

## Albert shows off new tricks

by Ebony Grimshaw

**ALBERT** Buruiana moved to England from Braila, Romania, approximately six months ago.

It may surprise you to learn that Year 10 Albert learnt to speak English from watching YouTube video's and films.

Albert started to teach himself magic tricks just over a year ago, after a street magician showed him a trick,

he was so amazed he wanted to learn how to do it.

Albert now practices 6-7 hours each day to improve his skills and learn new tricks.

He hopes this dedication will help him become a professional magician when he is older.

Albert is certainly determined and has shown perseverance in the past to achieve great things. People in school may know Albert for

his marvellous magic tricks, but this is not the only skill he possesses.

Albert was the Romanian National Champion in Karate when he was just 14 years old.

He used to train five days each week to reach this standard, which he said was far harder than learning magic.

Another interesting fact about Albert is that he can also speak Italian.



## Four-legged therapy

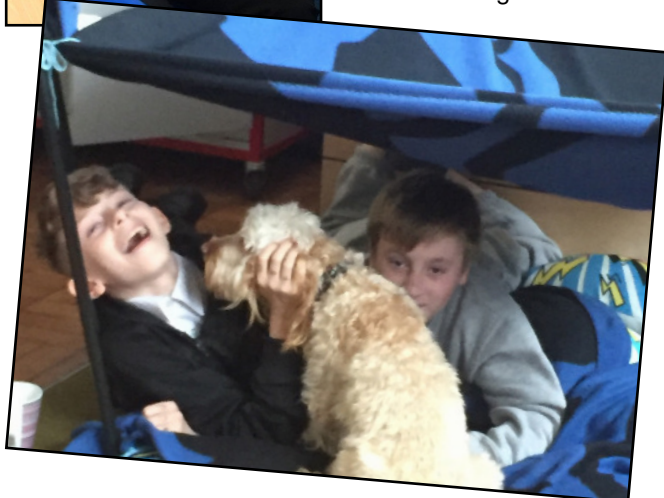
by Bracken Spencer

**We have two very special visitors, Laurel and Bramble, who come with their owner Tracy.**

The Pets As Therapy dogs are 18 month old cockerpoos they were born in Leyland and live in Blackburn.

I like stroking the dogs and playing with them. Their fur is really fluffy.

KS3 Manager Barbara Ashton said: "They are really, really cute and I love it when the dogs come in."



## Forest fun

by Deni-Shay George

**THE** great outdoors became our classroom when we went to a wood and built some dens.

We went to a wood in Darwin and we had a contest to see who could make the best den, but I didn't win. It was really good because we had loads of fun.



**The National Citizen Service organised fantastic teamwork activities as part of a five-week programme at school.**

Welcome to the first edition of Coal Clough News written by Key Stage 3 students. It has been an incredibly busy few weeks since we all enjoyed a break in October, read on to find out all about the many activities our students have got involved with since then.

## Respecting others

by Paul Jackson

**LESSONS** and talks about tolerance and anti-bullying work have made us think and examine how we treat other people.

We had a person come into school to teach us all about helping people that are down or not getting on with one another.

That special person was called Dave Pascoe and he introduced us to restorative justice.

Restorative justice is actually a good thing because it's a way of rotating relationships. When there has been an incident

between two students which has resulted in a big fallout, the victims can share how they feel so they can move on and heal.

The talk took place in the KS4 building. Dave, an associate practitioner with Lancashire Police, has been doing his job for about nine years.

He has helped a student before because he did something at his old school. The student went on the restorative justice course and he told the audience that it changed his life. The course lasts for five days over five weeks.

We have done a lot of work on Anti Bullying this a half term. We made games and Millie designed the best one. Some of our students have also become anti-bullying ambassadors after training in Blackpool.

### Don't be a bully

*Why be nasty?  
Why be unkind?  
Picking on me  
All of the time.*

*Picking on me...  
Picking on my friends.  
We all know you  
Come in groups of tens.*

*Mind your own business  
Leave me alone.  
Stop ganging up on me  
With your mobile phone.*

*You're there on my screen  
All of the time,  
You think you're good?  
I wish you would die.*

*You make me upset  
You need to get a life.  
Leave me alone  
Don't give me no strife.*

*But all that you  
Can ever do  
Is pick on people  
Weaker than you.*

by the Nurture Group

## 'Sad and shocking' talk

by Ebony Grimshaw

**A SHOCKING** and brutal murder was outlined to students when Michael Haines visited our school.

As part of our work on Anti-Bullying this half term, Michael explained how his brother David was an aid worker who was captured by terrorists and murdered.

