



Fred Longworth High School Newsletter



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SCHOOL PROVES IT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Students from a Wigan school were named local winners of Greater Manchester Police's Make a Difference Campaign. The award was presented to youngsters from Fred Longworth High School, Tyldesley, by Wigan division's Chief Supt, Ian Harrison, during a visit to the school.

The campaigning challenges young people impact on their communities by using their energy, ideas and enthusiasm to tackle local problems of crime and disorder.

LIVERPOOL ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL 'PILGRIMAGE' PROJECT 2004

Merseyside Dance Initiative has been commissioned to produce an exciting performance project for the Anglian Cathedral celebrations in 2004. The project is a cross-generational project working with many different art forms and will be delivered across 16 deaneries across the Northwest.

30 Fred Longworth High School students have been selected to represent Wigan in this fantastic event. Over the next 6-12 weeks the

pupils will be working with leading artists in dance, vocal expert and a visual artist, to devise a piece of work that will be showcased on Saturday 8th May and Saturday 17th July. If you require any further information please contact Miss Rowley on 01942 883796.

DANCE WORKS @ THE LOWRY

On Sunday 28th March a group of Year 10 students from Fred Longworth High School, will be representing Wigan in Dance Works at the Lowry. The group will be performing alongside resident rock band

'The Fall of Society'. For more information please contact Miss. L. Rowley (Community Arts Co-ordinator)

MASC DANCE/DRAMA COMPANY

Fred Longworth High School is seeking new members for are Dance/Drama company. Anyone aged 16-25 years old with a learning disability and has a keen interest in dance and drama is welcome. Workshops are held at Fred Longworth High School every Wednesday from 6.00p.m. until 7.00p.m.

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NEW BUILDING

As you will know, a new Art block is due to be built at school.

The work is scheduled to start at Easter and will take twelve months to complete.

As soon as we have moved in to the new block, internal re-modelling and refurbishment of the existing Art and Textiles rooms will begin and should be completed by September 2005.

The next 18 months will be a very busy time and since the building work will take place at the front of school, access to the site will be difficult. For safety reasons it is essential that we minimise the number of vehicles coming on site during the work. Parents are asked to help us with this by avoiding bringing their cars on to the site.

Towards Easter, we will send out further information about routes into school and safety arrangements.

Obviously we will do all we can to minimise disruption and will ensure that we are 'open as usual'. With the help and co-operation of all we look forward to having use of a wonderful new facility.

OUR DAY AT A SPACE SCIENCE WORKSHOP!

A small group of Year 9 students were selected to visit Rosebridge High School. In the morning they watched a video about the British Space



Project to put a space buggy on Mars. For the rest of the morning they built their own rockets and then just before lunch had a competition to see which travelled the furthest.

A group of Year 11 students also attended the day as helpers, a few of them forgot this when the idea of



racing their own rocket came up!

After lunch the group made their own space buggy using a small electronics kit. They really enjoyed this. Some students also tried to get their buggy to communicate via the morse code using a flashing light and buzzer.

All in all it was a very good day which the students and myself enjoyed. We got a chance to do some very creative science and the students who attended the day were a credit to Freddie's. Well done chaps!

JEWISH MUSEUM VISIT

On January 12th a group of Year 7 students visited the Jewish Museum and did a workshop with the performance poet Leah Thorn. The topic was 'To be a refugee'. Below is a poem that they created.

How many goodbyes do you know?

The last goodbyes I said as I strolled into the night goodbye.

The family I love you goodbye.

The do you have to go goodbye.

The see you soon goodbye.

The goodbye to the trust I once believed in goodbye.

The goodbye to your face and

not to the fruit of your tongue goodbye.

How many goodbyes do you know?

There's the *hurtful* goodbye when you don't want to leave *friends* goodbye.

The kind *when you won't see them again* goodbye.

The *fear that they won't be there in the morning* goodbye.

The goodbye *to the close people who have passed away in your life*

goodbye.

THE JEWISH MUSEUM

The Museum was a converted synagogue and inside there were a lot of seats for the men. There was a Torah scroll laid out with a yad next to it. There were also about four other Torah scrolls with mantles. Upstairs where the women would sit there were lots of display cabinets which contained reproductions of Jewish houses. One of the cabinets contained a shabbat dinner table. There were also phones which, when picked up and put to the ear, stories from refugee jews could be heard.

We went downstairs and met a refugee poet who helped us make up a poem about refugees. We then went to the shop where I bought a dreidel and a lazer disk, a pen and some candles. We enjoyed our trip to the Museum and learned a lot.

Kyle Gore and Andrew Barr

GERMAN EXCHANGE TRIP – CAN YOU HELP?

A party of 48 German students from our partner school, das Gymnasium Broich in Mülheim are visiting

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Freddies during the week beginning Monday 15th march 2004. They will be in school for the day on Wednesday 17th march 2004.

We urgently require some of our students, especially from Year 8 and Year 9 to host a German student for the day. Some of our students have already volunteered to do this, however, we do require more. Can you, as a parent or guardian, encourage your child to host a German student for the day? This means that the German student will follow your child's lessons for the day and then at the end of the school day go to your home with your child for something to eat.

