

## '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.









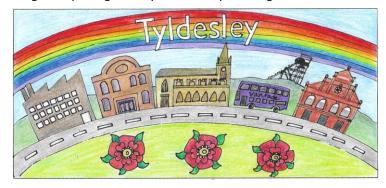


Our focus on the local environment started in March 2020 as classes from St. George's Central start to undertake litter picks within the locality of their school. This would form part of regular planned work for schools and would become part of the Curriculum Intent of

schools involved.

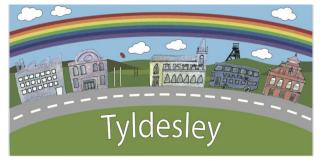


Work on the 'All Being Well' project was put on hold at the end of March 2020 as schools closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In August 2020, we received the news that our Community Investment Fund application was unsuccessful. Therefore, we started to look at how we could continue to develop the 'All Being Well' project without this funding. In August 2020, we met with representatives of the newly formed 'For Tyldesley' group for the first time as we were set the challenge of developing a project for schools that would help to support and promote the town centre. Our idea was to create a piece of mosaic art work that would be in place at the large bus stop on the guided busway in Tyldesley. Our financial bid was successful and schools were asked to submit designs for this. Once all the designs were collated, a 'version 1' design was put together by artist Tracey Cartledge:



Feedback was used to create a 'version 2' of the mosaic design and in May 2022, children from the schools involved, came together to create the final design.















The mosaic project took a 'back-burner' at the start of the 2022-2023 school year and so a return to the 'All Being Well' events of 2019 took place as visits to Hillcrest Residential Home and community litter picks re-started in January 2023. The vision is that these two activities become an inherent feature of all schools. I view it as a positive that children should look after and care for their locality as well as supporting older members of their community. Working with schools to promote these activities is something that we are looking to do with the creation of an 'Intergenerational Range of Activities' being something that we are looking to develop.



It was also early in 2023 that discussions about a collaborative music events for schools took place with Miss Gray (Music Leader at St. George's Central). This conversation originally took place with Miss Gray in 2019, however our plans for this event were put on hold. After securing a venue, meeting with music leaders and organising performers, it was pleasing that on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the first ever 'Let's Play!' music events took place.







The 'Let's Play!' music event is now a permanent feature within the ATSA/All Being Well annual calendar of event. In the Summer Term of 2023, further meetings took place with community stakeholders about the possibility of further 'arts' style collaborative events. As a result of these meetings, two other additional 'arts' events are in place for 2023/2024.

It was also in the Summer Term of 2023 that the Tylesley Mosaic project 're-started' with the construction of the wall for the mosaic.















Artist Tracey Cartledge and father and son tilers, Andy and Andy Carroll, spent a weekend in June, putting the mosaic design in place with all stakeholders coming together on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to celebrate the unveiling of the mosaic.







There is still further work with the mosaic as additional tiles will be added to the top part of the design, which has currently been rendered in preparation for this work. Thanks to the 'For Tyldesley' group for their support with this project, which started as an idea for Tyldesley in 2012, continued with a funding bid in 2019 and became reality in 2023.

There is a lot of work to be undertaken with the 'All Being Well' project, but the Summer of 2023 has certainly 'kick-started' the impetus for future projects in this area.