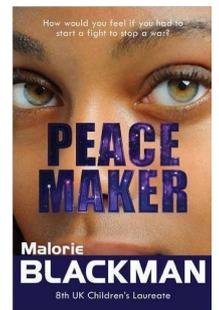


Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at Broughton. Last Monday, over seventy pupils from various primary schools attended our **Festival of Science**. As usual, our Year 9 pupils were excellent ambassadors and the children enjoyed manipulating all the unfamiliar apparatus, wearing huge goggles, as well as being engrossed in various experiments. The highlights were definitely launching air-powered rockets with Dr Wright and Mr Brady's Spectacular Science Show. Thank you to Miss Taylor, Mr Brady and Dr Wright for coordinating such a fascinating programme of activities.



Last week, thirty pupils accompanied Mrs Higham, Miss Cross and Mr Tomlin on our **annual 'Paris Trip'**. Despite the stormy weather, everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the full Parisian tourist experience. On Thursday of last week, we welcomed pupils from Barton St Lawrence, our partner school in the **Preston TSA Peace Maker reading programme**. Eight pupils from Mrs Lees' Year 7 English class and Year 5/6 pupils from Barton St Lawrence have been reading the same book (Peace Maker) and they met to exchange their views on the novel.



As I was about to leave one evening last week, I met Mr Marquis returning from a fixture ... a **Handball tournament** to be precise. The match report is elsewhere in this newsletter, but it is a further example of the



widening participation and diversification across a number of sports. Our handball team includes numerous pupils who have never represented the school previously, which is so important. It was

encouraging to meet so many parents of **Year 11** at **last Thursday's Parents' Evening**. Attendance was 90%. This was combined with a 'How to help your child revise' session and every parent/pupil received a personalised revision pack containing syllabus details for every subject, helpful hints and an array of revision materials. If you are a **parent of a Year 10 pupil** please look for the **Annual School Report** which will be coming home in a brown envelope on **Wednesday 20 March**. I look forward to seeing many of you at the **Easter Music Concert** on **Tuesday 26 March** and at the **Year 9 Parents' Evening** on **Thursday 28 March**.



Next week, we have invited in representatives from **Lancashire Police to give a strong message about knife crime to pupils in Years 9 and 10**. It will be frank and designed to prevent any of our pupils from ever carrying a knife.

As always, if you are happy or unhappy with any aspect of life here at Broughton, please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email address is morrisc@broughtonhigh.co.uk.

Chris Morris, Headteacher

PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 2 April at 6.30pm

All Welcome



Easter Music Concert

Tuesday 26 March

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 28 March





Easter Concert Tuesday 26th March 2019



The Easter Concert will take place on **26th March** in the **Sports Hall** at Broughton High School.

Starting at **7.00pm**.

Tickets available from the school office

Price: Adults £5.00 Concessions £3.00



Mr Grindrod



Geoffrey Chaucer (c.1343-1400)

C is for Chaucer!

Geoffrey Chaucer was born between 1340 and 1345, probably in London. His father was a prosperous wine merchant.

We do not know any details of his early life and education. Chaucer is known as the 'Father of English literature', and he was the first writer to be buried in Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey.

The Canterbury Tales is an ambitious collection of stories in a range of poetic (and in one case, prose) forms. It imagines a group of 31 pilgrims who meet while travelling to the shrine of [Thomas Becket](#) in Canterbury. To pass the time, they decide to tell two tales to the assembled company on the journey there and the journey home. This extraordinary work, which presents a portrait of late medieval Britain with humour and tragedy, was left unfinished when Chaucer died in 1400, but it – along with much of his other verse – is still celebrated as some of the greatest works in the English language.



Illuminated manuscript of the prologue to 'The Canterbury Tales', Chaucer's best known work.

Alexander Walmsley, 7C says, "I admire and respect Chaucer because he was one of the first people to write poetically in English. He wrote right up until his death, which shows his commitment to writing as well as his imagination and skill."

