

## Message from the Head



### Dates for the Diary:

Friday 9th February:  
School Closes for half term

Monday 19th February:  
School re-opens

Monday 19th February  
Year 11 and 13 Exams Week

Monday 19th February  
New York Trip Returns

Thursday 22nd and Friday  
23rd February:  
Dance Display, 6.45pm

Dear Parents & Carers,

Once again it has been a busy and successful half term, with lots to celebrate and be thankful for. I'd like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to Lucy Tickle in Year 9 who has qualified to represent Lancashire in the English Schools Cross Country Championships at Temple Newsham in Leeds, which takes place in March. Well done Lucy and we wish you all the best for the race.

Some of students and staff will be enjoying a trip to New York over half term. We hope they have a wonderful time and look forward to hearing about it on your return. The Year 11 and 13 Exam week starts when we get back and I'd like to encourage students to spend time revising over the holiday to ensure they achieve the results they deserve and are capable of.

This week it was Safer Internet Day and we'd like to remind families of the importance of using the internet safely. It is a great resource to have but should certainly be used with caution. There is a plethora of useful hints and tips on the website [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) and I'd like to encourage parents, carers and students to have a look at them to help ensure we are all aware of the risks and properly equipped with the knowledge to guard against them. Finally, I wish you all a very restful half term and look forward to seeing you on the 19th February.

With best wishes,

Andrew Waller  
Headteacher

## Meet the Governors

The school governors have a wide and varied role in the running of the school. Their main objective is to act as a critical friend providing strategic leadership and accountability to the leadership team and staff. They work with Mr Waller and the rest of the SLT to help make decisions on all sorts of matters from setting targets, to authorising policies and appointing senior staff members. Here, Emma Butterworth, Staff Governor, tells us a bit about her role and drive to be a Governor:

I have worked at Carr Hill for 7 years as a Geography teacher. Whilst I have a true passion and love for my subject my underlying commitment is to the students that the staff work hard to support. I became a Governor because I see Carr Hill as an important aspect of the local community. I have lived in this area all my life and as a Governor I believe I have joined a team who are committed to the welfare and education of every student. I look forward to the future here at Carr Hill and hope we as Governors can help the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team make decisions that will make every students future brighter.



## Outstanding Achievement Awards:



Olivia Apollo College    Benedict Ceres College    Maximus Juno College    Logan Mercury College    Kai Minerva College    Maty Poseidon College

Well done to all these students who have achieved a superb number of merits this week.

### SEN Drop-in Clinic

Here at Carr Hill we have worked hard to develop and implement a thriving Special Education Needs (SEN) department. The facility is designed to support students in an inclusive way, across the board with needs ranging from requiring a bit of extra support in a particular subject, or spending an hour a week working through an anger management course for example, to longer term solutions working with students with more challenging and ongoing needs throughout their school career. We recognise the need for both academic as well as behaviour support.

The SEN team comprises of a range of professionals from different backgrounds who work together to ensure each child is supported according to their own individual needs to help equip them to achieve the very best they can. Associate Assistant Headteacher and SENCO Joanne Darkin said, "We are acutely aware that students' needs differ tremendously and no two students are the same. We work hard to ensure that each student is treated as an individual and we pitch the level of support accordingly."

Parent and carer engagement plays a huge role in the success of the department and we are pleased to be able to offer drop-in clinic on the first Thursday of every month for parents and carers to have a chat with us about their child's progress. The sessions run from 2.30 – 4pm and you can drop in any time during that time, or make an appointment prior to the session. The upcoming dates are listed below, but should you wish to find out more about the sessions please contact Debbie Redford, SENCO Administrator at [dredford@carrhill.lancs.uk](mailto:dredford@carrhill.lancs.uk)

- Thursday 1st March
- Thursday 12th April
- Thursday 3rd May

### A Roaring Success



Enterprising Year 7 students have raised a magnificent £1013 for charity through selling postcards of tigers they have drawn. The students were asked to draw a picture of a tiger which was then printed onto postcards to be sold to friends and family for a minimum of 50p each. All the proceeds went to 21st Century Tiger, an initiative which raises funds for over 70 tiger conservation projects across seven countries.

The two students who raised the most money, along with the two students who produced the best drawings were rewarded with a trip to Blackpool Zoo to spend time with a specialist Tiger Zoo Keeper and photograph the tigers. Alexander in JU7 and Reuben in PO2 raised £70.50 and £55 respectively whilst Ruby in ME7 and Samit in MI2 received the accolade of best drawings. Alexander said, "I'm really happy that I managed to raise so much money for the charity. It makes me sad that wild tigers are suffering in the way that they are in their natural environments and I hope the money raised can help some of them."

During the trip the four students had the opportunity to practice their photography skills up close with a Madagascan Tenrec (a relative of the hedgehog) and a characterful rabbit named Houdini. Afterwards they spent some time preparing two 'enrichments' for the tigers. These are parcels that contain a variety of scents which replicate some of the aromas the tigers would experience in the wild. Reuben said, "It was really good fun helping to make the enrichment boxes using various herbs and plants. The tigers knocked all the contents out of them with their paws when we gave them to them and they seemed to really enjoy it".

The sun was shining as the time came to photograph the tigers, and they were out basking in the rays, waiting for their photo shoot. Art teacher Mrs Wild said, "It was a fascinating experience for the students and the experience of working with the Zoo Keepers is one I'm sure they'll remember for a long time. They took some beautiful photos of the tigers and the staff at the zoo were not only amazed at the amount of money raised, but also at the quality of the work".

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