



Technology Week

The end of the summer term saw all pupils taking part in our second Technology Week. This year every pupil worked in small teams on the same project. This year the theme was A Monorail for Dewsbury.

In their teams pupils were asked to imagine that they were project managers for a company that was developing a new 21st century transport system for the town. This project would give the teams many opportunities to undertake a wide range of tasks in each curriculum area. Such tasks included planning the location of the line, deciding which communities would be served. The design of the stations, the interior design of the trains, what methods of propulsion should be used, identifying the costs of running the service as well as designing posters and tickets for the service.

All the activities were of a practical nature and gave pupils the chance to solve a variety of problems. At the end of a very exciting and hard working week each team gave a presentation of their work to their form group and the best in each year were awarded prizes. The standard was very high and the Heads of Year had a very difficult task in choosing the winners.



During the week there were also other activities taking place. All Year 10 pupils took part in mock interviews with a variety of local employers. This was organised in collaboration with Compact EBS. Year 9 pupils took part in an Enterprise Day also organised by Compact EBS. During the day pupils worked in small teams on a range of problem solving enterprise activities which culminated in the teams competing to develop and promote a new confectionery product which they had to create and advertise.

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The Earlsheaton Technology College also gave all pupils a week of practical activities based on the popular TV show LOST. Pupils really enjoyed these hands on approach to Science even when they were blindfolded and asked to taste a selection of mystery foods!!



Year Eleven Prom

Members of Year 11 got dressed in their finest dresses, tuxedos and dicky bows, hired their stretch limos in order to attend their leaving prom which took place at the Galpharm Stadium. There they sat down to a three course meal followed by a disco as they celebrated the completion of their time at Earlsheaton Technology College. We wish them every success for the future.



Another Excellent Year's Results

We are so proud and pleased to be able to congratulate Year 11 for their examination results this summer with **90%** of pupils achieving **5 A* to G grades**. Whilst **40%** of pupils achieving **5 A* to C grades**. These excellent results represent a further improvement on previous year's results and we now look forward to current Year 11 making even greater improvements next year. Many thanks must also go to all members of staff who worked so tirelessly with their groups throughout the year.

Roots and Wings



On Tuesday 18th of July a procession of Year Six pupils from Chickenley School made its way to Earlsheaton Technology College carrying sculptures that they had made that symbolised their feelings about moving to the next phase of their education.

The Roots and Wings Project is funded by the Children's Fund Kirklees and is co-ordinated by Lisa Jagger at the junior school. The project gives pupils opportunities to develop positive attitudes to learning through drama, painting, storytelling, sculpture and music. It also helps the pupils make the move from the primary to the secondary school in a very practical way.

Talent Show



The seventh Annual Talent Show rocked the school, hall one evening in July. Fifteen entries in the Lower School, 10 in the Upper school and several staff entries entertained the packed hall. The standards was as usual was very impressive and the judges had a very difficult time picking the winners.

Eventually Holly Cooper and Alex Holderness won the Lower School section and Melissa Gooch won the Upper School section with The Pussy Cat Dolls winning the staff section. A great night was had by all.

Well done everybody!

Awards Evening

This year Dame Wendy Davies Associate Director of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust was our guest of honour at the Achievement Awards Evening in July.



Over 200 pupils from all years received certificates of Excellence; Endeavour and Progress. The parents in the audience were also entertained by the Lower School and Upper School winners of this year's Talent Show.



Rock Challenge Success

After winning the area heat at Bradford St Georges Hall in May the cast then had to repeat their spectacular performance of the Wonderful World of OZ at the Northern Region Final in Grimsby.

Twelve other winning schools from the North of England including schools from Northern Ireland and Scotland competed with each other in order to be crowned North of England champions.

The Earlsheaton cast performed magnificently coming fourth only narrowly missing out on third place. Everyone who saw the performance agreed that everyone who took

part performed to a very high standard indeed and our congratulations goes to them all. All our thanks must also go to the parents of the cast and members of staff who supported the production by making costumes, building scenery, making T-shirts and transporting scenery. Finally none of this would have been possible without the incredible hard work of Miss Laycock our tireless choreographer and project director.

Blast Dance Project

Twenty four students from Year 7 have been involved in a dance project based around the issues of the transition from primary school to secondary school.

