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**THANK YOU!**

And so we come to the end of our two week journey with Anne Frank. What a magnificent fortnight it has been. To welcome so many people from our local communities and beyond has been a wonderful blessing. We greatly appreciate the time and effort that so many people have given to come and join us to witness the story of this inspiring woman, who has been a force for good for thousands of people. How enlightening it has been to meet so many who have visited her secret hiding place in Amsterdam. So good to engage in discussions about contemporary issues, as together we look to create a more loving, caring and sharing society, challenging at all times the real scourges of prejudice, discrimination and social division of any kind. Aside from viewing the moving exhibition and accompanying DVD, what a joy it has been to see so many people engaging in reading groups, as together they share just a part of Anne's diaries. In short, a very wholesome and educational two weeks, affirmed by the evaluations received so far, which have been outstanding.

Finally, a time to say "thank you". Thank you to everyone who has taken part in anyway. We have welcomed over 850 visitors, aside from the usual numbers who may have forgotten to sign in. A wonderful output! Thank you to the many schools who joined us, see their logos above. Thank you to the various cubs, guides, drama and confirmation groups. Thank you to all the many members of our wider community who supported us throughout the programme. Thank you to all Campus colleagues for their kindness and ongoing support. Thank you to Janet Swan and the team from Find me a Good Read for sharing Anne's diaries. A big thank you to Anne Frank Trust UK for bringing their exhibition here, the first ever such exhibition to be sited in the North West. Thank you to their various representatives who joined us. And finally, to Adam Kirkby, their NW Regional Co-ordinator for leading the sessions so well and inspiring our young people in the process. Overall, a job well done!

- ✚ **And now it's time for transition . . .** – no sooner has the exhibition been dismantled than we are off on another project next week, when we will be welcoming Year 6 students from St Joseph's RC Primary Todmorden (Mon 28<sup>th</sup>) and St John's RC Primary Burnley (Tues 29<sup>th</sup> & Wed 30<sup>th</sup>) for their Transition Days at the Centre. All the students involved are now preparing for their move to high school. What will they best remember and treasure from primary school, what will they leave behind? A time to consider the journey ahead, in an interactive session led by Richard Hoyle and myself
  
- ✚ **Lancashire Forum of Faiths** – we greatly enjoyed welcoming the Forum to the Centre this week for their Annual General Meeting. A time to reflect and share, an opportunity to tell about the Faith Centre and where it is going, with God's help.
  
- ✚ **How do you fancy a Strawberry Tea this weekend . . .** you don't have to go to Wimbledon either!! Why not try our friends at the Salvation Army on Richard Street Burnley, who are throwing a lovely Strawberry extravaganza this Saturday (26<sup>th</sup>) from 1500hrs – 1700 hrs. Everyone is welcome. Do please support.
  
- ✚ **Play me I'm Yours** – an artwork by Luke Jerram. Burnley Borough Council and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council are proud to present Play Me I'm Yours, an artwork by Luke Jerram. You are invited to the launch event on Thursday 8th July, 1pm at St James St. Bandstand in Burnley, and 3pm at Town Hall Square in Blackburn, where Oliver Hamilton from the Lancashire Sinfonietta will play a range of piano pieces to celebrate the diversity and creativity of this exciting project. We are delighted that the Burnley Campus will be part of the project, with a piano being sited here and enjoyed by various members of the Campus family. More info to follow.
  
- ✚ **Emotional Mastery Through Conscious Relationships** - 2 July 1930hrs – 2100hrs, The Unity Centre, behind the Unitarian Chapel, Knight Hill, Padiham BB12 8JH. Learn how to manage your emotions and choose your emotional response to anything that happens. Look beyond behaviour and understand why we do the things we do. How to create fulfilling relationships at work, home and in your community and live a life of joy and abundance. For more info, contact Debra Brown on [debra@globalhugs.com](mailto:debra@globalhugs.com)
  
- ✚ **And finally . . .** what an interesting week it has been. Wimbledon kicks off with a record breaking 11hour 5mins match, running over three days, with a 70-68 final set. The Chancellor announces a series of cuts which will cause concern and insecurity, irrespective of one's political persuasions. Yet for all the gloomy financial climate, it is fair to say that very few, if any of us will be in a secret hiding place this weekend, in fear of our lives. As we reflect on the courage of Anne Frank and her helpers, let us draw strength from the fact that the majority of our country long for a fairer society, where human rights are respected and equality and dignity for all is are viewed as the norm. Let us hold on to these ideals & continue to work . . . for the betterment of all.

**"I somehow feel that everything will change for the better . . . in the meantime I must hold on to my ideals. Perhaps the day will come when I'll be able to realise them"**

**Anne Frank, 15 July 1944, the penultimate entry of her diary**