Olivia said she found what happened 'sad and shocking' while Lewis said it made him realise 'violence is not the answer'.



# Meet our new Deputy Head

by Aiden Harper and Aiden Henderson

**AT COAL Clough Academy we have a new Deputy Headteacher.**

Her name is Holly Clarke and she has come from Shuttleworth College where she was the assistant head teacher. She is very nice.

When asked what she thought of the school so far, she said: "I am enjoying working here at CCA. It is a super school to work in where I feel rewarded. I prefer being at Coal Clough to a mainstream school and I like coming to school every day."

She explained that she had been at Shuttleworth College for 10

years and was offered the job when she was still at university.

Holly has always wanted to be a teacher and used to play schools as a child.

She told us: "I decided a year ago to become a deputy head and the opportunity came up very quickly. I knew a lot about this school from my previous role."

Although she said she couldn't name a favourite student, she did say that for this week she would select Isobel Pickering because she had tried very hard in her mock exams and not given up.

Her advice to all of us was: "Whatever job you want to do try your hardest to get it and go for it. Do a job you want to do."



STUDENTS enjoy a fantastic trip to Blackpool



## Cycle ride for Pendleside Hospice

by Ebony Grimshaw

**RIDING his bike from school to Barnoldswick helped student Logan Alderson raise money for Pendleside Hospice.**

Logan chose his birthday to complete the ride along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

He completed the fundraiser, along with two other students, in just over two hours. They designed posters and a sponsor sheet and raised more than

£400.

He said: "I did it as part of PSD Community Action and decided to take part after a visit from Pendleside Hospice."

"Ben from Year 10 and Matthew from Year 9 also completed the journey. Because it was Remembrance Day we also stopped to observe the minute's silence."

The money will be presented to Pendleside Hospice at the school Christmas Fair.

# Christmas fair to sparkle

by Ebony Grimshaw

**WE WILL be having a cracking Christmas fair on Monday December 19 between 1 and 2pm.**

All our classes will be involved in running stalls of their own and all money raised will go to our charity Pendleside

Hospice. A representative of the charity will be attending our fair too.

Parents are welcome to attend and there will be a raffle; mince pies and tea to enjoy; live music and Christmas carols. There will be some amazing things to buy and even a chocolate fountain. Please come along if you can.



## Girl Power

by Deni-Shay George

**HERE at Coal Clough Academy we believe in Girl Power.**

Four girls went to Valley Street Community Centre in Burnley to learn kickboxing which is a combination of fitness and boxing and is really quite exhausting.

The lessons are held every Tuesday and last an hour.

School Counsellor at Coal Clough Academy Edel McGinn said: "I really enjoyed it because it helps me get rid of all my stress and I also get fit at the same time."

"I go because I can then

encourage the girls to take part in physical exercise."

I went along to one of the sessions, I had heard of kickboxing before but I had never tried it.

It was really good fun because I got to do something new and it got rid of a bit of my anger, I might even go back again.

## 'Hello Eric'

by Bracken Spencer

**HAVE you met ERIC yet? Coal Clough Academy has very important new 'student' in school.**

He stands for Everyone Reading In Class.

All classes now have their own class reading corner, which are comfy and inviting and make you want to sit and read a book.

Our new Head of English Chris Whittaker has introduced two new characters Eric – Everyone Reading In Class and Erica – Everyone Reading In Class Aloud – but not at the same time.

We will be asking all staff what their favourite books are, so get thinking everyone. Some of our reporters' favourite books are:

- Paul Jackson – Horrid Henry
- Aiden Henderson – Private Peaceful
- Aiden Harper – War Horse
- Deni-Shay George – The Drowning



## Congratulations - Sir

by Charlotte Wilkinson and Aiden Henderson

**OUR Head of English Chris Whittaker is celebrating the safe arrival of his baby daughter.**

Eva was born in Chorley Hospital on November 29 and weighed 9lb 13 oz.

Chris said: "I am absolutely exhausted, but Eva and her mum Laura are amazing."

## Keep safe on the Net

by Deni-Shay George

**TIPS to keep you safe while you surf.**

Don't arrange to meet people online, you can get kidnapped or killed. You can be putting your life in danger.

If you are being harassed on the

Internet make sure you tell a teacher, parent or friend.

Never put personal information online because they can find out who you are, where you live, where you work, what school you go to, your phone number and a lot more.

Never talk to people you don't know.



Year 9s make their own keyrings