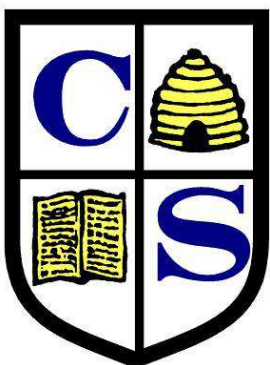


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# CLARE MOUNT

## SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE



# Newsletter

## No. 120

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## ***Front Cover***

Year 7 on their Chester Zoo visit where they received a certificate for fundraising from Hannah Taylor, the Development Officer at Chester Zoo.

More photographs of the trip in the Newsletter.

## **Autism Friendly Cinema Screenings**

The Odeon group offer Autism friendly showings of popular films on a regular basis. They show the latest releases with slight changes to the cinema settings:

- The lights are kept on at a low level
- The sound levels are kept lower
- No trailers or advertisements – just the film
- Allowance is made for increased levels of movement and noise

For further details please check out  
[ODEON.CO.UK/ACCESSIBILITY](http://ODEON.CO.UK/ACCESSIBILITY)

## **Return to School for Students**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful, exciting and busy term! Our highlights include; the students outstanding performance of 'The Tempest' in the Shakespeare Festival at the Floral Pavilion; representation from Clare Mount on the Wirral Healthy Schools panel and the Youth Parliament at the Town Hall; Being shortlisted, attending a ceremony in Liverpool Cathedral and coming runners up in the Educate Awards for the 'Most Inspirational School' in the North; Being shortlisted for Merseyside Sport Secondary School of the Year. What makes us achieving these accolades all the more impressive is that we have been judged against other Special, Mainstream and Academies, which means our vision that our youngsters are role models and catalysts for change is working.

Our parents' evenings were very well attended and thank you for taking the time to complete our parent/carer survey. The results are very positive and help us to deliver the best education for your child and we are keen to act on any suggestions you may have for school improvement.

The Bungalow Pals once again have been working very hard behind the scenes in their fantastic fund raising efforts. The recent Christmas Shop for our students was an excellent event and much loved by them all. I would like to thank you all for your hard work and commitment. Thank you also to everyone who attended and supported our Christmas Bingo evening. The money raised goes a long way to keeping our Mini-Buses on the road. We had a great turn out and more raffle prizes than I have ever seen!

We also had the return of our Grandparents' day which was a huge success and our students enjoyed 'showing off' their school and allowed their grandparents to join in their lessons. I am not sure who enjoyed the day most – the grandparents, the students or even the staff!

For the second time in Clare Mount we held a Celebration evening to recognise the achievements of so many of our past and present year 11 and sixth form students and to celebrate the hard work and dedication of both our students and staff across all subjects and aspects of school. Congratulations to all award winners. A number of our past students came to talk about 'Life after Clare Mount'. Again the event was highly successful and thank you to staff for their support. A special thanks must be directed towards all of the parents and carers who attended the evening: the students are a credit to you all.

*Continued Over...*

Our year teams have been doing lots of charity fundraising including 'save the orang-utans', 'Forum Housing', 'Claire House', 'Sierra Leone', to name a few, but thank you all for the donations to support our intensive charity work. End of term reward trips have been very successful as well as exciting including a visit to the Zoo and the Cinema. A new venture this term has been the transformation of our school Bungalow into an 'Internet Café'. Watch this space for opening times.

Sadly, we say good bye to Mrs Jones and Mr Walker and we wish them well for the future. Also, both Mrs Fogarty and Miss Greenop are starting Maternity leave. Keep us posted ladies!

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas together with best wishes for a healthy and peaceful new year.

Kim Webster  
Headteacher



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## Christmas Bingo

This term we enjoyed our annual Christmas bingo. The event was well supported by families and friends and raised the grand total of over £800. Special thank you to Ms Badzire and the cookery department for the hot chilli and hot dogs which went down a treat before the serious matter of bingo began.

Many of our visitors went home laden with prizes, not just from the bingo, but the raffles and tombola stall that were held on the night.

A big thank you to all who supported the event and also the willing team of staff and 'bungalow pals' who manned the stalls. Last but not least thank you to our Bingo caller Mr Kearney who stepped in at the last minute to call the numbers.