Mrs Hardman

Learn it CHALLENGE

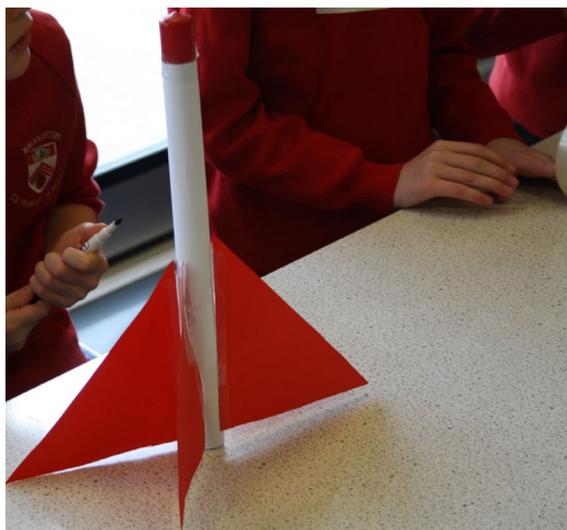
Current Affairs

1. **Ethiopian Airlines** is the national airline which was recently involved in a fatal air crash.
2. Public health chiefs have called for drivers to 'stop idling' outside schools. All drivers need to **turn their engines off**.
3. **Twickenham** is the home of the England Rugby Union team.
4. A dairy farm has pledged to make its operations carbon neutral by 2050. Typically, **Methane, Carbon Dioxide and Nitrous Oxide** are the gases from a dairy which contribute to climate change.
5. **George Michael** is the deceased pop star whose extensive visual art collection has just been auctioned.
6. **Mike Ashley** is the entrepreneur attempting to take over Debenhams.
7. The price changes of 700 goods and services are used by the Office of National Statistics to measure the movement of a 'basket' of goods and services. This is the calculation of **Inflation**.
8. Three major rivers closest to Preston are: **Ribble, Lune, Wyre**.
9. The population of Preston is **c. 140,000**.
10. **Lancaster** is the county town and **Preston** is the administrative/political town for Lancashire.

Broughton Festival of Science

11th March 2019

To celebrate National Science week, the Science department invited over 70 primary pupils from **Cottam, Broughton, Fulwood & Cadley, Harris, Queen's Drive and Barton St Lawrence primary schools** to the annual Broughton Festival of Science.



The youngsters had an exciting morning with Miss Taylor and Dr Wright, burning fuels and building and **launching air powered rockets**.



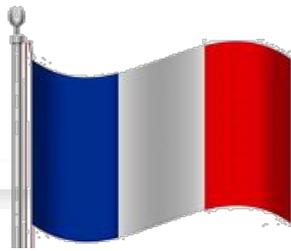
Mr Brady dazzled and entertained the pupils with his Chemistry show.

The day went superbly and all the primary pupils were a credit to their respective schools.

A special thanks to all the catering staff and especially our **pupil helpers from Year 9** for helping make the day a great success:

**Finlay Bamber, Hugh Gleave, Dante Bragagnini,
Bethany Andrews, Charlotte Chan-Wenske, Emelia Barker,
Azal-Avez Shahid, Katy Redmond and Harvey Price**

Miss Taylor



Paris 2019

Year 10 GCSE French pupils have just returned from a highly enjoyable visit to Paris. A group of 30 pupils, accompanied by Miss Cross, Mr Tomlin and Mrs Higham have spent a busy, fun-filled and memorable 3 days in the capital. We travelled by plane to Paris and checked into our hotel, located close to Disneyland Paris. A great hotel with a stunning 'all you can eat breakfast' and evening meal. Broughton took full advantage of the hash browns, croissants and pain au chocolat at breakfast and then re-fuelled from the stunning dessert choices in the evening. We spent 2 days visiting the cultural sights in Paris. Despite some inclement weather on our first day, we managed to reach the summit of the Eiffel Tower and enjoy the views, before it closed due to high winds. I can personally vouch that the Tower really was built to sway with the wind! With our feet firmly back on the ground, we then embarked upon a river cruise followed by a walk through the elegant streets lined with designer shops to visit the Arc de Triomphe, stopping for a little retail therapy on the way.



