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Advent – comes from the Latin word ‘adventus’ meaning ‘Coming’. This Christian season, which begins this Sunday, is the one which inspires true hope and expectation. To the month of dark nights, light will come. To the landscape of dead leaves, new growth will come. A time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. A time too to reflect on the end of time, the Second Coming. May Christians make full use of this time of grace

- + **Advent Reflections at the Faith Centre - Thursday 2nd & 9th December 1245hrs**
- + **Community Advent Celebration - Thurs 9th December at 1900hrs - see poster**
- + **End of Term Christmas Service - Thurs 16th December (lunchtime) - time to follow**

EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US!

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We come to the close of our Interfaith Week activities. The truth is of course that we are called to walk this path 365 days of the year if we truly believe we are called to live alongside our neighbour, to better understand them and respect that not one of us is identical. How (or whether) we rejoice in our differences is, of course, a personal choice.

So now a time to say THANK YOU following a most hectic yet hugely enjoyable week.

- + **Video Conferencing** - thank you to Carole and Peter Fothergill for presenting ‘An Introduction to the Baha’i Faith’ to year 8 students at Browndedge St Mary’s RC High School in Bamber Bridge via another of our VC links. Thank you to the students for asking such searching questions and to the teachers who assisted their exploration.
- + **Understanding Faith in the Public Sector** - this highly interesting event at Lancashire County Council’s HQ at County Hall, Preston brought together a large number of practitioners working in the field of diversity, equality and cohesion. The aim of the event was to raise awareness of different and distinct faith communities and the contribution that their members make to neighbourhoods and the wider community. We were delighted at the interest shown by the delegates who visited our stand. Thank you to Charu Ainscough and her team for making this useful forum possible.
- + **RE Showcase Celebration** - during the first two weeks of November local primary school students participated in a number of interactive workshops at the Faith Centre, which were based on a number of different faiths. This week culminated in a wonderful showcase, an absolute blaze of colour, celebrating the work of our gifted pupils from Burnley. The main celebration took place yesterday, when in the presence of The Mayor & Mayoress of Burnley, we witnessed the rich diversity of our world religions and of the people who make up this part of England. An absolute joy!!

THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED

BARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
BRUNSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL
CASTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHERRYFOLD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRIST THE KING RC PRIMARY SCHOOL
HEASANDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST JOSEPH'S PARK HILL RC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST STEPHEN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
WELLFIELD METHODIST & ANGLICAN CHURCH SCHOOL

WORKSHOP LEADERS

Storytelling - Kelsang Pagpa & David Arnold

Literature & Poetry - Lisa Fenton

Art - Shahida Ahmed & Denise Wheeler

Classical Indian Dance - Dr Swati Raut

STEERING GROUP

Terry Murnane - Burnley & Pendle Faith Centre

Hilary Shaw - Lancashire County Council

Jo Crabtree - Brunshaw Primary School

Ailsa Tyreman – Heasandford Primary School

Judith Stansfield - Barden Primary School

Richard Hoyle - Methodist Schools Support Teacher

Nasrullah Anwar - Building Bridges In Burnley

Colin Wills - Lancashire SACRE & Building Bridges In Burnley

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE CONCERNED!

Look out for links to our Interfaith Week 2010 celebrations in next week's Faith Centre News!

Another great example of partnership in action . . .

 **And finally . . . yet another interesting week in our global village. A country just across the water gets bailed out to the tune of billions and billions of Euros; more changes on the horizon for our schools and how our teachers will be trained & the utter devastation for 29 families in New Zealand following what now appears, the tragic loss of loved ones at the Pike River mine. Ever the changing nature of human existence . . . yet for the living, what are we to become, what do we aspire to . . . where are we going and who (if anyone) is holding it in control . . . more personal choices . .**

“Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfil. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfilment are all part of our Advent experience”

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