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Happy half term! . .we reach the half way mark of the Autumn Term, after an enjoyable and busy first two months of 2010/11. Good things to reflect on during these initial weeks, with more excitement ahead we pray, as we press on to the end of the calendar year and beyond. Do have a good break, if you're taking time off. Faith Centre News will return on Friday November 5th - which will of course be the Night of Lights for Guy Fawkes & Diwali!!

✚ **The Prince's School of Traditional Arts (PSTA)** - as visitors to the Centre will know, we have greatly enjoyed and appreciated the support of the PSTA in all their creative projects with young people at our five Burnley colleges, a journey which kicked off in earnest in June 2008. Following the 4 Faith Centre-based studies, further workshops have now taken place at Sir John Thursby Community College, Blessed Trinity RC College and most recently, at Hameldon Community College. At Hameldon, a wall-hanging, 10ft x 8ft, was designed, painted and stitched by 18 Year 7 students, tutored by four talented artists from the Prince's School. This beautiful 'tapestry' will become a permanent feature in one of the public spaces in the college's new building. The students success in achieving so much in such a short time was celebrated during the afternoon of Friday 8 October by their parents and staff from the college when the 'tapestry' was unveiled and the young people received certificates of participation and congratulations from their headteacher, Gill Broom. Well done to everyone concerned. We look forward to loading some pictures onto the web after half term. The journey moves on to Unity College during w/c 8 November

✚ **Schools Work** - my colleague Richard Hoyle reports that good progress is being made at all 5 Burnley Colleges and Marsden Heights Community College in Nelson, which he visits on a weekly basis. His engagement with students and teachers is proving fruitful, particularly in relation to activities in and around their new "faith spaces".

✚ **Dr Ed Kessler** - is the Founder and Director of the Woolf Institute, a Centre dedicated to the study of encounter between Jews, Christians and Muslims, based at the University of Cambridge. Earlier this week we were delighted to welcome Ed to the Faith Centre, a visit facilitated by Fr Paul Cannon, Sr Teresa Brittain and Sharon Beech at the Diocese of Salford. It was good to meet and share openly. We look forward to the possibility of further contact later. For info click on [Woolf Institute](#)

✚ **Video Conferencing to Cumbria Schools** - yesterday we were delighted to support pupils at Kirkby Thore Primary School in Penrith in an interactive VC transmission involving Savi Chetty and Afrasiab Anwar, who spoke with the children on their reflections of "Life in 21st Century Society" from a Hindu and Islamic perspective respectively. The classes thoroughly enjoyed their encounter and we were moved by their evaluation. See [VC to Kirkby Thore](#) Sadly, technical problems prevented a programme with St Mary's RC School in Preston on Wednesday. We intend to rectify this matter soon after half term. Special thanks to Shahida Iqbal for her patience.

- ✚ **Autumn Talks 2 - Jerusalem - a personal reflection** – many thanks to the 20 or so people who joined us for an evening of insight & sharing led by Brenda Dorrian, a Sister of Notre Dame de Sion. It was lovely to listen to her very personal reflections on her time in the Holy City, all supported by an excellent powerpoint presentation provided by Fr Michael Waters. For pictures, please click on [Jerusalem Talk](#) Thanks also to Joe Wilson of Radio Lancashire for coming along to interview Brenda beforehand. Listen out for her thoughts on the Faith Programme on Sunday morning.

- ✚ **Anne Frank 'A History for Today' Exhibition** - following the item in last week's edition, we have completed the Evaluation Booklet for the above exhibition, which took place during two memorable weeks in sunny June 2010. To view the booklet, please click on [Anne Frank Evaluation](#) and go to the Evaluation link directly above the pictures. We hope you enjoy it. A complimentary booklet will be forwarded to all schools and community groups who contributed to the event. Thank you for all your ongoing interest and involvement - greatly appreciated. We are hoping to arrange a follow up event (talk) to celebrate Anne's life in the Spring of next year. Will keep you posted!

- ✚ **Thomas Whitham VC Exhibition - please note** . . the Faith Centre will be hosting an exhibition to celebrate the life of Thomas Whitham VC (who served in World War I) during w/c 8 & w/c 15 November. It will be launched on Monday 8th at 1745hrs. To view poster please click on [Thomas Whitham Poster](#) Thank you to those schools who have responded and will be bringing students along. Following the success of the Anne Frank exhibition, we are currently arranging for some reading groups to be involved during the two weeks. So, please do come along and support this excellent initiative, as we remember a Burnley-born hero, reflect on the Great War and *learn*.

- ✚ **RE Showcase Celebrations** - thank you to all the local primary schools who responded so generously to our series of interactive workshops, which will take place at the Campus during w/c 1st and w/c 8th November - Art /Literature & Poetry /Storytelling /Classical Indian Dance, with Cookery etc at Heasandford School! Our workshops are leading towards our Interfaith Week (IFW) Celebrations, which will take place during w/c 22 November. Info on IFW to follow - workshop planning taking up lots of time!

- ✚ **Ethnicity, Culture and Faith - a Lancashire and NW Perspective** – a day of training for those involved in Christian Ministry on November 3rd at Noorul Islam Mosque, Audley Range, Blackburn. For more info and bookings click on the following link [CTL Events](#)

- ✚ **The Paradox of Meister Eckhart** - an introduction to the life and thought of the medieval mystic philosopher and an exploration of his relevance for faith in the 21st Century, in particular with regard interfaith encounter. **Saturday 30th October 2010 - 1000hrs till 1600hrs at the Tabor Retreat Centre in Preston - Tel 01772 717122**

- ✚ **And finally . . .** another week flies by and so much to reflect upon - particularly from a local and national perspective following the news on Wednesday in Parliament. In all the uncertainty of what is ahead, perhaps we would do well in this Week of Prayer for World Peace to take in the words for International Peace across the world.

“Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe”