

Ashton on Mersey Sixth Form Newsletter

Duke of Edinburgh Trip to Lyme Park

On Wednesday 18th November, the Duke of Edinburgh enrichment group embarked on an adventure around Lyme Park.

Unfortunately, as we arrived the rain continued to fall! - as it had all morning, - much to the amusement of many staff and students watching the group going out to face the elements. However, this did not lower the spirits of the group as Chris Stockton (now known as Ray Mears) led the way into treacherous conditions.

The walk was full of surprises, climbs, falls, slips and general amusement as yet another person got stuck in mud, fell in water, lost their shoe, the list goes on.... The rain continued to fall throughout the day, but just added to the fun.

As we came to the end of the walk- or should I say never ending walk, we stopped for lunch. At this point, Sam Gallagher thought it would be a great idea to chase a hare- much to the amusement of the group who were watching close by.

The groups map reading skills' seemed very impressive until Mr Reeve took charge of the map to discover that we had been led straight into the park's restricted area!

The day was full of laughter but mostly at the point where Claire fell knee deep in mud, followed by Mr Reeve, aka 'The Expert', who slipped down a hill on his bottom!

The D of E Enrichment Group

Football Highlights....

The 6th Form 1st team took another step towards defending their title yesterday as they beat Cardinal Langeley school convincingly 5 -0 in the Greater Manchester Cup. Matthew Warburton scored 3, Ben Shawcross & Aaron Best scored the others. MoM Aaron Best.

The previous week the first team were involved in a thrilling game against Deyes High School from Liverpool in the 4th round of the English Schools Cup. After 20 minutes the team found themselves 3 - 0 down in what was the worst display of football they have ever given. The second half sparked them into life and they finally raised their game to the level which they are capable of and what is expected from them to score 3 goals early on. A fourth was scored before Deyes equalised in the last few minutes to take the game into extra time. Dale Whittam scored a penalty to send them through into the next round but man of the match was Martin Winstanley who changed the game after coming on at half time and scored 2.

Mr Szmid



Children In Need– Friday 20th November 2009

Friday 20th November was dress in red or yellow day to raise money for Children in Need. All the Sixth Formers really got into the spirit of this and we raised a massive £239.60.

During break and lunch time, the cooking enrichment group sold cakes that they had baked, whilst other activities such as Pudsey face painting took place.

Emily Hill and Charlotte Bent spent the entire day bouncing around on space hoppers and raised over £100!!- Well done girls, you definitely deserve it!

Mr Parry, Mr Taylor, Lee Savage and Jordan Worstencroft kindly volunteered to have their legs waxed for sponsorship– the pain was written all over their faces! They really helped in raising a lot of money for the charity, so thank you to all those who dug deep and sponsored, but a special thank you to these brave people for taking the pain!

At the end of the day to raise some more money, the Sixth Form held 'throw a wet sponge at a teacher' event which funnily enough, students seemed to take great pleasure in!

It was great to see everyone getting really involved in the activities and truly enjoying themselves. We managed to raise over £600! Thank you to the Student Council for arranging all the activities. I know everyone really enjoyed the day.



Business Enterprise Day– Wednesday 17th November 2009

On Tuesday 17th November, Year 12 took part in the nationwide Make Your Mark Challenge as part of Global Entrepreneurship Week 2009. Pupils had to work in teams to produce an idea for a low carbon business with local inspiration.

The teams had to pitch their ideas to a panel of judges from local businesses and students from Manchester Metropolitan University.

Ideas ranged from Digital Receipts to Recycled Birthday Cards.

The winning team was SMOUP who came up with the idea for a business using locally sourced fruits and vegetables to produce soups and smoothies which are then delivered by bike.

Congratulations to winning group members:

Megan Nicholson
Jack Steele-Green
Rebecca Hibberd
Paul Simons
Rio Farquharson
Niall Holt
Maxwell Holt

who won Trafford Centre vouchers as well as the opportunity to enter the national competition.

Outstanding mentions on the day went to Michael Mulholland for his entrepreneurial skills, Nathan Stuart for his presentation skills and Mia Axon for her willingness to answer questions. All the pupils were commended by the judges for their creativity and willingness to involve themselves in the day.

All of the students rose to the challenge well, using enterprise skills such as Teamwork, Innovation and Communication and were a credit to the Sixth Form.