A fun family evening was enjoyed by all.

Mrs Robinson  
Learning Mentor

# A Christmas Message

## From The Governors

Another year draws to a close, another exciting and successful year for Clare Mount.

From the school governors we'd like to firstly say a 'Thank You' to our Headteacher, Mrs Webster, who has guided us all towards our successes over the year. To all the staff who have worked so tirelessly and guided our children throughout the year. To our students who have all worked so hard, achieving new levels of personal growth and ambition.

*And finally...* our Parents and Carers, a special 'Thank You'. Your support to our students, staff and governors is invaluable to the overall achievements and success of Clare Mount.

There have been so many 'good news stories' this year but probably our proudest should be the record 'highs' achieved in GCSE results this summer by our students, evidence of the hard work by all and the overall progress within the school.

We should also be immensely proud of others recognising our achievements. This year we have been nominated for two awards: The Times Educational Supplement Award held earlier in the year in London and then for the North-West Educate Awards where we came runners-up for the most 'Inspirational Secondary School' of the year. These are fantastic achievements for our school and should all be very proud.

And so towards 2016 and another successful year beckons.

We are a school proud of our achievements but I'm sure you will agree we are a school with ambition to achieve more and be better.

On behalf of all your governors we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



# Forum Housing Christmas Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who donated toiletries and small gifts for the young people at Forum Housing. You have helped to spread so much Christmas cheer. Year 9 helped not only by donating items but by collecting treats from every classroom in school! They all worked as a team to put items into bags ready for an overwhelmed Amanda Boden from Forum Housing to try and fit in to her car!

Our next collection will be for Easter treats next year.

Thank you so much

Miss Vicars and Year 9



*Photograph shows Mr Taylor channelling his inner supermodel to promote some of the items collected*

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## Christmas Shop

Our wonderful Bungalow Pals ran the Christmas shop recently selling small items that students could take home as presents for their family and friends. This was very well supported and we are pleased to say that it raised over £200.

Well done everybody.

# Musician's visit to Clare Mount

On Friday 11 December, Musicians from the Northern Chamber Orchestra came to work with years 7 and 8 in the hall.

Students learnt how the double bass, trumpet and bass clarinet worked and how they sound. The Musicians showed us how music can be used to enhance a story and really bring it to life. Year 7 really impressed the musicians with their knowledge of the orchestra as this is what we have been studying in our music lessons.

Some comments from the students who took part:

*"I like that the instruments have a great sound and it was fun singing along with the double bass!"*

*"All of it was amazing!"*

*"I enjoyed learning and listening to new music."*

Mrs Wright

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## Earning your Mark

Years 8 & 9 caught the train to the Vue cinema to enjoy the latest Pixar film 'The Good Dinosaur.' Some laughed and others had a little cry as we discovered how the good dinosaur gained his reward of putting his special dinosaur footprint on the wall of the silo where they stored their corn.

Behaviour was great with pupils giving up their seats on the train for other travellers on the way there and back. Thanks to Harry S who brought popcorn for everyone in his form. That's one way to 'earn your mark'!

Have a happy Christmas

Miss Hanley & Miss Vicars



# Educate Awards 2015

Just before breaking up for half-term Clare Mount Sports College found out they had been shortlisted for a prestigious Educate Awards for 'Most Inspirational Secondary School' in Merseyside. Educate told us, '2015 had seen an unprecedented number of entries, which had impressed the judges, making it a very tough decision-making process. Therefore it was already an outstanding achievement to have made it to the shortlist!'



We were invited along to the award ceremony on the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November at Liverpool Cathedral where we were awarded runner-up in our category. This award goes to the dedicated, hard-working and passionate staff here at Clare Mount who inspire our youngest to achieve the best.



Well done Clare Mount!



## Careers Fair

Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form students enjoyed a careers fair with a difference in on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015. They took part in a carousel of activities in the Holiday Inn Hotel, Hoylake, experiencing all the different careers available in the hospitality industry. Activities included the maintaining of the hotel rooms, reception, catering and many more. The event allowed students to experience a day in the life of working in a hotel and will inform their future career decisions.

