

16th November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of the conversion process to become an academy, we have been reviewing the school's curriculum. This will require the implementation of a new one-week timetable instead of the current two-week timetable and a three-year Key Stage Four. Therefore, Year 9 will begin exam courses once the new timetable is in place. In order to maximise achievement in Years 10 and 11, some pupils will receive additional lessons in English and maths which will also require changes to their current provision. For the majority of pupils, there will be no major changes; however, there will be more significant changes for a small number of pupils in Years 10 and 11. If this affects your child, we will inform you individually and invite you to a meeting at school to explain further. Thank you for your continuing support at this exciting time of development for the school and our pupils.



Last Wednesday Brandon Mayor and Ben Tudor travelled to the Tower of London with Miss Ashworth and former Head of Humanities Mrs Cheshire to attend a prestigious awards event in the New Armouries Banqueting Suite. They collected the National 'Legacy 110' Award for the video which was made on their return from the tour of First World War Battlefields in March, as part of the commemorations of the Battle of Manchester Hill. Their video was shown at the ceremony and also as part of their prize they were given a tour of the Tower of London. They all had a super day and a big thank you must go to Miss Ashworth for organising and co-ordinating the logistics of what was a very long day!

Last Friday we had a Remembrance Service in school with Years 7, 8 and 9. The service was attended by members from Veterans in the Community, the Chair of Governors, school governors, representatives from the Fire Service and friends of the school. We heard readings from both Kalumn Ridgway and Dale Lord who spoke of their experiences recently in Belgium and France, as reported in last week's newsletter. The service was incredibly poignant and I am so proud of our pupils as their behaviour was impeccable and this was noted and commented on by all of our visitors. Well done to everyone who was involved; this was a superb effort and all who attended were very moved. Thank you to Mrs Panteli for organising the assembly.



On Wednesday this week we held a careers fair in school where representatives from local colleges, universities, training providers, employers including the army were invited in. All pupils were given the opportunity to explore the different options available to them when they leave school. Thank you to Mrs Bollard-Wilkes the School Careers Adviser, for organising and co-ordinating this important event.

Please note that in the event school is closed, for example, due to bad weather; the procedure is as follows:

We will endeavour to make a decision by 7.00am and a notice will be posted on the school website www.fearns.lancs.sch.uk parents are also advised to listen to Radio Lancashire 95.5, 103.9, 104.5FM, DAB and Freeview ch. 720 for updates if they are not able to access the internet.

The safety of our pupils is always a key priority. May I take this opportunity to remind all pupils who come into school on their bikes that they must be mindful that at this time of year with darker mornings and poorer weather, they are harder to be seen by motorists. Please ensure they have lights, your child wears a helmet and that their bike is roadworthy. Pupils who walk to school also need to

use their common sense and their road safety knowledge. Please remind your child of the dangers of losing concentration when crossing the road. Thank you for your support.

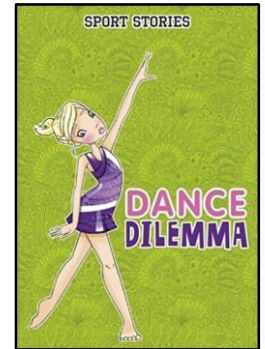


Bert the Bookworm Recommends...

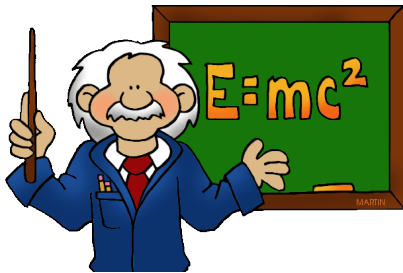
Dancing Dilemma

I thought this book was really good because of the passion that Hannah has for the dancing team and how it shows the relationship between Hannah and Caitlin. They started off as best friends but Caitlin cared more about a boy (Connor) than Hannah and the dance solos. Hannah has to decide which is more important, her best friend or the dance solos.

Crystal Kilburn – 7F



Numeracy Question



The answer to last week's numeracy question is 506.

This week's numeracy question is: A space diagonal joins two vertices that are not the same face. How many space diagonals has an icosahedron? (It has twenty triangular faces.)

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs H Stead
Headteacher