



# Welcome!

**A warm welcome to Lancashire Children's University Winter newsletter. Here in the office we have had a very busy term.**

Louise has been across the whole of Lancashire delivering assemblies and parent meetings and the enthusiasm from everyone has been amazing.

On top of that, we have recruited 20 new schools in the Burnley and Pendle area – a huge welcome to you all!

We have also been getting lots of new Learning Destinations validated, (see 'Learning Destination Watch' later in the newsletter) but as usual we still need your help! Please let us know of any activities/groups that your children attend by sending their contact details to [louisew@seftonebp.co.uk](mailto:louisew@seftonebp.co.uk). The Learning Destination list is growing steadily, but there is always room for more!

Don't forget to direct your children to the holiday challenges that we run, children can pick up credits for a variety of activities that are set, look out for an e-mail and on our social media pages for details of the latest challenge. The next one will be just before Christmas.

The Children's University team are now making the initial arrangements for British Science Week 2018 activities, which will be taking place 9-18 March. We are also organising extra pop-up events over the year and will keep you informed!

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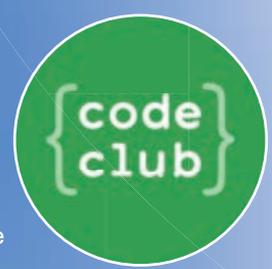
## Download our new Children's University App!

If you haven't already done so, please download our App. It will show all of the validated Learning Destinations available close to wherever in the country you are standing! The App is FREE and is available from the App store. (Just search 'Children's University') It updates as soon as a new Learning Destination is validated and is great for finding new places to get your Passports to Learning stamped – particularly if you are away for a weekend and want to know if a nearby museum or attraction is a Learning Destination.

Learning destinations are also listed on our website

[www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk)

## CODE CLUB



We are pleased to announce that Code Club UK are a validated Learning Destination.

Code Club UK is a nationwide network of volunteers and educators who run free coding clubs for children aged 9-11. Their aim is to inspire the next generation to get excited about computer science and digital making.

Code Club's specially designed projects offer structured and fun content for the clubs. Children will build up their programming skills as they move through the projects, and challenges provide opportunities to demonstrate and apply what they've learnt. There is an opportunity to start up your own FREE after school club, or find a local volunteer to do so, to find out more go to

[www.codeclub.org.uk](http://www.codeclub.org.uk)

## HALF TERM FUN AT HOGHTON TOWER!

Our wonderful friends at Hoghton Tower offered a fantastic half term trip to our Preston/Chorley Schools this October half term. The children spent a spooky fun-filled afternoon at the tower. They were treated to a bespoke guided tour of the house with lots of stories of King James and how he spent his time at Hoghton Tower. A great big thank you to Diane and the wonderful staff and volunteers at Hoghton Tower and the children, parents and staff at Brookfield CP School.



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## TOWNELEY HALL



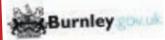
One of our newest Learning Destinations is Towneley Hall, located near the centre of Burnley. It is owned and managed by Burnley Borough Council and is an historic house, art gallery and museum located in 400 acres of beautiful parkland. Their guided tours offer the inside story of Towneley Hall, taking you on a fascinating journey through its unique history, incredible architecture and the members of the Towneley family. A visit provides all the ingredients for a fun, educational and adventurous day out.

For more information visit [www.towneley.org.uk](http://www.towneley.org.uk)



## BURNLEY LAUNCH

A huge WELCOME to our new Burnley and Pendle schools who have just come on board this term! We are delighted to have the support of Burnley and Pendle Councils who have offered considerable subsidies to the schools taking part. Also a big thank you to Burnley FC in the Community for their fantastic support and financial contribution. We look forward to working with everyone over the coming months. The enthusiasm from the children, teachers and parents across the whole area has been amazing! We can't wait to see you all graduate in the summer.



## Expedition 8848 is here!

You may remember last year we invited you to sign up to Mission 8848. This was an opportunity that came from Mark Wood – explorer extraordinaire and Patron of Coventry Children's University. It was his plan to climb Mount Everest armed with the latest technology so that he could broadcast live from the trek and straight into classrooms all across the world.

After some setbacks the mission was postponed but has now been confirmed to take place in Spring 2018. Mark and his fellow explorers will attempt to summit Mount Everest to create the biggest and most extreme classroom on the planet involving 4 million students worldwide. Actor Tom Hardy is a Patron of the expedition.

His words sum it up brilliantly:

***"Expedition 8848 excites me because it creates an opportunity to bring about real change. Now, more than ever, we have a responsibility to educate the next generation and assist them in fully grasping the issues facing the planet – which we continue to destroy on a daily basis. In supporting the team, together, we can encourage the children of today to think differently about protecting the future of our collective home."***

To sign up your school go to [www.expedition8848.com](http://www.expedition8848.com)



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## Learning Destination Watch

### Welcome to....

**Active Streets**, A variety of free arts and sports clubs

**Beaconsall Equestrian Centre, Tarleton** – riding lessons and stable management courses

**The Best Centre** – gymnastics, Karate, trampolining and holiday camps

**Burnley Athletic Club** – track and field

**Burnley Youth Theatre** – Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre

**Burnley RUFC** – Tag Rugby

**Dodgeball at Jump Rush Trampoline Park, Morecambe** – Coach-led dodgeball on the trampolines

**Gawthorpe Hall** – visits and events

**HAPPA** – ponies 4 u sessions and the Welly Walk

**Lancashire Libraries** – reading trails, reading journeys and activity sessions

**Sandersons Dance and Fitness** – a whole host of different types of dance

Plus a variety of Cubs/ Scouts/Brownies/Guides – see the App for details

Visit our App for more details and keep an eye out for our Learning destination logo!



### Win a Children's University Pin Badge!

Send us your pictures to win a CU badge!



If the team can help you in any way or if you are interested in finding out more about Lancashire Children's University, Passports, Learning Destinations or any of the items featured in this newsletter then contact Laura at [laurag@seftonebp.co.uk](mailto:laurag@seftonebp.co.uk)

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