



St Wilfrid's High School & Technology College **TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE** **NEWSLETTER**



Stop Press!

Right now Technology College funding is helping other departments to acquire resources to further enhance their own subjects. The resources must have a technological element to them and requests so far have included audio & video equipment and IT resources.

Clipbank—a cross curricular learning support service for secondary schools - funded by Technology College provides staff with excellent up to date online video clips for their lessons. Our next training session will focus on personalising Clipbank resources for the interactive whiteboard. Date to be confirmed.

D & T NEWS

Three primary schools are taking part in this year's Primary Engineer Competition. They are Lammack, St Francis and St Aidan's. All staff involved receive free training and resources from St Wilfrid's to help them to teach this aspect of D & T. Children from y2 & y6 design and make moving vehicles and the winner then goes on to the regional finals at Darwen Vale. More information can be found by clicking on www.primaryengineer.com

November sees the start of the Basic Food Hygiene Course at St Wilfrid's. Staff from St Francis will be attending after school sessions to gain this worthwhile accreditation.

Our collaboration with Crosshill Special School is continuing with the focus on healthy eating. Year 7 are cooking using various types of fruits, whilst year 8 are making fridge magnets based around fruit.

SCIENCE NEWS

The CREST Award will once again commence after half term. This ten week course enhances pupils' scientific investigative skills enabling them to solve problems by 'hands-on' practical activity. The bronze award, once gained will be a useful introduction to Key Stage 3 science at the beginning of Year 7. It also enables our primary year 6 children to gain access to our laboratories and facilities in order to complete this task.

This exciting course can not only raise attainment in science it also helps the children to experience an aspect of secondary school life which assists transition into year 7. Schools which have previously taken part in CREST have all been extremely pleased with the skills and confidence the children have acquired.

Maths News

Maths support is being given at present to seven of our family of schools by two of our maths teachers here at St Wilfrid's. Lammack receives support every other Thursday morning from Miss Nightingale working with Year 5 and Year 6. St Barnabas and St Paul are visited every other Thursday afternoon with support being given to two groups of Year 6 children. On alternate Thursdays Miss Nightingale is in St. Gabriel's all day working with Year 5 and 6. On Wednesdays Miss Anderton alternates working with Griffin Park, St Aidan's and St Francis with Feniscowles and St Francis.

This is one resource which our primary family of schools really appreciate. They have noticed a marked difference not only in the attainment in mathematics but in the confidence and the interest of the children towards all aspects of mathematics.

Family of Schools

This term we are working with four of our feeder primary schools who are part of our cluster. Within St Francis primary school we are supporting writing using the computer with year 6. In Griffin Park primary we are involved with PHSE and are supporting confidence building through a range of practical and written tasks. Support to St Aidan's is through the introduction of modern foreign languages and here we are helping with a French theme day which will be held in January. This will herald the introduction of French throughout key stage 2. Finally at St Luke & St Philip's we are helping parents to use the school's own learning platform which will be of benefit to all concerned.

Our autumn lunch meeting with the head teachers from our family of schools will take place on 9th December at St Wilfrid's.