

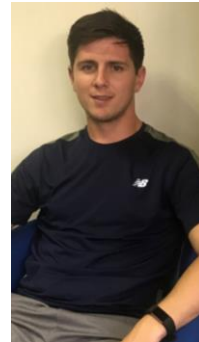


### 'All Being Well' project

In September 2019, we looked at how we could further develop ATSA within our community. Feedback from our consultation with children told us that they wanted activities in their community 'beyond the school day' and so the 'All Being Well' project was formed.



Throughout September and October, we then met with local 'providers' who could potentially lead sessions based on the feedback from the children. At the time, the future of Shakerley Community was uncertain and so we saw this as an opportunity to develop the project but also, support and promote the use of Shakerley Community Centre.



As well as the ideas discussed with the providers above, other plans for the 'All Being Well' project evolved and we started to think about how this project could:

- \*develop opportunities for intergenerational work (between schools and local residential homes);
- \*provide opportunities for children to care for their local environment;
- \*provide opportunities for children to support the global environment and
- \*help children develop their reading skills alongside their physical health.

Many 'strands' of the 'All Being Well' project would require funding and so in December 2019, a Community Investment Fund application was applied for with the aim of securing funding for the planned sessions at Shakerley Community Centre. An idea put forward by a teaching assistant from St. George's Central, Mrs Woodward, meant that some finances would be needed for the 'Reading Rewards' idea.

Some elements of the project would not require any financial commitment, just some planning from schools and time on the school timetable. January 2020 saw classes from St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery start to make regular visits to Hillcrest Nursing Residential Home in Tyldesley.



Most schools visit their local residential home, however, we wanted the 'intergenerational' part of this project to be a much more firmer link.....something more than the choir going singing to residents at Christmas! Mr Young, Assistant Headteacher at St. George's Central, suggested that children make use of the weekly Picture News resources with the residents. As Picture News provides stimulating resources based on current topical issues, it was felt that this approach would not only provide a focus for the children when visiting, but would also provide an engaging and enjoyable experience for both the residents and the children. This work would form part of regular planned work for schools and would become part of the Curriculum Intent of schools involved.



At the start of February 2020, a meeting took place with Mrs Watts from Sacred Heart RC Primary School, Atherton. As well as her teacher role, Mrs Watts is owner of '**The Dispensary**' – a shop/community hub in Walkden promoting opportunities to develop zero waste and eco-friendly products accessible to the general public. Who better to ask for ideas about global environmental projects? As a result of the meeting an initial project was started at Sacred Heart School, making Eco-Bricks. Other ideas were discussed and it was decided that a more 'formal' launch of this part of the 'All Being Well' project would take place in September 2020.



Our focus on the local environment started in March 2020 as classes from St. George's Central start to undertake litter picks within the locality of their school. This would form part of regular planned work for schools and would become part of the Curriculum Intent of schools involved.

Work on the 'All Being Well' project was put on hold at the end of March as schools closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This also means that the outcome of the Community Investment Fund application is currently unknown as we move into the new school year. We do have ideas involving bringing schools together in the Autumn Term and we will very much continue to focus on the school based elements of the project until we receive the final outcome of the funding application bid.



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