Day 2 was spent taking part in the obligatory visit to Disney, where staff and pupils enjoyed the attractions. A highlight was the "Spectacle Son et Lumière" in the evening, the light, music and fireworks extravaganza was both "émouvant and époustouflant" (moving and mind blowing). Year 10 have really extended their vocabulary of opinions. Our last day took us back into Paris for a visit to Notre Dame, Centre Pompidou, Montmartre and Sacre Coeur. The sun shone brightly for us today as we enjoyed wandering around the ancient streets on Montmartre watching the artist at work on their paintings.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Miss Cross and Mr Tomlin for their energy and support throughout the visit and all of the Year 10 pupils who were a joy to take to France. They are such a good spirited, happy and kind group of young people and their attitude and behaviour throughout the whole visit was exemplary. Merci mille fois.

Mrs Higham



Handball

Last week, the Year 9 boys played in their inaugural Handball Tournament at Archbishop Temple School. Handball is one of the most popular sports across Europe and is slowly coming into this country. After only a few sessions in PE to practice, we arrived at the tournament with a little apprehension. However, these nerves were soon calmed as the team got off to a fantastic start taking to the games incredibly well. What was particularly impressive was the team's ability to apply tactics discussed prior to the game and apply them within the competition.

The team, comprising of a mixture of boys from across Years 8 and 9, won both their games and are looking forward to the next set of games in a week's time.

Mr Marquis



Athletics

On Wednesday last week, Broughton took three teams of boy and girl athletes from Year 7 and 8 to represent Preston District at the County Indoor Athletics Finals in Blackpool. Broughton were represented at Year 7 girls, Year 8 girls and Year 8 boys with the Year 7 boys narrowly missing out to Archbishop in the qualifiers.

This event is hard to predict, with staff only seeing what is happening in the array of track events with the Field activities taking place in observed out of the view of staff. After all the events were complete we had an idea that the girls could place in the top 3 at both age groups and the boys possibly in the top 4 in the county.

However, with some fantastic performances in the Shot, Standing Long, Triple, Vertical Jump and Speed Bounce, the Broughton teams had again excelled beyond expectation. With the **girls taking 1st place in both age categories** and the **boys placing 2nd overall by only 12 points**.

Congratulations to all involved, in particular **the girls' teams who are the Lancashire Champions**, which is an amazing result with over sixteen schools there representing their Districts from across the county.

Also thanks to Miss Hargreaves who has been training the pupils on a Monday lunch and after school.

Mr Marquis

Ex-Pupil, Emily Bennett

I was delighted to hear recently of the success of a former Broughton pupil. **Emily Bennett** left Broughton in 2012 and went on to study Medicine at Nottingham University. She passed her medical school exams at the beginning of March and will take up her first post in the North West in August.

Emily's dad said, "Emily had a great time at high school and her success now is in part due to the support and encouragement she received throughout".

Many congratulations to Emily. All the hard work and determination has come to fruition. Good luck in your new job.

Mr Morris

Word of the Week

callous (adj)

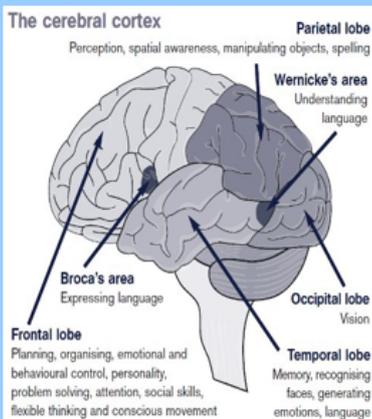
Definition: harsh, cold, unfeeling

The murderer's **callous** lack of remorse shocked the jury.



Create a mind map...

How to develop deeper thinking and independence within your child



Did you know that using a mind map is one of the best ways to unlock the potential of the brain? It actually harnesses the full range of cortical skills.

Try asking your child to create a detailed mind map which outlines their knowledge of a certain topic...

Illustrated versions are even better!

