

PE NEWS

The past couple of months have been very busy and successful for the PE department. We started with the Sports Presentation Evening. This annual event showcases the excellent sporting talent we have at Turton, and praises everyone for their hard work over the year.



The Year 9 Bolton Champions rounders team pictured with Lofty the Lion.

After the popular Year 7 & 10 Sports Days, we would like to congratulate 7T1 and 10S4 who became 2011 Form champions. All forms showed excellent camaraderie and team spirit for the running of this new event. We hope for better weather for the running of the Year 8 & 9 event towards the end of the term.

Another well done, to the 49 students who travelled over to Belfast to compete in football, basketball, hockey and netball matches vs. Lagan College. Torrential rain, and severe

Parents' Association

The PA have been busy raising funds during recent events that have included 'Bags 2 School', a 'Fun Run' and the 'Summer Prize Draw'.

The Bags2School event raised £115 and we are hoping that the collection in November will bring in lots more. The draw brought in a further £803, thank you to everyone who donated prizes and those who bought tickets.

The Fun Run, which was held on a very early Sunday morning in June, raised £250 and it was great to see so many students supporting the event.

weather warnings could not dampen team morale which was excellent. The Year 8 & 9 boys teams were victorious in both basketball and football and the girls teams only lost 1 netball and hockey fixture.



Congratulations also go to Melissa Dargan who won a silver medal at the English Schools Athletics Championships in Gateshead on the 2nd of July. This is a great achievement at a national championship for the javelin thrower from Year 9. She joins Ben Lloyd (Year 8, hammer) as one of the top ranked throwers in the country.

I would like to thank all of the students who have involved themselves in the PE department this year, as well as all the PE staff for making so much happen over the past 11 months. We look forward to more success in 2011-2012.

Mr J.Horman - Head of PE

With so much going on in the PE department students and parents can now get up to the minute info on TWITTER – follow us @TURTONPE

£100 of the money raised was donated to St John Ambulance who provided first aid cover on the morning of the run.

Many thanks to everyone for their continuing support.

Andrea Lomax - PA Chair



STUDENTS USE THEIR LOAF

Thanks to the generous funding from Hovis, Bright Futures, a national company, ran an Enterprise event for all our Year 8 students. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to practise life skills in a fun and active way.

The workshop covered those key employability skills needed for success in school, such as effective communication, risk taking, team work and problem solving: all skills needed in "can-do" people who can "make things happen".

Students said "It was great fun! We learned about making a good impression with employers as well as how important it is to work as part of a team".

Hovis, commented: "It is vitally important for our own industry and for our country's economic recovery that students get the maximum benefit from their education. To be successful in the future, good exam results are important, but young people will also need to develop those key employability skills of teamwork, problem solving, customer care and effective communication. What we like about the Bright Futures' programme is that it introduces young people to all these elements."

**Ursula Hodgson
Student Achievement Co-ordinator**



The winning team from S Band.



Turton High School Media Arts College Newsletter

Time to celebrate and say farewell!

This has been a year of huge achievement for the school and this final newsletter gives a flavour of some of our many successes.

As we go to press, we await the official report from UNICEF after last week's Rights Respecting Schools Award inspection. This may not come until the new term in September, because, like OFSTED, there is a national validation and verification process. However, without breaching any protocols, I can confirm that the inspectors have recommended Turton for the award. I would like to

thank publicly all the students, staff, parents and governors who were observed or interviewed last week and who contributed so much to our success.

Being one of thirty schools nationwide chosen last year to feature in OFSTED's Best Practice Report on Safeguarding and Pastoral Care was indeed an honour. But, to be one of only three high schools in the country to receive UNICEF's highest accolade, the first non-faith school and the first in the north of England, is a stunning achievement. There are many things we want to improve still at Turton but this level of national recognition is a real boost as we keep making plans for an even better future.

This is also a sad time in some ways as we say goodbye to several colleagues who are retiring this summer or moving to pastures new, in some cases after literally a lifetime of service to the school. We will miss them all but trust they will keep in touch and share in our future successes.

We wish them all well and look forward to working with the new team in September. So for now, thanks to all parents for your constant support this year. I wish you and your families an enjoyable summer break and hope all our students receive the success they deserve in the summer examination results.

**Best regards
John Porteous - Headteacher**

Turton Team Win Go4Set Regional Final



The winners - Frozen Falls Team
Fourteen students from Year 9 recently presented the results of 15 weeks work to a team of assessors from Ferranti Technologies, Oldham. Each team had to develop a project with the aim of creating new sports opportunities to fulfil the community's needs.