Two of our students have been asked to go back for further training and potentially an apprenticeship in the future.

# Remembrance

This year the Remembrance Day assembly took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. The whole school community came together to pay our respect to those who gave their lives for their country. Several of the Year 9 pupils took part, James and Alex from Upper School did the readings and the wreath was laid by Travis and Vicky (who wore her sea cadet uniform).

The Humanities Department have worked with all our pupils to create a fitting memorial to the First World War. The giant poppy which is covered with pupils work will be on display in the school soon.

Mrs Brewer and Mrs Patrick took a group of Year 11s to see the wonderful 'Weeping Window Poppy display' outside St. George's Hall in Liverpool. The pupils were impressed and it is definitely worth a visit.

Mrs Brewer  
Head of History



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## British Values Week

Students took part in designing a British Values Clare Mount Keyring. Every student designed a keyring that represented British Values. The winners from each year group then had the opportunity to transfer their designs into real keyrings at West Wirral Works.

People voted for the winner and now West Wirral Works are manufacturing our Clare Mount British Values Keyring, which will be available to buy in the future

# British Values Week

Clare Mount Specialist is dedicated to preparing students for their adult life beyond the formal, examined curriculum and ensuring that we promote and reinforce British values to all our students.

During the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 we had our PSHE week and our theme was 'Promoting British Values'. During the week we hosted a number of activities, such as:

- Whole school Assembly to launch British Values Week
- Form time was dedicated to learning about British Values
- Life Skills and PSHE lessons helped students understand British Values
- Students created their own placemat for the forthcoming 'Street Party'
- Students took part in Clare Mount's British Values Key Ring competition
- Balloting for Student Council Form Representatives

It was a fantastic week, culminating in an indoor Street Party for students and staff, which was highly enjoyed by all.



# Anti-Bullying Week

Clare Mount School took part in the UK's Anti-Bullying week by having a Whole School Assembly, where students were asked to think of ways to be kind to each other in school and at home. Form time was dedicated to taking a stand against bullying and students were asked to make traced hand cut-outs of their hands and write ideas on what they can do to stop bullying and help others when they are being bullied, as well as ways to promote kindness.

A Clare Mount Tree of Support was made from all the traced hand cut-outs which you can see when visiting the school.

Life Skills and PSHE lessons were dedicated to bringing awareness about what bullying is and how to stop it, as well as be an 'Upstander', not a bystander.



On the Friday, the whole school created a circle of support in the school yard and shouted out together, '**Let's cheer! Bullying is not accepted here!**'

Mrs Boyle



# Fireworks Week at Clare Mount

*“Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November,  
This year’s fireworks week was better than ever!”*



The week after half term saw Science lessons at Clare Mount being taken over by gunpowder, treason and plot (as well as a few chemicals) as students explored what makes a great firework.



Pupils investigated what makes the different colours in fireworks and how sparklers are made. Everyone got the opportunity to light and hold a sparkler (using gloves, of course) as well as burn magnesium to make the bright white light that we are all so familiar with.



We couldn't have our fireworks week without linking with History to find out the origins of Bonfire Night and finding out when fireworks are used in other cultures.

All the students really enjoyed the week and there are plenty of photos to go in files to record their achievement.



*“Wow, I love it!” Year 8 student*

*“I’ve never held a sparkler before!” Year 7 student*

Mrs Nokes  
Head of Science



## *We had a wonderful time at our Celebration Evening*

*It started with drinks and nibbles (kindly laid on by Ms Badzire and her yr11 class) and a chance to catch-up with old friends.*

*Followed by a motivational talk by our special guest, Jenna Downing (World Champion In-line Skater)*



*It was lovely to see so many of our leavers come back to be presented with their Record of Achievement.*

*An excellent evening was had by all.*



# Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year Clare Mount launched its first Christmas Shoebox appeal, working with the Rotary Club of Wallasey.

They take shoeboxes to communities in Eastern Europe - Romania, Belarus & Ukraine - who live in a world of poverty. The gift of a shoebox that contains toys, toiletries, educational items or household goods is a drop of happiness for these people. For many it will be the first present that they have ever received and it lets them know that somebody, somewhere cares.