The students visited Hanging Heaton, Chickenley and Eastborough schools over a period of three months. The project was co ordinated and supported by members of the Suga Brown Dance Company. The project culminated with pupils from Earlsheaton Technology College performing along side pupils from the three Primary Schools.

Pupil Welfare Support

Our welfare support to pupils will be extended in September when five new Assistant Heads of Year take up their posts. The Assistant Heads of Year will not have any teaching commitment and so will be able to devote their time to supporting pupils in their year group. They will have a range of duties including monitoring pupils behaviour and attendance, liaising with parents, running small intervention groups, dealing with bullying and outside support agencies.

Mrs Cromack will be Assistant Head of Year 7

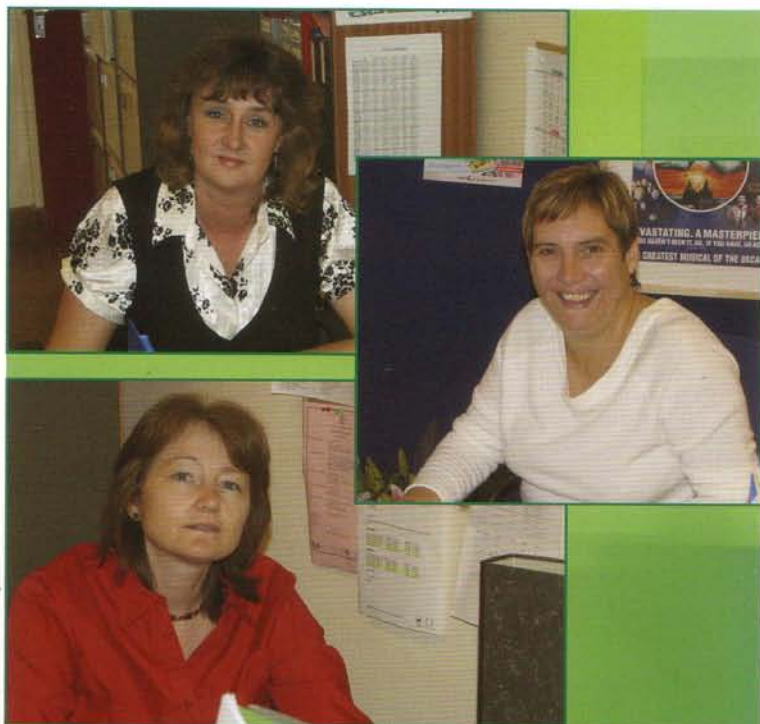
Mrs Bruce will be Assistant Head of Year 8

Mrs Hirst will be Assistant Head of Year 9

Mrs Tatterton will be Assistant Head of Year 10

and Mrs Ratcliffe will be Assistant Head of Year 11

These appointments will give the school the flexibility to provide a much more focused and supportive service to both our parents and pupils.



Sporting Success

This last year has been full of wonderful sporting success for all the school's teams.

All the boys football and rugby teams managed to win their way through to at least the semi finals of the Spen Valley Tournaments. The Year 11 rugby teams were winners of the Spen Valley Cup whilst the Year 11 football team were worthy runners up in their final.

The Year 9 netball team was crowned league champions as well as winning the Spen Valley Tournament as well as the West Yorkshire Tournament.

The Year 7 team came a glorious second in the Spen Valley Tournament and third in the West Riding Tournament. Congratulations must go to the Year 9 rounders team who won the Spen Valley rounders Cup and also to the Year 7 team who bravely lost in the final of their cup competition.

There was great success for the girls' football teams with the Year 7 five a side team for not only winning the Spen Valley competition and the Kirklees competition but going through to the Northern Finals in Manchester. Not to be outdone the under 13 girls football team narrowly lost the Spen Valley Cup final as well as being semi final losers in the West Yorkshire Cup as well as runners up in the Spen Valley five a side final. The under 16 five a side team were unfortunately beaten finalists as well.

Congratulations must go to all those who took part in all the teams and special mention and thanks must also go to the Mr Hodgkinson, Miss Jones, Mr Harris, Mrs Cobb and Mr Fletcher of the PE department who gave so much of their own time to train, coach and motivate all the teams.



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