Both teams decided on a sports centre but with different objectives and aspirations. The Frozen Falls team decided on a Winter sports complex based near the Reebok stadium to complement other sporting outlets in the vicinity. The Iron Man team wanted to develop a sports centre that incorporated facilities for those people with a wide range of disabilities to take part in a large variety of sports.

Each team organised their own project including developing, designing and building their own model. They each produced a report and then had to display and present their work on 15th June to parents, visitors from a variety of schools and a large number of Year 6 students.

The Frozen Falls team beat both St Catherine's Academy and Bolton School teams to become the Bolton Regional winners. They were

presented with their trophy at the Key Stage 3 Achievement Evening by Mark Wood (National Champion Go4SET).

All the students will now have the opportunity to put their work forward for a prestigious silver CREST award.

Caroline Barcham and Rakesh Patel



The Iron Man Team

LPPA

Private Fostering

Is your child or a child you know being looked after by someone who is not their parent?

Many people don't realise that by law Bolton Council must be notified by parents and carers when they make arrangements for their child to be cared for by friends, neighbours or extended family for more than 28 days. When parents make plans for their child to be cared for like this it is called a Private Fostering Arrangement. Private Fostering happens for lots of different reasons some of which include:-

- Children living with a friend's family as a result of separation, divorce or problems at home
- Children sent to this country for education or health care by birth parents living overseas
- Teenagers living with the family of a boyfriend or girlfriend
- Teenagers who have broken ties with their parents and are staying with friends or non-relatives
- Those living with host families whilst pursuing courses of study

As many privately fostered children experience feelings of loneliness, confusion and anxiety because they are separated from their birth families, it is the council's responsibility to make sure the children are safe, happy and well. The council will work with parents, the child and the private foster carers to make sure:-

- Carers are trustworthy by checking police records on the carer and members of the household
- Have a home that is safe for the child
- Carers are supported to care for the child if necessary
- Carers are able to look after the child's physical, emotional, educational and cultural needs
- Carers have enough money to care for the child

What do you need to do?

If you are considering a private fostering arrangement at the moment, have already made an arrangement or you know a child who may be being privately fostered please take action.

You can speak to a member of staff in the school or phone Bolton Safeguarding Children Board on 01204 337479 or email boltonsafeguardingchildren@bolton.gov.uk to find out more about what you need to do.

Communication

The Pastoral Team have been using text messaging and emails to keep parents more informed about events, important dates and some issues in school. We would like your feedback so that we can continue to improve our communication to parents. Please email any comments or positive suggestions to: hodgsonu@tmac.uk.com.

Ursula Hodgson
LPPA Co-ordinator

TMAC A Match For Anyone

The Reebok Stadium was treated to one of its most thrilling games of the season on the 11th June as a Turton High School staff football team took to the field against Bolton Wanderers Community Trust.

What followed was a match of epic proportions with Bolton Wanderers Community Trust eventually coming out as 7-5 winners. Despite two goals apiece for Mr McElroy and Mr

Carr, another one from Mr King and some athletic saves from Mr Bigland the spirited Turton side were unable to fight back from being 5-1 down shortly after half time.

The 11 aside football match was organised by Head of PE Mr Horman as part of improved links between Turton's PE department and Bolton Wanderers FC and the Turton squad was drawn from a variety of different departments around school. Mr Horman is confident that the fixture will become an annual event and that



Duke of Edinburgh

Once again it is expedition time and this year's Bronze group went out onto the moors of Rivington and the West Pennines once more to fulfil their last element of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. On a beautiful and sunny weekend the students showed a high level of self sufficiency, teamwork and dedication. All staff commented on how well prepared and enthusiastic each and every pupil was across the two days.

Over the past twelve months twenty six Year 10s have been working hard to complete three or six month's worth of planned activity in either a voluntary, skill or physical capacity. All students have dedicated countless hours to their award and the final expedition on the 2nd -3rd July was the culmination of a year's worth of hard work and self discipline. During the summer their log books will be collated and checked by Bolton MBC and by September all students who have met the required criteria will be presented with their Bronze Award Certificate and badge.

This year's Bronze group has been an overwhelming success and all the Duke of Edinburgh team are looking forward to next year's recruits and the success they will undoubtedly bring.