Students collected their boxes from school and filled them for babies, children, teenagers, as well as for the elderly.

Well done to the Clare Mount Community for helping to bring happiness to those in need.

Mrs Boyle



# SOS Clare Mount

Miss J Wilson and 12M have been learning all about refugees and asylum seekers in their PSD lessons.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> December they welcomed Ms Ramzy, the Ethnic minority consultant from Wirral Education, and Malinda (name changed), a Syrian refugee, who told the class all about her long and difficult journey from Syria to the UK with her husband and three children. She also brought along the things she had managed to quickly collect from her home before fleeing for safety. Malinda told the class how she is happy to be in the UK and has been made to feel very welcome. She is learning English in college and explained that she is a primary school teacher and her husband is a doctor and they hope to find jobs soon. The class enjoyed asking Malinda different questions they had prepared and looking at the different items Malinda had brought with her.

It was a great morning and the class have been busy preparing an assembly to help raise awareness of refugees and asylum seekers. They have also been making posters and postcards with welcoming messages and thinking about different ways Clare Mount School can welcome refugees and asylum seekers and become a School of Sanctuary.

Miss J Wilson



# SLiCE Fellowship Award 2014-15

During the Spring-term 4 pupils from Clare Mount, James, Scott, Siobhan and Bethan, were given the opportunity to work alongside the Open Eye Gallery in Liverpool. The focus of the project was 'The Metamorphosis of Japan after WWII'.

A training session was held at Upton Hall School for pupils and staff and ran by Alan Thompson (Hi Impact) in the use of key Apps for annotating thoughts and reflections. These Apps were then used to produce digital art during the visit to the gallery.

At the end of the project we found out that two of our talented pupils, James and Scott, both in Year 10, had won the right to have their artwork displayed at the Open Eye Gallery exhibition on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. Well done James and Scott, we're very proud of you!

Miss Hanley



# Snippets

As part of the Sixth Form Independent Skills course, some students have been visiting a number of local areas in order to develop their social and communication skills as well as developing their money skills.



The students have enjoyed each visit and have managed to raise some funds on a number of occasions to go towards the cost of their Bowling sessions.



Thank you to those parents who have taken part in the Clare Mount Craft Group this term. The items that you made were well received at the recent Bingo session and helped to raise important funds for the school. I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.



If any new parents would like to join us, we meet in the school bungalow at 1.30 on a Tuesday afternoon. Our first session of the year will begin on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016.



Mrs McLeod

# Go Orange for Orangutans

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, for the second year, we went Orange for Orangutans! Year 7 spent some time before the day, coming up with ideas to raise money. To begin with, everyone was invited to wear orange again and 'Act for Wildlife' orange wristbands were on sale throughout the day.

At break time, there was a large orange-themed bake sale, a 'Guess How Many Orange Sweets in the Jar?' game, 'Beat the Goalie' run by 7Wa, Orangutan and Rainforest themed crafts to buy, bead jewellery made by 7S and wrapped sweet cups to buy, which were all made by Year 7 pupils and staff.

The day was once again a huge success. As a school, we raised £370 which means that our funds will ensure 37 trees will be planted in the Bornean rainforest.

Year 7 were proud to lead the day and extremely grateful to everyone who donated. We would also like to thank Card Craft Club and all staff, pupils and parents who gave their time and efforts to help.

Mrs Croucher

**Congratulations**  
**Clare Mount**  
**Specialist Sports**  
**College, on winning**  
**top Go Orange for**  
**Orangutans**  
**secondary school**  
**fundraisers! You won**  
**£100 towards books**  
**for your school.**





Year 7 went on a trip to Chester Zoo. They had a great day out and learned many things.

Including Orangutans!





# Beyond the Baseline

Year 7 Pupil Premium Pupils taking part in team-building activities

This tennis linked project has once again been very successful with year 7 pupils attending three sessions with tennis mentor Anna Fitzpatrick. Five year 10 pupils also supported the sessions to develop their leadership and employability profiles.



