in Wales as riders spent time in the skills area before enjoying the long descent at their own pace.

Confidence and skills improved the longer the group spent in the saddle and they are looking forward to their next excursion.

## FIRST WORLD WAR HEROES REMEMBERED 100 YEARS ON

Sixty-nine historians from the Third Year and up took part in the school's annual journey to the battlefields of the First World War.

The trip, which took place over the Autumn half-term break and is led by the History Department, enabled pupils to visit a number of poignant First World War sites across northern France and Belgium.

On the first day, boys and girls visited the location of the nearly five month long Battle of the Somme which took place in 1916. Throughout the day, pupils visited a range of sites and museums, such as the underground museum in Albert and they learnt about the types of weaponry used in the Great War.

The group laid a wreath in memory of the Old Stopfordians lost in battle at the Memorial to the Missing at Thiepval and a minute's silence was observed.



On the second day, the group were able to experience what life was like for soldiers more than 100 years ago by exploring the accurately replicated underground bunkers and trenches at the Flanders Field Museum, Ypres.

A second wreath was laid by Joseph Eaton and Isabelle Horne at the moving Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres.

Nina Hedley, who spoke to Old Stopfordians at the Remembrance Day Reunion said: **"The trip was eye-opening and it brought what we had learnt during lessons into reality and put it all into perspective. Speaking to the Old Stopfordians during Remembrance Day was an honour and I would definitely recommend the trip to others."**



## GERMAN EXCHANGE VISITORS EXPERIENCE THE NORTH WEST

Our linguists welcomed pupils from German exchange school Städtisches Gymnasium for an action-packed week of trips.

After arriving at Stockport Grammar School and meeting their partners, our visitors spent the day familiarising themselves with the school and enjoying the experience of English school life.

The first trip out of school took the exchange pupils to Quarry Bank Mill where they explored the grounds and appreciated a tour of the Apprentice House.

They then spent the weekend with their host families and took part in a range of activities including swinging through the trees at Go Ape in Buxton.

After the weekend, our Outdoor Education Co-ordinator Adam Hughes took the German pupils orienteering.

The next day they set off towards east Manchester to visit the Etihad Stadium, home of Manchester City FC, before making the short journey to the city centre to do some shopping.

SGS pupils are looking forward to February 2019 when it will be their chance to make the return visit to Germany.

Katie Collier commented: **"I enjoyed the chance to be very 'English', like having an excuse to go out for fish and chips and have crumpets for breakfast. My exchange partner and I were very well matched and everybody got on."**

**"Neither of us can wait until February because we really want to see each other again and I would love to speak some German."**

Jessica Ward added: **"I found that my exchange partner Bentje's English improved over the course of the week. She helped me with my German and I am looking forward to going over to Germany and learning their culture."**

## NEW HEIGHTS REACHED IN SPAIN

Pupils on the climbing trip to Spain witnessed stunning views and honed their skills during a fun and enjoyable week in the autumn sun.

The boys and girls kicked the trip off with a visit to Alcalá, the perfect venue to allow them to get into the swing of things. Most pupils went straight into lead climbing and demonstrated some great climbing independence from the start.

The pupils built upon what they learnt in the first couple of days on their visit to Gandia crag. The climbs offered a variety of styles and the climbers showed their independence by selecting their own routes.

The final day saw the boys and girls travel to Forada, a crag only 30 minutes from the airport. The group packed up early and used the time to take a more adventurous route back through the cave that cuts through from the south side of the crag to the north – a nice little challenge to finish things off.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



## PUPILS TRAVEL BACK IN TIME ON YORK TRIP

Girls and boys in Year 4 experienced life as prehistoric settlers on their residential trip to Murton Park in York.

The pupils donned tunics and cloaks to spend the day on a purpose built prehistoric settlement to experience first-hand the life of a small community at the dawn of history.

Working in the village to make clay pots, grinding wheat, or out in the fields to till the soil, the pupils learned new skills as well as the hard work and perils of everyday life at that time.