Matthew Scott - D of E Co-ordinator

next year the Turton team will be victorious.

Chris Bigland - Editor



The Turton team ready for action.

MUSIC NEWS

Roland Champion School



As of September, Turton will be one of the few schools in the UK to become a 'Roland Champion School'. This is an exciting partnership between the music department, Roland UK and Dr Jonathan Savage, PGCE Music lecturer at MMU. The school will benefit by having the support of Roland who will provide a range of music software to the music department free of charge, as well as hugely discounted prices for much needed equipment. Both Roland and Dr Savage will also support the department in the use of this technology, to deliver new and unique ways in which students can experience music in school. This is an exciting time for the music department and we are looking forward to working closely with both Roland and Dr Savage.

Summer Fair Performances

Ensembles from Turton performed at the Bromley Cross Summer Fair and then again at Harwood Meadows Fair. Unfortunately the weather was not too kind whilst we were at Harwood and we were stuck inside – however we certainly livened things up for the audience.

KS3 Celebration

The Junior Jazz Band and vocalist Alice Finn entertained the audience as part of the KS3 Achievement Evening.

Have A Little Faith

The 8th and 9th of June saw the Faith and Ethic's department take Year 7 students to visit various places of worship in Bolton. This visit was the climax of a scheme of work entitled Faith and Ethics and Me, looking at places of worship in the students' local community. The visit, which was organised with the assistance of Bolton's Inter-faith council, involved the students visiting a Church, a Mandir and a Mosque. They had the opportunity to explore these places of worship and ask questions to members of the faith communities. The students were a credit to Turton, really embracing the school's Rights Respecting ethos as they adhered to the dress codes of the places of worship and conducted themselves in a manner appropriate for each

The band enjoyed the opportunity to play on the Victoria Hall's broad stage and celebrate achievements at KS3 with members of Year 7 - 9, year groups which provide the bulk of the players for this ensemble.

Summer Concert

The department gave their final concert this academic year before three of the bands set off for their German concert tour. All music department ensembles were featured as well as a good number of soloists. Highlights included 'Gentle Breeze' - a new trumpet feature for Will Chambers (Y12) and the Senior Jazz Band; Ross Smith (Y8) performed some of his grade 8 piano repertoire (his exam was the following day!); The Orchestra played two more original compositions penned especially for them by Mr Closs.

Jazz Bands & Wind Band – Black Forest, Germany (18th-22nd July)

The bands met late in the evening on Sun 17th July for their final rehearsal preparations for the German tour. As you read this article we are downing copious amounts of Black Forest Gateaux and entertaining audiences in the very swish spa town of Baden Baden (you know ...where all the 'wags' stayed during the last World Cup).

Further details of the concert tour will be released in the next newsletter when we return.

Stuart Shepherd - Music

venue. The department would like to thank the Inter-Faith Council for all their help and look forward to future visits, and continue to fully embrace the importance of community cohesion.

Jeanette Edge - Head of Faith & Ethics



Students studying the hand painted ceiling at the Hindu temple.

Dance

This year students were involved in many exciting opportunities in dance.

GCSE students are currently working towards achieving their Dance Leaders' awards by running after school clubs in local primary schools. Throughout the year several professional artists have worked with students, students have worked with a dance artist from 'Arcane Dance Company' preparing performance pieces for exam work and students from various years were privileged to work with 'Frantic Assembly Physical Theatre Company'.

Ex-Turton Student Beth Fogg who is currently in her third year at LIPA delivered several workshops for students who are considering dance as a career.

Year 13 students took part in 'Youth Dance England's Young Creatives Project' which involved an intensive workshop at the Royal Opera House in London. Year 12 students Hannah McFarlane, Hannah Roberts, Leanne Cunliffe and Year 13 student Sabrina Princeton performed at 'The Bolton Dance Festival'. Lucy Barber and Hannah Parsons performed at the Lowry as part of a North West dance event.

Dance Academy is currently rehearsing work that will be performed as a part of the 'Symphony of Dance Showcase' in July.

Jack Pilkington has successfully auditioned for 'Stride'; a boy's youth dance company run by professional artists from Company Chameleon. Erin Pollitt has been awarded a scholarship for the Central School of Ballet summer school in London. Year 13 students Hannah Parsons, Ellie Harulow and Lucy Barber have gained places at university to study dance at degree level.

The dance show in March was a fantastic success with outstanding performances by students - Well done everybody!

Laura Haygarth
Head of Dance