Wood Carvings celebrate links with the natural environment

In April we were joined by Mike Kane, MP for Wythenshawe, Councillor Abid Latif Chohan, Deputy Lord Mayor and Audrey O'Donovan, Chair of Ringway Parish Council to celebrate the installation of new chainsaw carvings in Ringway Parish. The carvings, created by local artist Andy Burgess and made from trees removed for construction of the £1bn Manchester Airport Transformation Programme, reflect wildlife that can be found locally such as bats, owls and badgers. Pupils from Elmridge Primary School sung beautifully at the celebration, with their rendition of ‘Hold back the River’ feeling particularly apt in the windy and rainy conditions. Anyone wanting to view that carvings can find them on the airport side of the A538 World Logistics Hub Junction.

Give & Gain Day litter pick & park ‘spruce up’

For the Business in the Community ‘Give & Gain Day’ 10 MAG colleagues completed a 1.9 mile ‘litter pick’. Starting at head office Olympic House, the team split in two, with one group heading out past the Hilton Hotel and the other out past the Airport Hotel (pub) joining forces at Ringway Road to head to Peel Hall Park. At the Park benches were painted, litter collected, and a general tidy up completed. The colleagues enjoyed a well-deserved ‘picnic in the park’ and then headed back by the tram.
Projects with local Schools help to highlight future career paths and opportunities on our site. In 2018-2019 we have worked with all Wythenshawe Primary and High Schools delivering over 50 activities that have benefitted over 6,700 Wythenshawe children. Below are just three examples.

**Job Shadow**
A Mini Work Experience

We hosted our annual job shadow event recently with students from Manchester Health and Manchester Enterprise Academies. Over 30 colleagues hosted students on the day in departments across the site including MAG, MAG-O, Greater Manchester Police, NATS, Hilton, Marriott, BCEGI and Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

The students enjoyed a whistle stop tour of the airport, getting a flavour of the variety of jobs available here as they visited a whole host of areas such as the Air Traffic Control Tower, the on-site fire service, the airfield operations team and more.

**Booking a Holiday**
A Fun Maths Challenge

In the first five months of 2019 more than 400 Wythenshawe children have participated in our maths challenge ‘Booking a Holiday’. Children at Sandilands, Newall Green, St Wilfrids, Benchill, SS John Fisher & Thomas More and the Willows Primary Schools have so far participated, and children at Haveley Hey will enjoy a session in June.

Divided into pairs, the children each had a different budget to spend and a choice of destinations and travel options; learning practical mathematics and decision-making skills.

**IT in Action**

In March, 26 students from Newall Green High School took part in an IT in action visit. The students rotated through four activities, customer journey walk (baggage & check in etc), car parks & car park control, service desk experience and Tech & Business Intelligence. Newall Green Head of IT Badar Mushtaq said:

“It was a pleasure to bring our youngsters to you and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience”

Two amateur cyclists from Manchester are taking on the world’s toughest cycling challenge, Race Across America (RAAM) in June 2019 to raise money for Wythenshawe based Prevent Breast Cancer. In February they brought their fundraising efforts to Manchester Airport. James Harvey, 44, and Tom Allen, 26, completed a gruelling morning of training on static bikes in Terminal 1 to generate awareness of their endeavour and raise money. Further monies were raised by colleagues in the MAG corporate offices donating for ‘dress down’ Fridays in April. As Tom and James set off more than £82,000 has already been raised. To track progress and donate visit: www.raceacrossamericachallenge.com

“RAAM is the challenge of a lifetime that’s going to push myself and James as far as we can go. We’re extremely grateful to Manchester Airport for giving us the space to raise awareness and money towards our huge £125k fundraising target”. 