On the second day, pupils wore full Roman armour to practise being guards. They also made a Roman soldier's dice game and wrote in Latin.

Their soldier training set them up well when a Celt came to try and raid their fort, with the children perfectly performing the testudo to send him packing.

Yasmine Zaki said: **"I loved this busy trip as I learned lots. The best part was being a Stone Age person, especially when we were taught how to hunt animals."**

## THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING

Junior School pupils supported homeless charity, The Wellspring Stockport, by collecting food for Harvest. Pupils gathered tinned food, pasta, chocolates, coffee, fruit and more to help those less fortunate than themselves. This taught pupils the importance of Harvest collections and regular donations to charity.

With a table full of food, pupils excitedly filled up the vehicle from the homeless charity and delivered the remainder to residents living in Queens Gardens, a local sheltered housing scheme.

During the school's Harvest assembly, Rev Liz Leaver delivered a talk and children discussed how lucky they were to have food, shelter and clothing.



## PRE-RECEPTION TAKE COMMUNITY TRIP

Pupils in Pre-Reception visited a bakery and a hair salon as they ventured to Davenport on a walking adventure.

Using their Green Cross Code knowledge they, along with the assistance of some helpers, crossed roads and strolled through Davenport Park before popping into Halo Hair Salon, the business of a Junior School parent.

They then made their way to Pilkington's Bakery where they bought freshly-made bread to make sandwiches with.

The trip was designed to help the boys and girls talk about shared experiences, understand what money is and what it is used for and to build relationships with the local community.

# YOUNG EXPLORERS ENJOY RESIDENTIAL

More than 60 Year 5 pupils enjoyed a busy three days of activities at their residential at Hollowford Centre in Castleton.

The boys and girls tried their hand at caving, climbing, zip-wiring, raft building, night walks and weaselling.

These challenges encouraged pupils to communicate and work as a team – qualities that they will use in everyday life, both in and out of school.

Pupil Ella Merryweather said: **“The caving was an amazing experience. We did it at night and when we came out of the cave there was a crescent moon. The experience has inspired me to do it again.”**

Adam Hughes, Outdoor Education Co-ordinator concluded: **“It was great to see pupils develop over the three days as they grew in confidence and embraced the opportunities. Well done, everyone.”**

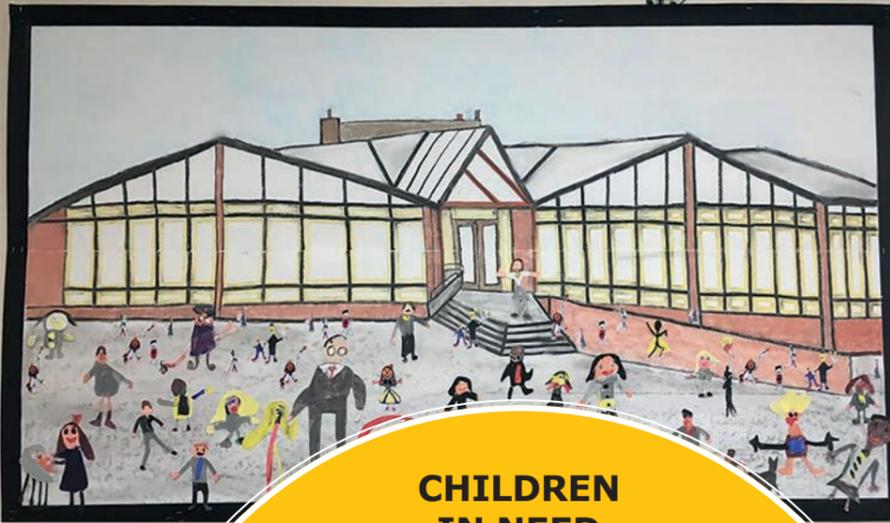


## TOURNAMENT TRIUMPH

Congratulations to our U11 Netball squad who finished third in a tournament at Leyland Sports Association, hosted by St Pius.