*Year 7 pupils use tennis as a way to increase their team-working skills*

All of these sessions were about social skills, personal skills, thinking skills and leadership skills. Anna had this to say about our pupils:

*“Hope has been a fantastic leader and helped the other pupils so much”*



*“Dennis has been brilliant throughout and has been very mature and focused”*



# Indoor Cricket Team Winter 2015

The school cricket team was back in action at South Wirral High School in November against tough opposition from St. Mary's College and Wirral Grammar Schools for Boys. Paul took an outstanding catch and Jack made a fine single.



With further coaching to come and missing players returning the summer competitions will be welcomed.



Jack bowling overarm v St. Mary's



Paul ready to bat and ready to run



# Sports Inclusion

Clare Mount is the Youth Sport Trust Lead Inclusion School for Merseyside. We work with universities, schools and the School Games. We enable people to be better at offering PE and Sport activities that can include all pupils. Since September 2015 alone we have trained over 350 teachers, teaching assistants and coaches in Sainsbury's Inclusive PE.



What impact does this have?

The last course had 12 teachers who are employed as PE Coordinators in their schools. Each school had an average of 60 staff. All of these 12 teachers have now worked with these 60 staff to make their lessons more inclusive in PE. Those staff are working with classes with an average size of at least 25 pupils in each class. This means that there are lot of pupils out there who PE teachers who know about special educational needs and disabilities and how to include all young people in the lessons.



*Primary PE Teachers in Liverpool planning how to make their PE lessons more inclusive.*

# Merseyside School Sports Partnership PE awards 2015

Clare Mount was nominated for the Merseyside School Sports Award for the third year running in November 2015. The outstanding commitment to provide opportunities for all our young people was a major factor in promoting the school onto the judge's shortlist.



Having previously won the award in 2014, hopes were high but competition was extremely fierce with some exceptionally dedicated schools also being nominated. Unfortunately Clare Mount were not the winners this year but it this award does recognize the efforts made by all staff and pupils in providing high quality physical education and sport for all.

Many thanks to all those involved in school Physical Education and Sport and I look forward to another extremely busy and successful year.



*Image courtesy of Merseyside Sports Partnership*

# Table Cricket Competition

Over the last few weeks students have been taking part in a T-20 Table Cricket competition across all ages within the school. Every child / young adult was able to sign up for the first rounds of the tournament during the week of 12-16 October with all the winners and runner ups of these days going through to a final on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

How did we play? Each participant had a partner to play with on the day, with each of them having the opportunity to hit 6 balls. Then their scores from the 6 balls were combined to get an overall score. When everyone had played on the day then the 2 highest scoring pairings went through to the final.

The final!! What a great day this was; every participant received a certificate and a medal for reaching the final and there were 2 trophies up for grabs on the day - overall winner and player of the tournament. Our overall winner was Scott Year 10 and our player of the tournament was Callum Year 7 whose individual score of 30 runs from 6 balls on the first day of qualifying was not beaten over the whole tournament.





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## JumpIN

By the time this is published, JumpIN Dance Company will have finished performing at Liverpool John Moores University.

The Company have been working on their contemporary dance piece since October and are very excited to be performing together with second and third year dance students at Sudley Theatre. The company has seen some past members return and new members join this year which has made JumpIN bigger and better than before.

The students have worked extremely hard, rehearsing every Thursday after school.

Good Luck and Well Done JumpIN!



# Wheelchair Handball

Thirteen Year 10 pupils travelled to Greenbank Sports Academy on Thursday 26th November 2015 for a wheelchair handball tournament.

This was a steep learning curve for our team since we were expecting a have-a-go session! In best Clare Mount tradition of having a go, not giving up and doing your best all students entered the spirit of the day and enjoyed five competitive games of wheelchair handball against some fairly tough opposition.



The day progressed well and all participants showed an improvement in their skills. After lunch all pupils were involved in having a game against each other which was great fun! After the closing medal ceremony we returned to school hoping that next time we will do better!



# Inclusive Sportshall Athletics

As a host site for a School Games Organiser, Clare Mount has been responsible for organising an Inclusive Sportshall Athletics competition.



This is an annual competition that allows students of various needs to compete in a number of athletic based activities that can be adapted and modified. This year the atmosphere was fantastic with

extremely competitive teams involved. Clare Mount competed against The Kingsway Academy and Woodchurch High School. Our students were a credit to themselves and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout. Well done to our year 7 and 8 team who entered.

