

Kidz United: Blackburn with Darwen NASACRE Project

Pupils from four schools in Blackburn with Darwen have been making firm friendships. Drawn from Years 2 and 6 from Audley, St Mary and St Joseph, St Thomas's and Shadsworth schools, they have joined together in different activities designed to help them get to know one another and meet new people. Teams made up of children from all four schools have taken part in a football tournament, parachute games, mask-making, poster creation, an African drumming workshop, bulb planting and Circle Time which gave everyone the opportunity to work with and get to know new partners.



Year 2 pupils began their fun day with an assembly where the Audley children performed a dance based on a poem, The Rainbow People. The Rainbow People began as friends but gradually became isolated until they realised by working together everyone's needs could be met. In January 2007 the four schools came together again in a celebration of friendship. The theme was re-emphasised in the drama led by Shadsworth children who demonstrated the importance of accepting one another's differences and working together in harmony.

Whilst the vehicles for promoting these new friendships are important the sustainability of these relationships is all but assured. Parents of the children involved were delighted with the friendships formed and they will provide a sound basis for harmonious transition to High School.

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Y6 from the four schools in East Blackburn learn to be cub reporters

- Two Y6 reporters with some James Hickmans swimming medals



• Y2 Celebrate a fabulous fun day at Audley Juniors - see back page



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Olympic Swinner goes face to face with students

By Aadil and Maryam

Recently different schools came together to have a fantastic day completing different activities.

There were many teachers helping children with their activities and giving them a joyful day. All four schools were shuffled with different children in different groups with teachers. They sat and talked with an International Swimmer and Olympic Gold Medallist, James Hickman and groups of reporters from all four schools interviewed him. James won 5 Olympic gold medals and a few European medals. He had beaten the world record at the age of 22. His last medal was given to him at the age of 28 in 2004.



• James Hickman with kids from East Blackburn United learning to work together

One of the many exciting activities included mask making in Miss Berry's class. Interviewing a few children they were asked different questions about how they are enjoying the day meeting different people from other primary schools. Sophie and Nasish said, "We really enjoyed meeting new people and it is a wonderful day." The groups divided up into different continent groups make fabulous masks that the children created throughout the day. The masks made were sparkly from the front and had holes to look through.



• Masks crafts bringing children together in friendship.

Kids go potty for fun

By Chantelle Barnes and Ali

In the arts and crafts room children are decorating plant pots. The plant pots will then have flowers put in them. This will build the friendship between the four schools that are all joining in the activities at Audley Junior School in East Blackburn as part

of the East Blackburn United project.

All the children who do not know each other as they are from other schools which are Audley Juniors, St. Mary's' and St. Josephs, St. Thomas's and Shadsworth Primary School, have made a lot of friends. They are working together and helping each other.

Everybody has enjoyed working together at Audley Juniors.

Mr. Hewitt said, "It is really encouraging that everyone is working together in harmony and having a fun time. The East Blackburn United project has brought children from four schools together to learn and work in friendship."



• 'Potty' children plant the seeds of friendship for the future in their planting activity recently

Drumming success at East Blackburn Utd. get-together

By Yaseen, Rowan and Sufyaan.

At Audley Junior School recently four schools came together to learn about one another. The schools that were taking part today were Audley Juniors, St. Mary's and St. Josephs R.C. Primary, Shadsworth Juniors and St. Thomas' CofE Primary School.

Over 120 children came because they were trying to get to know each other and making friends with other cultures from both Church of England and Catholic schools for when they reach Secondary school. Of course many of the children have Muslim backgrounds which helped to make the day interesting.

The drumming group used African drums which were called Djembe. The group were put in a drumming circle. This is what a boy called Hamaza quoted, "I liked the drums because of the noise." Drum teacher Kath Rimmer gave the children an enjoyable lesson. All of them enjoyed working together and learning new experiences.

All agreed and enjoyed working with Kath Rimmer and especially Hamada and the other children playing the drums.



Children learn to find their way

By Sinead & Samir

Recently, Mr. Naylor, Deputy Headteacher of Shadsworth Junior School organised groups of children from four local schools, to complete an orienteering course in the grounds of Audley Primary School.

They were doing it because it was fun and fit. It was done outside the school and it was part of a lot of activities bringing children together from different backgrounds and cultures.

Each activity lasted about 20 minutes. Mr. Naylor said, "I am really enjoying myself seeing all the children mixing and making new friends."

Anne-Marie from St. Thomas' CEP said, "I have enjoyed meeting other children from different schools and I can learn from meeting them and making new friends. Being a Muslim I do not find any problem making friends with non Muslims and I think that we should try to understand one another better and live in peace together."



• Mr. Naylor briefs a orienteering group ready for adventure at Audley Juniors

Getting the big picture in East Blackburn

By Ann-Marie, Andrew and Sajad

Art teacher, Jackie from The Action Factory helped some children from four schools in East Blackburn make a big picture. The big picture is made from small pictures. This is a picture of strange and wonderful people in a town. It showed that the schools were all part of a peaceful and understanding part of the town.