The girls won all but one of their games in the group stages and comfortably went through to the main competition in second place.

## L.S. Lowry



### CHILDREN IN NEED

Junior School pupils took part in a range of activities as they fundraised for BBC's Children in Need.

Enthusiastic and excited girls and boys donned a wide range of colourful outfits and donated £1 each.

Pupils also took part in a Children in Need themed quiz and some of the younger pupils decorated Pudsey Bear shortbread!

Earlier in the week, BBC Radio Manchester visited school as part of their 'Pound the Streets for Pudsey' initiative. Their Breakfast Show presenter Chelsea Norris interviewed pupils about what they were doing to raise money for the charity.

During assemblies and in the classroom, children learnt what it means to be 'in need'; whether that be due to a disability or illness, or other factors such as poverty, family issues or other problems, and why it is important that people lend a hand when they can.

All of the pupils' great work saw a fantastic **£590.33** raised for the charity

## LOWRY INSPIRES CREATION

Year 2 pupils demonstrated their artistic ability by creating a Lowry-style painting of the Junior School.

The boys and girls visited The Lowry at Salford Quays to find out more about the English artist and his distinctive style of painting.

Lowry is best known for his urban landscapes peopled with human figures, often referred to as "matchstick men".

The pupils built upon what they found out at the gallery by then taking part in an art afternoon. They attentively put brush to paper as they utilised the skills and techniques they garnered from their visit to The Lowry to create their very own "matchstick men".

They then cut out and stuck their finished products onto the painting of the front of the Junior School which is now proudly on display inside the building.

The boys and girls had a great time being creative and are excited to see their work on show.



## FOOTBALL SEASON KICKS OFF

The U11 football team has enjoyed a promising start to the season following their AJIS Cup qualifying round performance at King's School, Chester.

In the round robin competition, wins against Newcastle-under-Lyme School (2-0) and St Bede's College (3-0) and a defeat to The King's School Chester (3-0) saw them finish second in the group.

The following morning saw the same group of boys travel to The King's School in Macclesfield for the annual 7s competition.

Players secured opening draws against Altrincham Preparatory School (1-1) and Terra Nova School (2-2).

Soon the boys got into their stride and won the next three matches against King's Macclesfield (1-0), Bolton School (4-0) and Cheadle Hulme School (6-0).

With eight matches played over the two days and only one defeat, it is an encouraging start to the season.



## SCIENCE BRINGS FAIRGROUND TO LIFE

Year 5 pupils demonstrated their teamwork, engineering and programming skills at a K'NEX workshop delivered by STEMworks scientist, Simon Kettle. The pupils designed and built their own fairground model and learnt how to use computer programming software to control it.

The children created their own carousels or Ferris wheels using K'NEX construction kits and then wrote their own software programs using 'Flowol 4' software which made the models move, play music and show flashing lights.

Pupils had the opportunity to experiment with engineering techniques that included different structures, gears and other mechanisms whilst modelling their design.

Charlie Singleton from 5C said:

**"It was amazing how we could make our funfair rides move using computer programming. I was impressed with all of the models."**

## AUDIENCE TAKEN ON IMAGINATIVE JOURNEY

Reception and Key Stage One pupils enjoyed watching performances from Tell Tale Hearts as they delivered new production, 'Suitcase Stories'.

Traditional storytelling skills were shown in an interactive and fun way and the pupils were drawn into the performance by creating waves of water, becoming a royal army, discovering clever ways to hide their dancing fairies and organising a troublesome troop of monkeys.



## ART DAY

Year 6 pupils had a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious time during their Art Day as they worked on a number of Mary Poppins inspired artworks.

Mary Poppins is the story chosen for their Spring Production and the budding artists designed carousel horses and painted them on slate (like the pavement drawing in the film), produced wire hanging decorations and created Mary Poppins mannequins.

The day was aimed to teach pupils more about British sculptors.