You are also asked to organise some entertainment for the German student e.g. go bowling, to the cinema or the Trafford Centre etc, before bringing the German student back to school by 8.00 p.m. that evening so that he/she can return with the rest of their party to their accommodation at the youth hostel in Liverpool.

If you can help out, tell your child to give her/his name to Mr. Griffiths at school. I am sure it will be a rewarding experience for you and your child. Thank you.
Mr. D. Griffiths, MFL teacher

EUROPEAN WEEK – JANUARY 26TH TO 30TH 2004

European week took place at Freddies during the week beginning Monday 26th January 2004. It proved to be a successful week with lots of activities organised for students in Years 7 to 9 in Languages and with other events staged around the school. Year 7 learned about the European Union in French, German and Italian and were given their own EU passport.



Years 8 and 9 were given lessons in other languages and also learned some Chinese. They were also given information about languages and their importance in the modern world.

At lunch time themed days were organised in the refectory with students and staff being able to taste the cuisines of Germany, Italy, Greece, Ireland and France. At registration in the morning, staff and students did their registers in German, Italian, Greek, Gaelic and French to match the theme of the day. There were Euro snacks on sale in the Technology block at breaktime in the morning. Year 11 students sold Bockwurt, croissants and pain au chocolat to students in order to raise money for their leavers dinner in June. They did a great job and raised over £100. Students were also given the opportunity to watch the films, 'Grease' and 'Life is beautiful' in Italian in the Languages block at lunch time. This proved to be especially popular with Year 7 students.

There was also an on-going Euro quiz on the bulletin each morning. This was won by Daniel Comber of 7JW and the runner-up was Greg Jones of 7GW. Both received prizes for their efforts. Well done!

In all, the whole week added a continental flavour to school life and made our students even more aware that we are members of a greater community, the European Union. It proved to be a rewarding week with

staff and students making it work for Freddies.

CHESS HONOUR FOR RICHARD

“Chess-mad Richard Furness has been honoured for 40 years service as a top judge. Richard, of Cranwell Avenue, Culcheth, has been presented with the British Chess Federation President's Long Service Award. The top man, Gerry Walsh, called at Richard's home this week to hand over the award. A member of Culcheth Chess Club and a former geography teacher at Fred Longworth High School, Richard holds the titles of senior chess arbiter and international chess arbiter and has also been principal arbiter at the British Chess Championships. He is senior arbiter for The Four Nations Chess League, the premier league of the game, and for the Isle of Man Open. In the 1970s when the Benedictine Chess internationals came to Manchester it was Richard who was arbiter in charge and who was deeply involved in all aspects of the administration. He also tours the Cheshire congress scene at weekends and since 1963 has done over 400 local, national and international events.”

Leigh Journal

NATIONAL ANTI-RACISM WEEK OF ACTION IN FOOTBALL

A number of our students in Years 7 and 8 entered a competition to support this event last term.

Although the winners have not yet been announced, we have received a letter thanking us for our support and saying that the judges have been 'impressed with the overall standard of entries received.' Watch this space!

AWARD FOR FOOTBALL PRESIDENT

John Morris, our reprographics technician has a lifelong interest in football for which he has recently been honoured.

"The president of a football team which has been giving children opportunities in sport for 25 years has been given a lifetime achievement award.

John Morris, who has overseen Westhoughton Rangers FC since it was set up in the late 1970s, was handed the certificate at a town council meeting last week.

The club, based at Hart Common, currently has 14 junior boys and girls teams ranging from under 16s to under sevens and has recently added an under 12s girls side to its growing ranks.

Presenting the award, Town Mayor Cllr David Wilkinson said: "This certificate carries with it a lot of gratitude, the hard work and competitiveness that has been put into football in the town."

Bolton Evening News

PROGRESS REVIEW DAY

Progress Review Day will be held on Friday 2nd April. On this day students attend by appointment for a review interview with their Form Tutor. Interviews will be scheduled throughout the day and will last about 15 minutes.

This day is an essential part of our progress and target setting process. We review how students are approaching their studies and set challenging but realistic targets for the future.

Learning for life at Fred Longworth High School

New courses starting soon

Course Title	Day	Time	Cost
Basic DIY	Monday	6.30 - 8pm	FREE
Basic ICT	Tuesday	3-5pm	£64.50
Basic ICT	Thursday	12.30-2.30pm	£64.50
Counselling Concepts	Monday	7-9pm	£74
Floral Art - Level 2	TBA	TBA	TBC
Holiday Italian	Wednesday	6-8pm	FREE
Introduction to Teaching Assistants	Thursday	9.15-12.15pm	FREE

Free tuition if in receipt of a means tested benefit
Contact Karen Roberts or Janice Street for details on
01942 883796

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 10th February	- Y9 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.30 p.m.
Friday 13th February	- Training Day – School closed for students
Monday 16th – Friday 20th Feb.	- Half term holiday
Monday 23rd February	- Return to school
Tuesday 24th February	- Year 9 Options Evening
Monday 1st March - Friday 5th March	- Year 9 Options Interviews week
Friday 26th March	- Community Big Band Concert
Thursday 1st April	- Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 2nd April	- Progress Review Day – students attend for appointment only
Friday 2nd April	- Term Ends
Monday 19th April	- Return to school
Thursday 20th April	- Year 7 Parents' Evening