The big picture made is going to be displayed in Audley Junior School. The children from St. Mary and St Joseph's Primary School, St Thomas', Shadsworth Junior School and Audley Junior School all mixed up into groups which meant that they learn different things about one another.

Philip from Shadsworth Juniors said, "We are doing this to have a bit of fun and I am really enjoying the day making new friends from new schools."



• Two Y6 children creating part of the 'Big Picture' in their community held at Audley Junior School



● Y2 children from all four schools in East Blackburn enjoy their adventure fun day held at Audley Junior and Infant Schools

East Blackburn Kids Utd. Y2 Adventure Day

By Maryam and Ali

Year Two's from Audley Infants, St Mary and St Joseph, St Thomas's and Shadsworth Infants took part in a joyful Kids Utd day.

There were several activities, which were full of fun and friendship. Even though The children had never met or spoken to each other they worked together.

One activity was to make masks. Girls and boys from the four schools were to plan out their masks and then decorate them with different stationery. One teacher said happily "It is lovely to see these well behaved children working together."

Another activity was parachuting. Children and teachers had fun,with the parachuting. Everyone had a laugh playing with one funny parachute. "I have had a wonderful time", said Maria.

Also there were many other activities, including drumming, plant making, computers and orienteering. "I wish every day would be like this," a boy said from Shadsworth.

Kids United Football Tournament

By Rowan



● Sporting ladies, footballers from the four schools take a rest before their East Blackburn Kids United football tournament

On the Friday of the Autumn half term children from Audley Junior School, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's R.C. Primary School, St. Thomas' C of E Junior school and Shadsworth Junior school went to Audley Junior School to do a football activity so that they would get to know each other for when they go to Secondary school.

They went into the main hall sat together in schools and then got all shuffled up into teams. All the



● One of the boys football squads get together at the football matches held at Audley Junior School

boys got shuffled up into four teams, A,B,C and D. So did the girls. Then they went onto the Astroturf to have their matches. The girls played on one pitch while the boys played on the other. A boy called Steven who came from Shadsworth Juniors said, "I really enjoyed playing with people that I didn't know."

Poster pop making is a hit with local children

By Journalists Nathan and Owais

Recently pupils from a variety of schools in East Blackburn arrived at Audley Junior School and there were 4 schools, their names are Audley, Shadsworth, St Thomas and St Mary and St Joseph's.

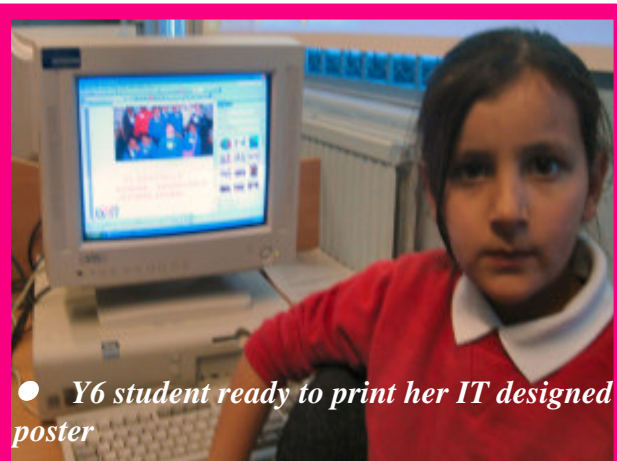
The children went to interview group 'South America' who were poster making in the ITC suite with Mr. Bleasdale They were making the posters to show how children can work together from different schools. They were working on the computer. They found it fun.

Yaseen Amir said, "It's a good idea because you meet new friends and you meet people from other places."

Mr. Bleasdale said, "The children worked very hard, I'm so pleased!"

Nathan and Owais really enjoyed being journalists - it was great. They could not wait to come again.

Nathan said, "I first thought it was going to be very boring, but I really enjoyed it. Thank you so much for coming. I would like to thank the teachers for planning this day for us."



● Y6 student ready to print her IT designed poster

Jumping for joy at Audley

By Remi Dobson and Poppy Hester

Fun and games came to Audley Junior School in East Blackburn when children from Shadsworth Juniors, St Mary's and St Joseph's Junior School, St Thomas's and Audley Junior School got together and did all sorts of fun activities, such as parachuting.

When they did this they did different games chosen at random by the children. Katie Aspin from Shadsworth Junior School from the North American team said, "I have enjoyed it so far today and have made new friends from different schools and had fun when the girls had a race."

Konrad Halstead from Shadsworth said, "I loved it when we got to play out with the balls. I played with my friends and I got to know some new friends." Stacey Clifton from St Thomas's said "I got to know new friends like Robert and Usma and enjoyed myself - it was great."

Remi said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed being a journalist and I look forward to being back here in a few weeks to produce the paper."

Poppy said. "I enjoyed meeting Remi he is daft. Mr. East has been a good role model for the journalist group."



● Fun with the parachute at the recent adventure fun day for four East Blackburn schools