

# Pear Tree Specialist School

## Newsletter - October 2009

### Dates for your Diary

School Close	Friday 23rd October
Inset Day	Monday 2 November
School re-open	Tuesday 3 November
Dance Festival	Thursday 26 November
Xmas Lunch	Wednesday 9 December
Xmas Production	Tuesday 15 December
Xmas Production	Wednesday 16 December
Xmas Party Day	Thursday 17 December
School Close	Friday 18 December

### 2010

Inset Day	Monday 4th January
School re-open	Tuesday 5th January

### Class FE1 .

We have had a busy but exciting start to the new school year.

We have started our own company called Totally Different , working with Young Enterprise. Our managing director Ashleigh and Finance Director Antonio are busy trying to convince people to buy shares with us. The other students who make up the production team have been busy making bead jewellery and preparing a very individual tea towel to sell in time for Christmas.

Alongside this, our ASDAN and NOCN accreditation is slowly taking shape - we are studying {amongst other things} the Wider World, Pottery and Ceramics and very importantly Independent Travel.

Our link with Preston College remains strong - courses include Sport and Media this year..

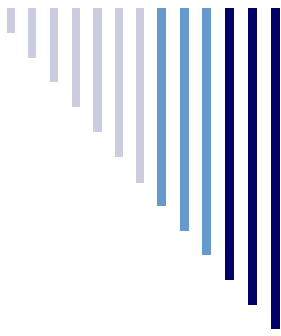
Well done to Tracy who has been given the opportunity to study for her Level 4 in Child Care and Learning Development

**Early Years** have been very busy as usual! We have been finding out all about ourselves this term. We have learnt lots of new songs about our bodies and we have been finding out about things we like and do not like. We have also celebrated Autumn and have enjoyed exploring the leaves that have fallen from the trees.



## Book Week

Wow! What a fantastic book week we had in lower school. We had an overwhelming response to our "Make a book" competition and as the standard was so high, Lesley could not judge an individual winner. Therefore congratulations go to Tom, Steven, Megan, Antonia, Chloe, Grace, John, Dylan, Antony, Isobel, Harriet, Sophie and George (and their families!) The book review competition was won by Brandon McMillan.



Pear Tree won 4 awards in the recent Fylde and Wyre Sports Partnership PE awards.

We submitted our entries in July and received the awards and a cheque for £1000 to spend on sports resources last week.



Shanon with her homework bag



Patrick in the 'Drop in Gym'

We won the categories of:

- High quality PE in lower school
- Innovation - 'homework activity bags' - lower school
- Innovation in upper school 'the drop in gym'
- The 4<sup>th</sup> was for students working on 'leadership skills in sport'

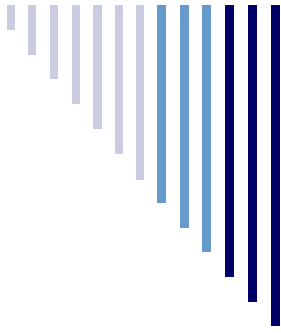
We have some nice glass trophies in the entrance to school have a look next time you are passing through.

As part of our work related learning and PSHE, **Senior 2** enjoyed a visit from Foxes biscuit factory.

We listened to how the biscuits are made, health and safety issues, and then the best bit, we had a go!

After putting on special caps we shaped dough, counted chocolate bars and then tasted them....yummy!





# Outward Bound Ullswater October 2009

In October 6 pupils and 3 staff from Pear Tree joined 6 pupils and a member of staff from Lytham St. Annes High for a week of activities at the Outward Bound Centre at Ullswater.



What a fantastic week we had! The students from Lytham St. Annes High were a fabulous group of young people who supported and encouraged all the pupils from Pear Tree in all the activities. This enabled all our pupils to have the most wonderful time, conquering some real fears and achieving fantastic results.

We had a week packed full of activities which included canoeing, gorge walking, climbing wall, ropes courses, tunnels, night walks and many more!!

Everyone had a fantastic time (including staff) although it was nice to get home for a hot bath!!!

