



YEAR 9 WELCOME HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

We welcomed Iby Knill, a survivor of the Holocaust into school last Thursday which was the day before Holocaust Memorial Day. She spoke to Year 9 pupils about her experiences during World War II, escaping from Czechoslovakia to Hungary, when she was captured by the Nazis and transported to Auschwitz Birkenau. After the war, Iby, who is now 87, settled in the UK and studied Theology, obtaining a degree in 2003. Pupils listened extremely well and asked some thought provoking questions at the end of the session, clearly demonstrating their deepening understanding of these traumatic events. Many thanks to Iby for coming into school and also to Miss Johnstone for organising the day.

GYMNASTICS NEWS

Well done to the gymnastics squad who took part in the **South Ribble Novice Gymnastics Championships** on Thursday 19th January at Walton-Le Dale High School. The squad list is below and details of any medals that were won:- **Zoe Myerscough** (bronze in vault), **Lauryn Wilkinson, Jane Cross, Olivia Duckworth** (bronze in both floor and vault), **Hannah Jackson** (bronze in vault and silver at floor), **Clara Butler, Abbey Ratchford, Alisa Mistry, Katherine Foweather, Laura Breakall, Steph Schultz, Jess White, Jessica Wilcock** (bronze in vault), **Kennedy Stanley** (silver in vault). A **BIG** thank you to **Leah Nutter and Bridie O'Callaghan** who helped Mrs Finch and were great young leaders at the competition. Well done!

ASSEMBLY NEWS

We have revamped the assembly rotas since September to encourage greater pupil participation in assemblies. The results of this have been very encouraging indeed, and news must be spreading as several pupils have been involved in leading and delivering assemblies in our local primary schools. Pupils from 10S gave an assembly to children at St Paul's Primary School on 19th January. As well as presenting the assembly on moving up to high school, **Zoe Rowe, Louise Handley, Adam Ryan, Jack Whalley and Jack Lindley** performed a dramatic role play to demonstrate what life is really like here. An impressive performance!

LOST PROPERTY

A lost property parade will be set up on Wednesday 1 February in the Hall. If your child has lost an item of clothing or equipment recently please encourage them to check out the parade carefully. Also, a dark coloured 'barber' jacket recently disappeared from outside the Modern Language Rooms. Please could parents check to see if this has been picked up accidentally, or return any 'strange' coat which does not belong to them. Finally, an appeal that all coats and items should be named clearly to allow easier repatriation with the owner in case of loss!

PARENTAL SURVEY

Mr Lowe would like to thank all of the families who took the time to answer the survey, which was mailed to parents recently, asking for your views on the school and your child's experience here. Thank you very much for your comments, support and suggestions.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*Mr. Gilbert would like to say thank you to everyone in the Entry Level Technology group who has helped to progress the bottle green house project. A special mention to **Jack Catterall**. Jack has been motivated throughout and completed all the work to an exceptional standard. Well done. Mr Gilbert would also like to thank **9H** for all their hard work on the form assembly last week. Special mention goes to the writers **Abbie Higham and Catherine Teasdale**, also the star of the show **Sam Wilcox**. Well done all of you! Also to **Adam Carrie** who will be taking part in a 32 mile charity bike ride around Snowdon, then walk up Snowdon the following day. This will take place in March. Please support him! Finally to **Year 11 set 2 and 3 ICT classes** for all their hard work so far on preparing a selection of materials to help Mrs Butterworth and Mrs Bradley with planning the Careers Fair giving them a chance to recap ICT skills in a real-life context. Well done to you all.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

Mon 30 Years 8/10 DTP/HPV Catch Up Vacc.
Year 11 Triple Science Exam
Tues 31 Years 10/11 Textile Workshop
Year 9 Parents' Evening

FEBRUARY

Mon 6 Dress Rehearsals for 'Oliver'
Governors' Personnel Meeting
Governors' Curriculum Meeting
Tues 7 Dress Rehearsals for 'Oliver'
Governors' Finance Meeting
Wed 8 'Oliver' performance – evening
Thurs 9 'Oliver' performance – evening
Fri 10 'Oliver' performance – evening
Close for Half Term
Mon 20 INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tues 21 School reopens for pupils
Wed 22 Runshaw College interviews
Thurs 23 Year 8 RE visit
Leyland Band concert 7pm