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## Indoor Rowing

This term Clare Mount have started an Indoor Rowing Club. This has been linked into an online League which has allowed our students to compete against other schools locally and nationally. This term Amelia Robinson is leading nationally for the Year 10 Girls with a fantastic 1183 metres in 5 minutes. Paul



Topham is currently ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 10 Boys competition. The year 11 boys is a much closer competition with 200m separating the top 6 rowers. The year 11's must rowing as many metres as possible in a 6 minute time slot. Well done to Jimmy Williams, Tommy Robinson and Wayne Edwards who are all competing in this age group.

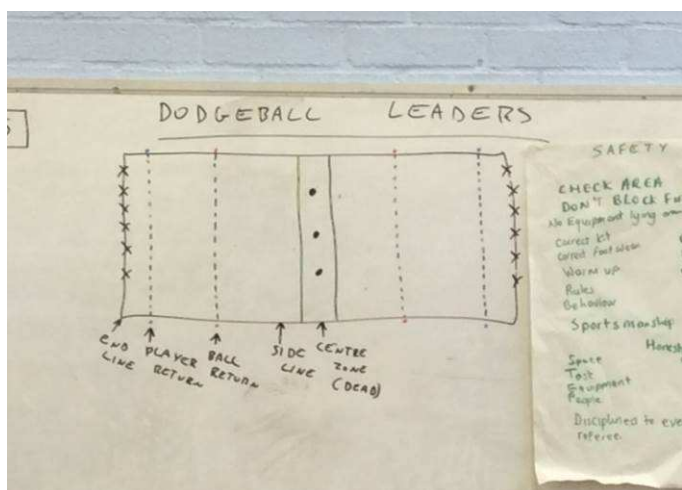
The rowers will also be spending the day with Toby Garbutt and Olympic Rower and Triathlete on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December before they compete against Kingsmead School for the first Wirral Indoor Rowing competition.

Good Luck to all of our competitors.

# Students become Dodgeball Leaders

As part of the Matalan Sporting Promise and Sports Interns programme 18 students in Year 11 and Sixth Form completed their Dodgeball Leaders Award.

The students will use the Award to run lunchtime Dodgeball clubs, set up inter-form competitions and introduce the sport to other schools through work experience and placements.



# Students GET SET for Community Action



Clare Mount continued its close association with the GET SET programme and was selected as 1 of only 100 Champion Schools across the Country charged with inspiring others on the Road to Rio and encouraging young leaders to volunteer in their local community.

Demi and Jack represented the school at the launch in Birmingham at Villa Park FC and met Olympian Christian Malcolm and Paralympian David Smith.

GET SET will run a workshop on Wirral at Kingsway Academy on the 1<sup>st</sup> February to engage other local schools in the project.

Students from Clare Mount even appear in the 'How to' Guide to get involved which can be viewed at <https://getsetaction.org.uk/about>



# Students meet Daniel Sturridge and Jonnie Peacock

A group of students from Clare Mount took part in the launch of the new Sainsbury's Active Kids Paralympic Challenge at Northcote Primary School in Liverpool. The students got to meet Liverpool and England footballer Daniel Sturridge, as well as Paralympians Jonnie Peacock (who won a Gold in athletics at London 2012) and Kate Gray (who won a Silver at Beijing 1998).

The footage of the event was shown on ITV and also on Sky sports Games Changers. To see the films follow the links below.

<https://youtu.be/6w8mcoLcM5o>

[http://www.skysports.com/watch/tv-](http://www.skysports.com/watch/tv-shows/gamechangers/video/10070168/paralympic-challenge)

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Sainsbury's Active Kids Paralympic Challenge aims to get 2.5 million Students to experience Paralympic sports in the build up to Rio 2016, including goalball, sitting volleyball, boccia and visually impaired athletics.



**Daniel Sturridge and Paralympic champ Jonnie Peacock surprise lucky Liverpool schoolchildren**

# Sports Interns develop Employability skills at Calvert

Sports Interns from Clare Mount spent 4 days in The Lake District at the beginning of December developing a range of skills such as teamwork, decision making and negotiation skills.

