

RISING STARS



Bright Futures Newsletter
Summer 2018 Edition



I love to receive news of the many diverse and exciting achievements of schools and individuals across the Trust. These achievements include students who excel in sports, music and the arts, in sciences, languages and technology. They also include examples of students demonstrating acts of kindness, of exploring issues of social justice and of carrying out charitable work.

Of course, the successes of our youngsters and staff are a source of considerable pride for individual students, their schools, families and communities. Since I first joined the Trust, I have noticed a shift in that sense of pride. What I now see is a genuine collective pride; a shared sense of celebration at all the achievements in

the Trust, regardless of which school or group of students they belong to.

This edition of Rising Stars captures well that sense of collective pride in all that we are achieving through our shared endeavours. One of our core values is 'community: working together for a common purpose acknowledging our diversity as strength'. The examples included in this edition, coupled with the countless others that happen day in, day out are a rich illustration of the great things we can bring about together.

As we approach the end of another academic year, thank you to everyone who has contributed to so much good work. Thank you for providing opportunities for students to excel, regardless of their starting points.



Thanks, most of all, for helping to make Bright Futures a genuinely collaborative organisation and for making the most of being part of our community of schools.

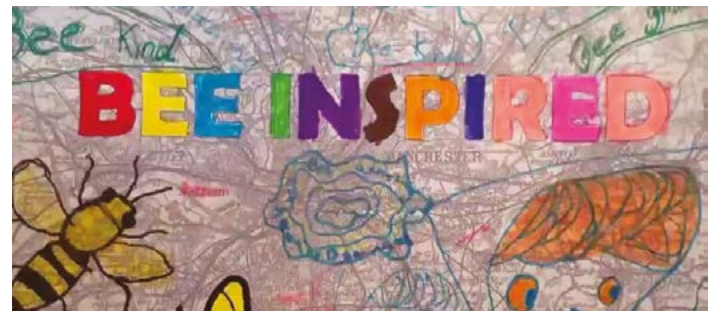
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Bee Manchester is a winner

A huge congratulations to Stanley Grove and all the 11,000 people who took part in the school's award-winning interactive art project this Summer, entitled Bee Manchester.

The series of stopgap films, which focused on people's feelings about the city of Manchester, was awarded first prize in the Primary School category in International competition 'The Big Draw'.

This is the fourth time Stanley Grove has won the award, having this year set out to bring our city together in a celebration of creativity and unity. The award and prize money are dedicated and donated to the families of the twenty two people who lost their lives at the Manchester Arena in 2017.





Melland performs at HOME



Melland students have had the opportunity to work with professional actors and technical wizards this term, at Manchester's

HOME Theatre. Melland was one of only five Manchester schools to be chosen as part of the Barbican Box Project, which is working to promote engagement with the arts. With the help of Mighty Heart Theatre Company, Melland pupils devised and performed their own play entitled *The Bees of the Bang* - a symbolic tale of personal growth and community harmony. A great time was had by all.

CMA at Victoria Baths



This term saw the culmination of Cedar Mount's collaborative humanities project with Enjoy Arts. Since the start of the year, students have been working together to write and produce a play based on the battle for women's suffrage, entitled *'Turning the Tides - First in the Fight'*. All their hard work was evident in the performance they put on in the fantastic location of Victoria Baths. Singing, acting, dancing and rapping was all included in this brilliant production. Well done everyone.

Women in Leadership



Our Alliance for Learning has won a bid to become the new Northwest hub for the Department of Education's Women Leading in Education Initiative.

The Northwest hub has been created to raise the profile of women in education; providing support, advice, coaching and mentoring, to ensure career satisfaction, progression and retention - hopefully encouraging more women to step up to senior leadership roles in education.

Lisa Fathers, Director of Teaching School & Partnerships, is taking on one of the hub lead roles along with Melanie Wicks of Wellacre Academy, one of our Learning Schools. They will be looking to inspire and support more women through mentoring sessions, workshops and online training. The programme was launched with a coaching conference held in Manchester at the end of June.

It's a jungle for Marton

Marton students had a wild time at Blackpool's Grand Theatre recently. As part of its new Arts and Resilience programme, the theatre is holding creative workshops with local artists to explore resilience and confidence. Marton pupils



took part in a Jungle Book project, making masks, totem poles and banners, before singing their way to the theatre to watch a performance of the classic tale.

