

TURTON ALUMNI NEWS

July 2016

Welcome to our first Alumni newsletter. Following on from the Grand Reunion in July we wanted to ensure that we don't lose contact with Turton's former students. We hope to produce this newsletter termly to keep you up to date with activities at school.

Alumni Heritage Group

Our First Reunion

It was lovely to welcome so many of Turton's former students to our first reunion event. The day didn't start too auspiciously with cold weather and thundering rain however our former staff and students braved the elements to join us in the Sports Centre for a day of reminiscing.

As well as a chance to meet up with old friends over a drink and a hog roast there was music by Turton School students and tours by the prefects.

Students from the School's first year of 1954 attended as well as pupils from all the following decades.

Lots of memories were shared and the prefects were fascinated by the stories that they heard.

We hope to hold more reunions in the future so watch this space.



Tours of old form rooms proved very popular.



Our display of old photos was pored over as people tried to identify themselves and their friends.



School News

Hockey Champions

Year 9 became Bolton Hockey Champions for the third successive year beating Canon Slade in the final. Throughout the tournament the girls were undefeated and the standard of hockey played by the squad showed why they have been unbeatable all season. Solid in defence, strong in midfield and an attacking force on goal, most teams find it difficult to score.

Congratulations girls you have been an amazing team to coach.

Rachel Costello - 2nd in PE



Bolton Schools' Swimming Championships

Tuesday 26th January saw the Town Championships held at Bolton One. The competition and talent in the field was, as usual, exceptional. The team's aim was to break the dominance over the years of Canon Slade and Bolton School. All teams proved themselves worthy competitors but it was the dominance of the Intermediate Boys' team which stood out. Captained by Sam Corsan, the team excelled far more than we could have imagined. The boys won all the individual races starting with Lewis Aldred (Year 9) who just pipped his biggest rival from Canon Slade in the backstroke to take the victory. A captain's performance and PB from Sam Corsan in the breaststroke made it a perfect start for the team. The competition in the butterfly was high and eagerly anticipated. Jack Reynolds (Year 10) was completely focused on the blocks and he had no doubt in his mind that he would win the race. The race was tight in the first 25 metres but he completely blew the field apart in the last 25 metres to take the win. It was finally down to Jack McKay-Smith (Year 10) to complete the whitewash, winning the freestyle by a huge margin, just missing out on the town record.

As expected from the dominance in the individual events, our individual medley team strolled home to victory at a canter. The last race of the day was the freestyle relay which was made up of Tom Grundy, Declan Sisson, George Booth and Liam Hulme (all Year 10). The race was too close to call, but in the end the boys just missed out and took 2nd place which was more than enough for the team to be crowned Bolton Champions.

Liam Carr - Head of PE

Singing Workshop

Awarding winning Cottontown Chorus led a workshop for some of our students in March. The group has established itself as a leading barbershop group within the UK. They have won the Gold Medal at the British Association of Barbershop Singers (BABS) convention five times in the last eight years and represented the UK twice at the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) International Convention held in the USA. In 2008 they won the adult section of the BBC 3 Choir of the year competition. The chorus have since gone on to win the British Association of Barbershop Singers Gold Medal in 2013 and came an extremely close second in 2015.



RAF/BAE Systems Roadshow

During this year Year 8 were lucky enough to get a special assembly by the RAF and BAE systems, showing us all how much opportunity there is in joining the RAF. They demonstrated lots of Science experiments such as using a Tesla coil to play music and how air cannons work. They talked about the Blood Hound SSC (fastest land vehicle on earth) and how an RAF pilot will be the one who gets to drive the car (Andy Green). They also brought along a Faraday cage, an enclosure formed by conductive material or by a mesh of such material, used to block electric fields. Sam Greaves from 8T2 got to play the keyboard which was connected to a Tesla coil, it sounded very unique and looked amazing.

Robert Waite 8S3



The Jack Smith Project

Year 11 students Jack Smith and Tom Wildgust put on their own contemporary Jazz evening in the Arts Theatre in January.

The evening featured all original compositions by the duo who performed for about 2 hours with some works also featuring Luke Singleton, Year 11, on keyboard and Alice Finn, Year 13, providing vocals. The audience was 'select', the ambience simply 'cool'!

John Parkinson
Head of Music



Animal Day

Chicks were hatched again this year for the annual Animal Day. This event is for year 6 children who are due to move to Turton in September. It's a great way to introduce them to the school and to give them an opportunity to learn about a range of animals in a fun and interactive way. The school were lucky enough to gain a grant from the Ernest Cook Trust to support this day.

A New Team

Elections took place in May for our new Head and Deputy boys and girls. The potential candidates had to give speeches to fellow pupils and to staff.

The successful students were Danny Lavin (Head Boy), Elliott Longworth, George Booth, Amy McCroray (Head Girl), ? ?



Our first blocks in our Buy A Block Appeal are up and look fantastic. The frame and sign were created by our Resistant Materials department using our new laser cutter machine.

The blocks are being sold to raise money to replace the old and dilapidated Pod buildings. These buildings were meant to be temporary but a lack of teaching space has meant that we have continued to use them.

The blocks cost £35 for up to 2 lines and £60 for up to 4 lines. They can be inscribed with words of your choice.

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