The Local Authority has helped to fund the programme as a pilot to support Students to secure places at College or in part-time or full-time jobs. The Students took part in a series of challenges such as a night walk, cycling, rock and rope, zip wire, ghyll scrambling and also an Apprentice-style team challenge.

They learnt all about the different roles at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre and the sort of things they would need to put on a CV.



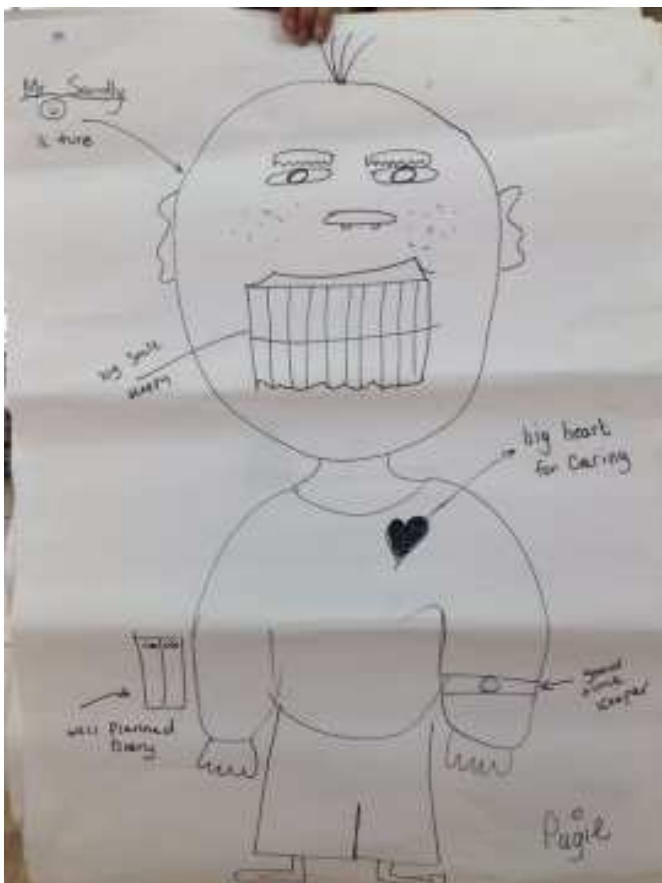
# Girl Power

A group of girls in Year 9 and 10 have worked with World Indoor Skating Champion Jenna Downing this Term to develop their social skills, leadership and mentoring ability.



The project has been funded by Student Premium and the girls will now deliver a project for elderly people from the local community. Their project will involve initially being 'Ice Angels' and offering to clear pathways for local elderly people when the winter weather arrives.

Following this, the girls plan to invite a group of elderly people into school to take part in some sporting activities like Boccia and also enjoy a cup of tea and cake.



# School Year

## 2015 – 2016

Open Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

*Closed* Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Close for half-term Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

2016

Open Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

*Closed Good Friday* Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016

*Closed Easter Monday* Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Close for Spring Break Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016

Open Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016

*Closed May Day* Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

Close for half-term Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Open Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

*Closed* Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Close Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Note that Easter Weekend (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March & Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March) and Spring Break (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April) do not coincide.

All staff training days shown. School closed for students on these days.

