

Pupils to benefit from new kitchen

WORK has been taking place at a primary school in Bingley on a new kitchen to teach children vital life skills.

Staff, pupils, governors and families at Trinity All Saints CE Primary School have been raising money for two years to refurbish a decommissioned kitchen in the oldest part of the school.

Work has been taking place to bring the kitchen back into use, where children can learn how to cook and prepare balanced, healthy meals.

Parents will also be able to access Cook and Eat courses, community groups can use the kitchen to help local people, and the school will also be able to provide hot meals during school holidays.

Local tradespeople, including Five Rise Contractors Bingley, Joe Clarke Electrical and Andy Wadsworth Gas Heating Specialists and Plumbers, have given their time to help the school, and it has also been supported by Bingley Town Council, the Rotary Club of Bingley Aire-dale, Fuel for School, and Soroptimist International Bingley. Jane Glendinning, headteacher at Trinity All Saints, said: "This is a legacy that will live on and on for the children and families of Bingley. The potential for the Community Kitchen is far reaching and I cannot thank these talented, generous and public minded craftspeople enough."

'Wig Walk' among new year rambles

FANCY starting the New Year by pulling on your boots and grabbing some silly headgear? Then why not join the annual Funny Hat and Wig Walk on January 1 as it winds its way alongside a river and canal?

The family ramble, led by volunteer guides Barbara Walker and Gillian Dale, will follow a 4.5-mile circular route also taking in a viaduct, aqueduct and the Five Rise Locks. Meet at 12.30pm outside Bingley Arts Centre.

The second Bradford Council Countryside Service guided walk of 2019 is entitled Tour de Cullingworth, and will be on January 9. The six-mile circular route will use field paths and tracks in the vicinity of the now-dismantled railway line from Thornton to Bradford. Meet Barbara Walker at 10.30am at Cullingworth War Memorial. Visit bradford.gov.uk/countryside

School celebrates outstanding rating



Students and staff at Dixons City Academy celebrate their Outstanding Ofsted report

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A BRADFORD secondary school has been celebrating after it was rated Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted.

Dixons City Academy, based in Ripley Street, West Bowling, improved from Good following its recent inspection, where Ofsted praised its "exceptional leadership."

Their report also picked out the school's wide-ranging and challenging curriculum, and the progress its disadvantaged students make.

Principal Michael Feely, who joined the school in September, said the result was a "fantastic achievement".

In the report, inspectors said: "The executive principal provides exceptional leadership."

"Ablly supported by other leaders, she inspires staff and pupils to have the highest aspirations for themselves and of others."

"The recently appointed principal shares the executive principal's ambition to strive for excellence in every

aspect of the school's work.

"The school's culture values diversity, harmony and independent learning. Pupils thrive in this environment and they achieve highly."

"Governors are very skilled and effective in challenging leaders."

"They have an incisive knowledge of the school, and the trust provides strong support for the school."

"The high quality of teaching and assessment leads pupils to make outstanding progress across the curriculum."

"Disadvantaged pupils, including the most able disadvantaged, make progress which exceeds that of other pupils nationally."

"Subject leaders are highly effective in bringing about improvements to the quality of teaching and learning."

"The curriculum provides breadth, choice and challenge for pupils of all abilities to achieve their best."

"All pupils progress onto further education, employment or training."

"School leaders are passionate about enriching pupils' lives."

"Consequently, the range of extra-

curricular activities is impressive, and engagement levels are high. Performing arts is a real strength of the school."

"With very few exceptions, pupils behave impeccably in lessons. Pupils enjoy coming to school. Attendance is higher than the average for secondary schools."

The only area identified for improvement was to continue to improve the provision for students with special educational needs or disabilities so their progress matches that of others.

Michael Feely said: "This is a fantastic achievement for our school and the report accurately reflects the daily school life at Dixons City Academy."

"Dixons City is a place of educational excellence where we all strive together as a diverse community to change the world for the better."

"Our students, staff, parents/carers and governors truly deserve the recognition of being judged outstanding in all areas."

"I am very proud to be principal at Dixons City and lead such an amazing school."

Walkers are urged to stick to the Code



DOG owners are being reminded to stick to the Countryside Code if they plan a walk in the Bradford district over the festive holiday.

The Country Landowners Association, which represents the country's farmers, landowners and rural businesses, says it is vital that dog owners, walkers, cyclists and horse riders stick to the public rights of way, keep pets under control, and take their litter home.

"Country walks are a festive tradition but can cause irreparable harm through thoughtless behaviour," said Dorothy Fairburn, the CLA's director for the North.

"Getting out and enjoying the countryside over Christmas and the New Year is a good thing, but it is vital that dog owners understand their responsibilities when walking their dogs on farms."

She said landowners and farmers are 'custodians of the countryside' who work tirelessly day in, day out, to maintain the landscapes that people want to see.

"We welcome visitors to share this beauty but ask that you use common sense when enjoying a day out in the countryside," she said.

Italian food and wine evening held

AN ITALIAN food and wine evening in Otley has raised £800 for an autism support group.

The event was held at Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Church's Parish Centre, Clitheroe House.

Supported by live music from The Assumption Ceilidh Band, it sold out - boosting the total raised for Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource (AWARE).

The organisers said: "The Assumption provided great live music for those attending, making it a thoroughly enjoyable occasion."

"We would like to thank everyone who supported the event."

The proceeds from the night were presented by the grandson of the organisers, Thomas Poole (a member of the AWARE Youth Club in Addingham) to AWARE Project Manager Rachel Miller.

Bike club backs Bronte Sportive

A NEW partner is in the saddle for a major annual charity fundraiser.

Queensbury Queens of the Mountain cycling club has been unveiled as the latest backer of the Manorlands Bronte Sportive.

And the club's involvement in the event has special meaning for one mem-

ber in particular.

Miki Mitchell's late husband, Chris, was cared for by Manorlands.

She approached the Oxenhope Sue Ryder hospice soon after her husband's death to offer help as a 'thank you' to the staff.

Now Manorlands is the club's charity of the year

and members are rallying round to support the 2019 Bronte Sportive, which takes place on July 21.

They will help promote the event, assist on the day and join the other riders.

Also, a section of the course - which heads up Bridgehouse Lane and Main Street, Haworth - will be

named in tribute to Chris.

Bronte Sportive participants can choose from one of four rides, all of which will incorporate the Chris Mitchell Hill Climb Challenge.

For more details and to sign-up for the event, visit sue Ryder.org/brontesportive.