

Students in spotlight on Rovers tour

by Greg Davies

TEN students had the chance to go behind the scenes of Blackburn Rovers ground Ewood Park.

They have had three sessions so far and in the first they learnt that football is really a big business and they also learnt how to run a business and what one is.

Secondly they had a tour around the stadium they got to sit in the press conference room, and the changing rooms.

Teaching Assistant Miss Brierley said: "The first changing room we went into was the away room and the boys were shocked. Their reaction was, 'Yeuch!' It looked like a plain room with coat hooks they thought that footballers would have had better facilities.

"However they were told by the guide they should wait until they saw the home changing rooms.

"When they went into the home facilities their jaws

dropped and they went, 'Wow'. There were big TVs on the wall, a massage table in the middle, there was a big bathroom and a fridge filled with drinks. The students thought it was really nice."

On the third session the students learnt about making a profit and why it is important for a business.

I'm a big Blackburn Rovers fan and I am a season ticket holder and when I went on the same tour that the school went on, I really enjoyed it.

Miss Brierley added: "My first job was as a waitress at Blackburn Rovers so the ground and behind the scenes were very familiar to me. It was nice to be back and let my construction students also experience the tour."

The students will attend a further two sessions which will be a mixture of discovering what qualities are needed in a person to be a successful businessman or woman and then they will have chance to go into the games room and play Fifa.



College prospects

by Simon McCourt

STUDENTS from The Heights have made two trips to Myerscough College this half-term

KS3 Nurture students went to learn more about the animals and got to see a goat, horses and ponies.

The students saw horse shoes being made and it was very loud when they were smashing the hammer onto the metal.

We went to see the motor sports department where they were making Formula 1 practice cars and we looked

at all the engines.

We also saw the chickens, roosters and hens.

My best bit was seeing the horse arena and watching the big horses walking around.

Year 11 also paid a visit to the farm section of the college when they saw the milking shed and met dairy cows, a bull and calves.





Sewing snowflakes



Enjoying the snow at The Heights



Practical lessons

by Greg Davies

YEAR 11 get fantastic opportunities to do practical lessons every week at Burnley College.

They do painting and decorating, brickwork and blockwork and also woodwork.

Teaching Assistant Miss Brierley explained: "These are important skills to learn because it will help them get into college and they need to do the practical units to pass the course."

"They are split into two groups and the first group attends on a Tuesday to do joinery and Friday to do painting and decorating. The second group attends on a Thursday when they

do brickwork and blockwork.

"The subject the students like best is definitely brickwork because it's very practical and the students enjoy seeing something being built right in front of their eyes."

A new opportunity has come up for Year 10s and they now have the chance to attend Blackburn College to complete their joinery unit.

Miss Brierley said: "College is a great way for the students to experience what life will be like after high school."

"It's setting them up in readiness for leaving as college tutors expect students to be mature individuals who are ready to work and learn."



Practising presentation for BTEC Home Cooking Skills Award



Keeping parents informed on Parent Consultation Day



Balancing the mind

by Liam Cookson

I WAS given the book called 'Tomb Quest' by Miss Cockerill.

The book is about a child who has an illness and who feels like he is wearing chain mail armour.

His mum worries about him so much that she started home-schooling him.

The boy has a best friend whom he spends all of his time with and their parents also work together.

I have taken the book home because I'm really enjoying reading it, and I like to read it before

going to bed.

Fiction books are definitely my favourite because they make my imagination go wild. Reality is so super boring.

I hate books that have boring endings too!

I think that reading is important because it keeps the mind balanced.

When I was given the book, I got so hooked on it I was reading it in the dining hall when everyone else was thinking about

what food to eat.

● **Reading is a key target at The Heights and students are encouraged to read throughout the school day. Handmade bookmarks have also been created thanks to help from Abby Cook.**



Chinese New Year Celebrations

by Greg Davies

I AM a dog - at least that's my Chinese animal sign.

This is because I was born in 2006, which means I was born in the Chinese Year of the Dog.

I really enjoyed finding this out and we talked a lot about the different Chinese animals and how people from China celebrate their New Year for two weeks.

They celebrate by having parades and give money for holidays and spend time with their family.

In cookery at school, we made vegetable spring rolls with carrots, mushrooms and lettuce.

We used a piece of filo pastry and put the filling in the middle, we used a beaten egg as a glue to keep the pastry together after we folded it into rolls.



We put them in the oven for roughly ten minutes and they smelled delicious!

In another lesson, we converted our names into Chinese writing, which was hard work because of the amount of symbols that there is in the Chinese language.

It took me about ten minutes to do but it was fun.

After that we coloured Chinese dragons to finish off the day.



Students remembered Civil Rights Campaigner Martin Luther King with a special assembly and work in class





Clocking up the mile

by *Simon McCourt*

KS2 pupils have been going the extra mile every day.

As part of keeping fit and healthy, teaching assistant Miss Zollner said: "In KS2 we have been going out every day to make sure we get in the

daily mile. The children love this and we think of different ways to achieve it – they walk, jog, hop or run five laps around the yard."

Miss Zollner said in KS2 the students love football and basketball and she said they are great team building sports and helped children with their social skills.

New room provides sporting chance

by *Simon McCourt*

THE new sports classroom has made a big massive difference, now all the students have their own seats and computers.

Sports teacher Mr Bailey said: "We had 22 students and only 12 seats before, but now we have seats for everyone and the new classroom has provided a better learning space."

"It has helped with behaviour; students are more productive and we have a calmer and nicer learning

environment."

Year 11 students have taken their first sports exam and Mr Bailey said there was a very good attendance and a lot of smiley faces when they left so he felt they had enjoyed it.

He is hoping they have done well because it is an important exam for them.

This month Year 11s tried out basketball and in the next half term Head of PE Miss Carmichael is looking to introduce a new sport to students – wheelchair basketball at Blackburn Youth Zone.



A team building challenge saw girls tackling a tricky task - to create the largest tower using only sticks and tape