## Advance Warning for 2016 – 2017

### Autumn Term 2016:

*Open (Staff only)*

*Mon 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

*Open (Students)*

*Tue 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

Close for half-term

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016*

## Return to School for Students

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

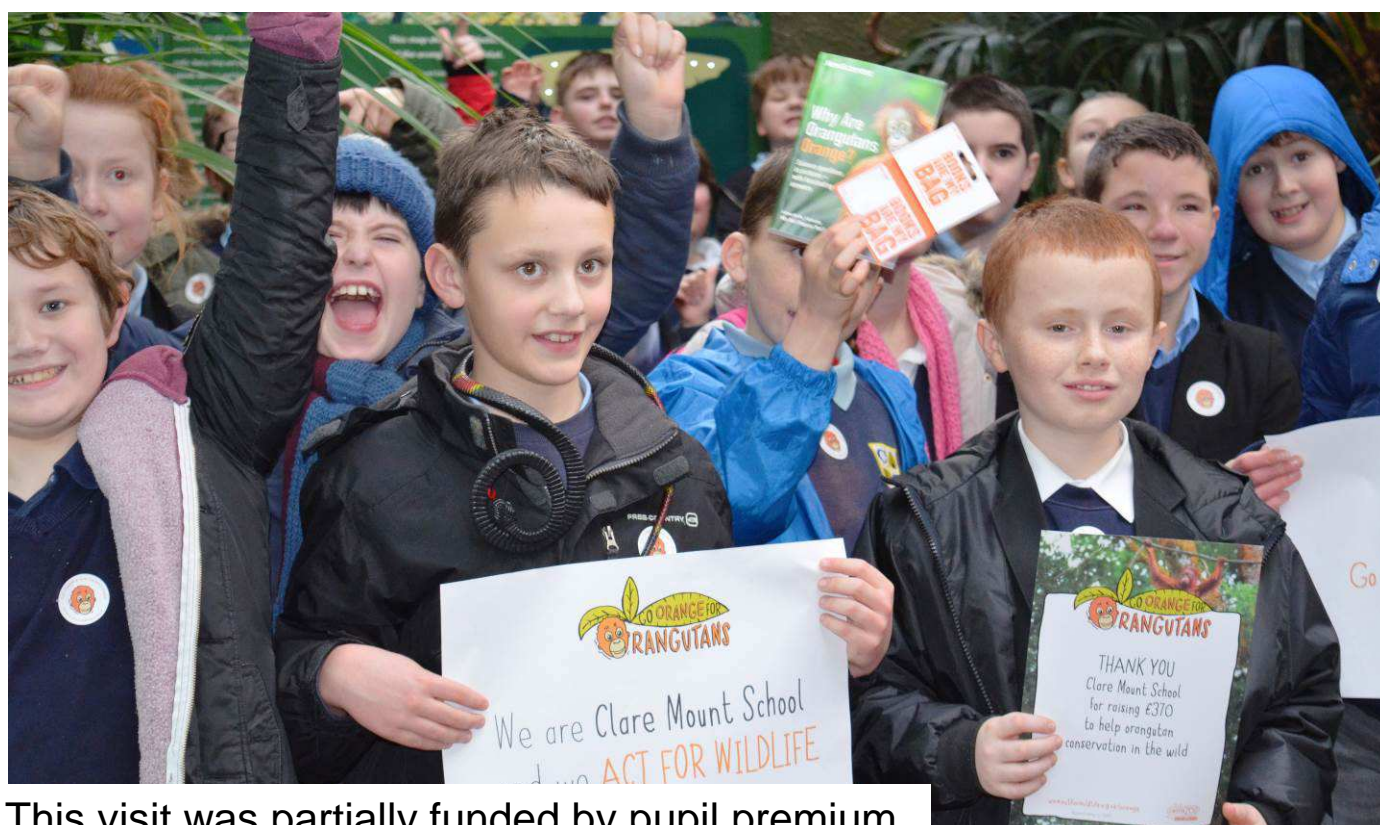
# Year 7 Visit to Chester Zoo

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December many pupils from Year 7 went to Chester Zoo. The winter sun shone upon us as firstly, we made our way to the brand new Islands exhibit – where the Sumatran Orangutans will soon have their new home. We began with a tour of the Islands by boat, visiting Panay, Papua, Bali, Sumatra, Sumba and finally Sulawesi. After being lucky enough to catch sight of the Tigers on Sumatra, we moved on to the main part of the zoo. Some of our group braved the Fruit Bat Forest, while others saw the Cheetahs, Lions and Jaguars being fed.

After lunch, we entered the Realm of the Red Ape exhibit – where the Bornean Orangutans will have their home once the Sumatran Orangutans have moved. It was here, that we met up with Hannah Taylor, Development Officer at the zoo. She was planning to present us with a certificate to thank us for the money we raised at Clare Mount. However, Hannah gave us a wonderful surprise in telling us that we were the winners of a £100 book token and a book from the zoo, as we had raised the most money of any Secondary School this year. We all cheered as she presented us with our prize.

Everyone had a fantastic day at Chester Zoo!

Mrs Croucher



This visit was partially funded by pupil premium.