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## Newsletter

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### **Diversity Collage to Celebrate Pendle**

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February I was delighted to represent Lomeshaye Junior School along with Mr and Mrs Cooper, parents and learners who attended the unveiling of a piece of art work at Victoria Park Pavilion Community Hub which 10 of our year 6 learners contributed to making as part of a local project entitled 'The Essence of Pendle.'

The 'Essence of Pendle' project is funded by the Near Neighbours grant. Learners from local Primary and Secondary schools as well as students from Nelson and Colne College came together with members of the local community to deepen understanding about our diverse community and enrich our personal knowledge and experience in a practical manner.

Local artist, Gosha Gibek, worked with learners to create positive examples of cross-community expression in a celebration of the people, culture and landscapes of Pendle, inspired by themes of family, spirituality, food, culture, climate and environment.

Hafsa and Natasha in 6 Elder stated.

'Going to the art event was an amazing experience as we were able to communicate with people that we did not know and meet children from other schools. Knowing that our artwork will be displayed for everyone to enjoy for years to come, is a great feeling.'



### **Paralympian in School**

This week we were privileged to welcome to our school the inspirational double Paralympian, Ayaz Bhuta. He shared with us his journey to winning gold at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics and inspired us to be confident, believe in ourselves and show that we can do anything. He then shared aspects of his daily training routine by putting all learners through a fitness circuit before showing his gold medal and some amazing wheelchair skills.

'We were inspired by his determination and the resilience he showed to not allow his disability to hold him back. Throughout his life he had to break down many barriers and even face rejection, but still managed to achieve his dreams.'

### **6 Ash Learners**



### **Parental Support**

Some of you may be aware that Mrs Safdar our Parent Liaison Officer is currently off work due to health reasons. We feel that it is important that you, our families, get the support from School that you need. As a result of the collaboration with Marsden, we are very lucky to be able to welcome Mrs Shazia Butt to be a point of contact, should you require support or if you have any concerns about your child/ren or your family. She will be in post on Tuesdays and you can contact her via the school office on 01282 612063 or [sbutt@lomeshaye.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:sbutt@lomeshaye.lancs.sch.uk) or contact Mrs Kelly.

### **School Expectations**

Please ensure that learners do not bring any items not essential for school, into school because it is a distraction from their learning. A number of learners have recently brought in football cards. Anything of this nature will be confiscated and not returned until the end of term.

### **Risk Assessment Update**

Please read below the bullet points which summarise the updated Risk assessment which is in accordance with the Government's Operational Updates – February 2022. This has been published on the website and must be adhered to by all staff, learners and parents.

- Parents need to teach children good hygiene by promoting 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' followed by effective handwashing using warm water and soap
- The one way system for drop off and collection will continue and only one parent / carer is to come into the yard
- Isolation from school for those displaying the main Covid symptoms will be seven days as we define our classrooms as crowded places
- The main three symptoms are still defined as a persistent cough, change /or loss of taste and /or smell, high temperature

- Learners assessed to have symptoms will be sent home
- If school informs parents that their child has symptoms then they must take their child for a PCR test and inform the school of the results. If the test is negative they can return to school
- If the parent does not take their child for a PCR test then they will be advised to keep their child at home for 7 days
- Those who have tested positive for coronavirus must not attend school for 7 days
- Learners can return to school if they can prove a negative lateral flow test on day 6 or 7 but if this is positive they remain at home
- When a parent / carer insists on their child attending school, the Headteacher can take the decision to refuse attendance if (in their reasonable judgement) it is necessary to protect other learners and staff from possible infection
- It is highly requested that all visitors to school wear face coverings, including on the yards at the beginning and end of the day
- The school encourages conversations with parents are held on the telephone or zoom as far as possible but where deemed appropriate face to face meetings will be held in a well ventilated room and with masks worn
- It is important to avoid contact with anyone who has Covid symptoms
- There is no longer a requirement to test if an individual has mixed with a confirmed case but it is suggested that lateral flow tests are used for 7 days, especially where there has been close contact for at least 15 minutes
- Individuals who live in the same household as someone who tests positive should take a test and it is suggested that lateral flow tests are taken for 7 days.
- When teaching staff fall ill and test positive there is a strong likelihood school will remain open as contingency plans are in place for cover as far as possible
- All individuals travelling from abroad must adhere to the Government travel advice for that country and return to England