Compassionate Class 2018



Pupils at Rushbrook are proud to share the news that they have been presented with a Highly Commended award in the RSPCA's Most Compassionate Class of 2018 Competition. They put a huge amount of work into creating a video entitled *'Rocket Man'*, to demonstrate their understanding of the needs of animals and how to care for them.



Blackpool Youth Games

South Shore students joined almost 3,000 other young people to take part in the Blackpool Youth Games this term. This week-long sporting extravaganza included dodgeball, football, trigolf, cricket and even a primary school aqua splash festival.

South Shore were crowned champions of the secondary girl's football and secondary boy's dodgeball competitions - well done everyone!

Fantastic, Francesca

Three cheers for Francesca Brint of AGGS - she has just won the National U20 Championship in the 1500m and is officially the best in her age group in Britain. She has qualified for the World Championships!



Excellent, Ellie

A massive well done for South Shore's Ellie Etheridge in year 9. Ellie plays in goal for the U14's girls Preston North End team who won the National Final and was chosen to represent the Lancashire U14 girls team on the back of this success, winning the national final at Stoke City's Britannia Stadium, which was shown on live TV!



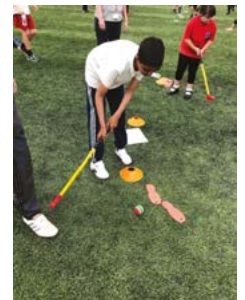
It's all cricket

We've been bowled over by Cedar Mount's Year 9 cricket team. They beat Abraham Moss to win The Manchester Schools Cricket Tournament at Manchester Grammar School last week. Congratulations, all!



Melland tee off

June saw Melland students tee off in a Tri-Golf tournament with many other schools from the local area. The team scored 662 points overall but more importantly this was a really great event for everybody involved - and the students really enjoyed developing their social and coordination skills in this way.



Soccer Aid

Sport really does bring people together for the greater good, as demonstrated by Soccer Aid. In June, students and staff at Stanley Grove had a great afternoon raising vital funds for the charity. The Rights Respecting School Ambassadors organised an afternoon of sporting fun which was followed by a cake sale. A fantastic £500 was raised and donated to Unicef.



Professor Winston at AGGS



Altrincham Grammar School for Girls was extremely lucky to have Professor Lord Robert Winston visit recently, to speak to the whole of Year 10 students plus Y12 biology and psychology students. He gave a fascinating lecture that covered a wide range of topics, including the importance of failure and perseverance in scientific research, the collaboration required between the different sciences in order to drive progress, the evolution of humans and their future plus genetic technologies and the ethics of their practice in modern medicine. He also joined a smaller discussion group after school to discuss these issues and more with some keen Year 11, 12 and 13 students. Lord Winston tweeted afterwards that it was a privilege to speak with all the students and staff. A truly fantastic guest.

Footballer opens South Shore's new 3G pitch

South Shore's fantastic 3G pitch was opened by ex-international footballer Trevor Sinclair in July. He spoke to the students about the importance of education and working hard at school - as well as giving advice on getting ahead in a football career!



Rushbrook helps the Cbeebies relax

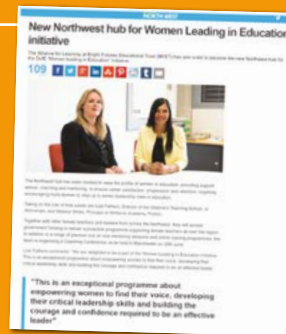
Rushbrook pupils were delighted to see themselves on the small screen this term, as part of CBeebies Daydreams, an hour-long journey that focuses on the finer details of the world to help you relax. They were filmed earlier in the year and the programme is now available to watch on Iplayer.

Status Quo drum masterclass

A genuine musical superstar rocked up to Marton a few weeks ago, when Jeff Rich, the drummer from Status Quo, came to the school to host a Drum and Percussion Masterclass. Children and staff in KS1 and KS2 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the session as well as hearing first-hand about the music industry. Jeff played with Status Quo for 16 years, touring all over the world and recording 14 albums with the band. He played in some memorable concerts including two gigs at Knebworth in front of 250,000 people. Of course Marton was his best gig yet.



In the news



Our Alliance for Learning Women in Leadership hub was covered across a range of business media.



CMA students were interviewed about their prom by BBC Radio Manchester's breakfast show.