



New school PE kit

Boxing is a good way to exercise, meet friends, access weights and spar with the trainer. It is also a brilliant way to keep fit and healthy.



Electric dreams for race car team

by Jack Atherton

AT COAL Clough Academy we are starting an engineering club that will held on Tuesdays after school.

We are hoping to enter an electric car into the Greenpower electric car

competition.

We already have a car, but although it looked ok it needed a new fan and batteries.

At the last meeting Year 9 students were helped by Year 11s to fix the cooling fan on the motor. We had to take the motor out and unscrew the fan and then replace it.

We are preparing the car for next year when we will be racing against the other schools. We will be entering a team in the North East heat at Darlington next May.

We now need to finish fixing the car and learn how to drive it and practise so we can do quick pit stops.

Fun in the forest

by Ellie Page

AS PART of Forest Schools we get to explore the great outdoors.

I remember when I was in Year 8 we made dens, lit fires, toasted marshmallows, made tea and hot chocolate, carved hammers and also made pancake mix and then cooked the pancakes on the fire in a pan.

I really enjoyed making the pancakes and starting the fires.

We also wrote on stone with wood which was hot at one end and we played noughts and crosses.

We put a hammock up between two trees. I burnt myself on the fire, but it was only a blister. I also got stuck up a tree, but then I managed to get down because there was a rope swing.



by Chloe Lovell

IN OUR latest Ofsted inspection, Coal Clough Academy was rated 'good'.

Staff and students were delighted and our Headteacher Holly Clarke also received a letter from the leader of Burnley council Mark Townsend praising the school.

He said: "I write to congratulate you following your recent Ofsted inspection.

I fully appreciate the vision, commitment, and hard work you, your governors and all the team will have put in to secure a rating of good.

"You should be rightly proud of the inspection."

Coal Clough was assessed for overall effectiveness and was rated good in leadership management, quality of teaching, behaviour and welfare and outcomes for pupils

Ofsted said: "Leaders and managers have

created a culture that is built upon the belief that all pupils can succeed no matter what their previous track record.

"As a result, pupils who have complex social, emotional and mental health needs succeed.

"Pupils who attend Coal Clough have all struggled in mainstream schools. Now, due to good teaching and pastoral support, they make good progress academically and in their personal development."

Understanding mental health

by Jack McNamara

STUDENTS came dressed in yellow clothing to mark World Mental Health Day and paid £1 which went to charity.

The day started with an assembly when we talked about mental health.

We were visited by The Little Zoo To You and during break and lunch there was a tuck shop selling sweets and cupcakes and a lucky dip.

Year 9 student Chloe Lovell said: "Mental health day made people feel that they were not alone if they are struggling with their own mental health.

"Although mental health is more recognised and understood, there is still a stigma attached and people are still afraid to say they have an issue because they are worried about what people's reaction might be."



by Chloe Lovell

LOTS creepy crawlies and furry friends called into our school when we had a visit from The Little Zoo To You.

There were many different animals that were brought in including: a snake, ferret, snail, pair of cockroaches, millipede and many others.

The animals were from a mini zoo based in Preston.

Ellie Page, Year 9, said: "I liked the ferret and I found the African snail interesting; I didn't hold any of the animals though."

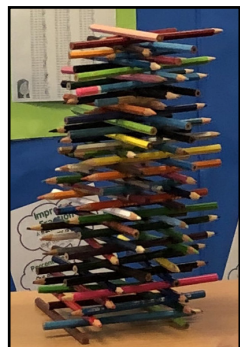
Jack McNamara, Year 9, said: "I liked how I could hold the animals and touch them I held all of the animals that I could except the African snail as it looked a bit freaky."



Coal Clough students learnt what life and jobs were like on a farm.



Respite students recreated the Singing Ringing Tree in pencils.



Outdoor adventures

by Ellie Page

WE GET lots of opportunities to go on outdoor education activities once a week.

These include: sailing at Foulridge, climbing at Preston, mountain biking at Rivington or Hurstwood, caving, which I loved going to but and my friend got stuck, and orienteering, when my friend got stung by a bee.

We go on a Thursday as part of our lessons and most of the activities I really enjoy – apart from sailing because it was so cold and the water was rough; it was also very windy.

Jack McNamara, Year 9, said: "Outdoor Ed gives me

Nothing goes to waste here – left over butties go to Gateway Burnley, formerly the Elizabeth Street Project.



Youth zone builds confidence

by Ellie Page

STAFF and Students go to Blackburn Youth Zone every Friday.

There are 13 students and three members of staff who go.

We go there to get a qualification in sports leadership and learn how to progress in our sports skills and to learn how to keep well

and healthy.

We do many sports including dodgeball, climbing, basketball, wheelchair basketball, handball, football, netball and many others. You can even make your own game and be a leader.

Chloe Lovell, Year 9, said: "I like going to Blackburn Youth Zone because it builds my confidence and makes me closer to my friends."



Football club works with Coal Clough

by Jack McNamara

A PREFECT programme has been introduced for the Year 11s for 2018-19.

Students from Year 11 had to apply and 12 new prefects then went on a training scheme at Burnley Football Club's Turf Moor.

Sophie Thomson was also picked as head girl. Prefects attend the student council, accompany visitors who come to the school and mentor younger students.



Burnley FC in the Community also came into school with a challenge for Year 9. They had to build the biggest tower they could make out of newspapers and it had to balance a ball on the top; 9P won by a few inches.



Macmillan cake bake success

by Chloe Lovell and Ellie Page

CAKES, cakes, cakes and more cakes. This is what our sports hall was filled with when we raised money for Macmillan.

Macmillan Cancer Support is a charity that allocates nurses to people who have been diagnosed with cancer. They help those patients and give advice to family.

Parents and people from the community around school came

into school to support us.

In school we sold cakes, tea, coffee, raffle tickets and a tombola.

We raised £206, which was the largest amount raised for the charity by Coal Clough.



Exploring history

by Jack French

LANDMARKS and historic buildings were examined by students in 8R+.

They recently visited Towneley Hall in Burnley and Gawthorpe Hall in Padiham.

At Towneley Hall, their tour guide Mike took them to the cellar and then he showed them up into the attic where there were animal heads.

The students also saw a wooden plaque which was the Coal Clough War Memorial that used to hang in our school.

Students Milo, Alex, Aminah, Tyler, Bailey were accompanied by staff Rebecca and Charlotte.

