

# NEWSLETTER

## We are a Nurture School!



***"The cornerstone of the school's work is based on the theory that the pupils learn better when mental and physical wellbeing are supported."***

***"The school prides itself on the nurturing and inspiring ethos which promotes mutual respect and celebration of the diversity within its community."***

We are delighted to announce that Shuttleworth College has become the first high school in the area to be accredited with a National Nurturing Schools Programme (NNSP) award, following a rigorous application and inspection process. We have been working towards official accreditation since June 2018 and achieved the award in advance of the target date of June 2020.

The NNSP is run by NurtureUK and expects schools taking part to adhere to the six principles of nurture, which support transition, emphasise the importance of all forms of communication and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff, parents and carers. To fulfil the requirements of the award, the principles must be seen in action across the whole school in addition to the specialist nurture support provided to students.

Mrs Taylor, our Nurture Lead, has been running our Nurture groups in school for over 14 years, even before we moved to our current building!

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bonny, our Home Liaison Officer, said, "we are overjoyed to have achieved this award, especially as we completed all assessments before our planned target date. NurtureUK promotes a nurturing approach to education which is fuelled by mutual respect and ensures our whole school community feels valued. This holistic approach benefits the whole school. We are especially pleased that we have joined one of our feeder schools, Whittlefield Primary School, in achieving the award."

In addition to the quotes above, a particular highlight from the report focused on the hard work of our staff, "they are a professional, hardworking and committed team who are genuinely nurturing towards each other". The report also focused on our students, "Behaviour is exemplary and pupils are highly involved in developing and evaluation their own learning... There is a clear emphasis on enhancing a feeling of self-worth through encouragement and motivation".

Mrs England, Headteacher, added, "this fantastic report really shows how much we value the nurture principles and ethos. I am so proud that it shines a spotlight on the dedication of Shuttleworth staff and our school's role as part of a community."

The Award will be presented in the New Year.

## Year 8 Christmas Writing Competition

Miss Clarey was amazed by the number of responses to the Year 8 Creative Writing Competition this year! Year 8 students were challenged to write a Christmas Ghost Story which would use the skills they have learned in their English lessons this term. It was incredibly difficult to judge the entries, which had to include 'Gothic' themes and conventions, but we can now announce that the winners were:

1st Prize: Milly Farrell, 2nd Prize: Kahlen Scott-Hill

The students received a certificates, a special copy of their story and 100 and 50 reward points respectively. Miss Clarey said, "I'm so pleased that Year 8 were so enthusiastic about our Christmas writing competition. They've really embraced the gothic texts they've been studying this term and I think it's safe to say that their imaginations have run wild!" Milly's winning entry is printed in full below:

### Milly Farrell ~ Reindeer Bones

Dead. Santa's favourite reindeer...was dead. The Head of Reindeer Health, Timmy, was in a panic. He felt melancholy. It was Christmas Eve and Rudolph was dead.

"What am I to do?" he wailed. "Jacqueline will know!" Jacqueline, the Head of Electricity and Mechanics, came straight away.

"Take these and plug them in", she said, handing the elf a pair of wires. She then handed him a pair of goggles and they both put a pair on. "Stand back", she said, connecting the wires to screws she had put in the animal's neck. Jacqueline then stood next to Timmy and flicked a switch connected to the wires. A blue light filled the room until she flicked the switch again. "Oh dear, I think I over-did it", she muttered.

Timmy was gobsmacked. All that was left was Rudolph's skeleton and its nose which had now lit up with remaining electricity. Suddenly, the skull twitched, then ran off and returned with a type of suit which looked like a reindeer. She carefully zipped it on to the reindeer. A perfect fit. It looked real! "Jacqueline, you're a genius!" Timmy cried.

Suddenly, Santa marched in. He laughed a jolly laugh. "Would you look at that? Rudolph, your nose is flashing! Splendid, let's go!" he said, leading the reindeer out of the room. Timmy had no words.

Now, even to this day, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer is dead and nobody, not even Santa, knows it.



## Year 10 Speaking & Listening Recordings

Y10 have been preparing for their GCSE speaking and listening recording which Mrs Fox and Ms Hudson filmed this week. Topics included mental health, feminism and racism in sport. Students have been thoroughly prepared and presented ideas intelligently and articulately!

# Parent Forum Winter Fair



What a night! It was wonderful to see so many in our wider community come and celebrate all things Shuttleworth at our Winter Fair, raising almost £900 in the process.

Alison Whitehead and Joanne Broughton, Chairs of the Forum said, "we are so very pleased that the first ever Parent Forum-organised Winter Fair was a huge success. This was due to the very generous support of local business, students, staff, parents, carers, friends and family and also the volunteers who were involved in the planning of the Fair and who helped make it happen. Thank you all for your ongoing support: we wish you and your family a very peaceful Christmas." The Parent Forum would like to thank the local businesses who donated a range of excellent raffle prizes: Asda Burnley, Bertwistles Bakery, Burnley FC, Dads & Lads Barbers, Fat Giraffe, Inch Perfect Trials, J Los, Mark Jinkinson, Red Rum Barbers, Sainsburys Burnley, Speaks Butchers, Todds Chemist, Vanilla Hair & Beauty and Water Life & Pets.

The Fair included plenty of craft and gift stalls, musical performances, food and drink vendors and a selection of very special guests: Chase from Paw Patrol, Bertie Bee, Baby Shark and, most importantly, Father Christmas and his elves! In add



Mrs Price, our staff link to the Parent Forum said, "I am delighted at the success of the Winter Fair, and this is a testament to the phenomenal efforts of our Parent Forum. Not only have we raised a fantastic sum of money to support the school, but the event itself had such a fantastic community atmosphere. The support of our community plays such a vital role in our school and I am excited to see this collaboration go from strength to strength."



If you would like to join the Parent Forum to attend the meetings and provide a parent/carer's viewpoint or support the work that goes on, please contact Mrs Price on [cprice@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:cprice@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk)

You can also join the Facebook page (SC Parent Forum) for more information.



## Staff Quiz fundraises for the Student Council Food Bank appeal

This year's Student Council representatives are focusing their energies on supporting a local food bank not only at this festive time of year, but also throughout 2020. They have promoted donations through assemblies and form times, with council reps collecting donations every Friday. So far, over 350 items have been collected and sent to Spacious Place, Burnley's Food Bank.

To boost the food bank's resources Student Council organised a staff quiz with a £5 entry fee, both writing and delivering the quiz themselves! Well done to Mia Cromack and Millie Cain for taking the lead on the quiz.

Mr Greenhalgh and the Student Council are working with Spacious Place to collect items that are currently most needed by the food bank. These include, but are not limited to:

- Breakfast cereals
- Pasta & Rice
- Tinned food
- Tea & Coffee
- Toiletries
- Cleaning Products



Donated items can be dropped off at the Collection Point in the Library.

*Image courtesy of Spacious Place.*

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Good news to share about your child? Promoting a community event?

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## Head's Letter

Dear families,

As the calendar year and another term draw to a close, I can't help but reflect on the incredible community that we are part of here at Shuttleworth College. Our best-ever GSCE results, a positive monitoring visit from Ofsted, achieving Nurture status, our Parent Forum growing in strength and success are particular highlights of 2019, but just a small part of the fantastic work that goes on every day.

This week, our assemblies all focus on rewarding our students for their hard work, enthusiasm and attainments over the last term. It's always a brilliant way to celebrate individual successes before term ends with each year group, their form tutors and Heads of Year.

Thank you for all the support you give to our students. I look forward to seeing you all when we return in January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Mrs England

