



Welcome!

A warm welcome to Lancashire Children's University Autumn newsletter.

We had an amazing summer term with graduation ceremonies in Lancaster, Preston, Burnley, Pendle and West Lancashire and almost 1000 graduates! Take a look at some of the pictures from our events, they were a fabulous celebration of the children's achievements in a huge variety of activities.

You will see later on in this newsletter that we have had another busy year validating lots of new Learning Destinations across the region. In addition to this, Louise has been out and about across the region visiting all of our schools and building relationships with our co-ordinators, teachers and parents and we are always so impressed with the commitment everyone shows to out of school learning.

We are thrilled to see some fantastic impact measurement and evaluation reports being released over the past 12 months, showcasing how beneficial Children's University can be.

Pop-up events are growing, this year we have held Stargazing, Science of Superheroes and a China Activity Day. We are aiming to hold even more over the next 12 months – all of our pop-up events are FREE and are advertised in school and on our Facebook and Twitter pages...watch this space!

Laura Grigsby
Lancashire CU Manager

Having an Impact

The Education Endowment Foundation published their Children's University Evaluation Report at the beginning of this year. This report is the result of an independent evaluation over two years from schools across Lancashire by a team from Durham University with funding from EEF and the Cabinet Office. Summary of their findings include –

- Children in CU schools made two additional months' progress in reading and maths compared to children in other schools.
- Children were more likely to select professional occupations as their future aspiration, and to report higher levels of communication, empathy, self-confidence, resilience, and happiness, after the intervention.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the 50 schools across Lancashire who contributed to this study. We are thrilled to see this fantastic impact measurement that highlights just how beneficial Children's University is to your students and your school.

More details can be found at www.educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk

Don't forget our FREE App!

If you haven't downloaded our App yet, please do...it is FREE and has information about all of our validated Learning Destinations. Search 'Children's University' in your App store, there is no log-in required. Don't forget you can get your Passport to Learning stamped at validated Learning Destinations across the whole country, not just your local area.

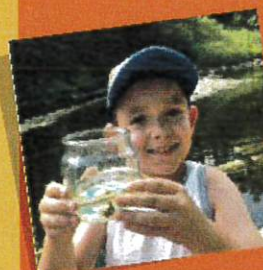


Please let us know if you want us to validate any of your local clubs/groups/museums/farms etc. Any activity where there is structured learning taking place will usually qualify to be a Learning Destination.

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Holiday Challenges

We have had lots of engagement with our Holiday Challenges this year and many children have gained extra stamps in their Passport to Learning for taking part. Thank you for the pictures you have sent to us, we really enjoy seeing you taking part. Look out for our challenges at each school holiday. We send them to your school and post them on Social Media. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (Lancashire Children's University) and Twitter (@LancashireCU)



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UCLAN Confucius Institute

This year we have teamed up with the Confucius Institute based at UCLAN in Preston and Burnley. They deliver activities that broaden the cultural flavour and landscape of the Lancashire community. We have so far held a 'China Day' event at UCLAN Burnley where Children's University pupils in the local area had the chance to sample taster sessions of Chinese culture through Chinese calligraphy & brush painting, dance demonstrations & Chinese language. It was a fantastic day and we hope to offer more events like this.



Science of Superheroes

Another exciting pop-up event this year has been our 'Science of Superheroes' session which was held at Bay Leadership Academy, Morecambe. Professor Matthew Dickinson from UCLAN Preston took Children's University students on a journey through the wonderful world of Superheroes and their super powers. This very hands on session aims to encourage children to think about the power of Engineering through the medium of comic strip Superheroes! We are planning similar events this year, so... keep an eye out on Social Media for details.



Stargazing at Towneley Hall

We finally managed to hold our Stargazing event at Towneley Hall in March after our initial attempt was snowed off! Our Children's University students were treated to an exciting presentation entitled 'Hubble's Greatest Hits' by Astronomer Adam Whitaker. Adam then let them use his telescope to scour the night sky, identifying planets and various constellations. Finally, they got to see behind the scenes of Towneley Hall on a personalised tour, discovering more about Towneley Hall's history which is steeped in astronomy.



Learning Destination Watch

Welcome to....

Barlick Fell Runners, Barnoldswick Cricket Club, Barnoldswick Town FC, Barrowford Celtic FC, Basically Cheer, Bootroom Academies, Burnley Campus, Burnley Cricket Club, Burnley Dance Centre, Fulleage Colts, FUNDA, Get Grubby out of school club, Imogen Gibson School of Dance, JD Engineering, Kip McGrath Skipton, Lancashire Music Service, Lowerhouse Cricket Club, Participation Works North West, Pendle Leisure Trust, Razzamatazz Dance School, Rock Steady Youth Club, Tiny Town Football, Thornton Hall Country Park, Wendy Frost Drama...the list is endless, not to mention the Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies etc! The App is the best place to look and see if your local group is validated, let us know if not and we will try to get them added ASAP!



Focus on East Lancashire

We have just completed our first very successful year of Children's University in East Lancashire. The Burnley and Pendle schools have really embraced Children's University and we are pleased to have seen over 41,000 hours logged in the last academic year from 2199 students across 22 primaries in the region.

We saw 470 students celebrate their achievement at our first graduations, receiving their certificate from Professor Robert Walsh (UCLAN) and Dharma Kovvuri (Dean of UCLAN Burnley Campus).



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