

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION**COUNCILLOR TONY HUMPHRYS****PORTFOLIO CO-ORDINATING
DIRECTOR: LISA BIBBY****DATE: 30th August 2012****SCHOOL INSPECTIONS (OFSTED)**

The following schools have been inspected by Ofsted since the last Council Forum meeting:

- Hawthorns Junior School – Ofsted inspection held on 20 June 2012 with overall inadequate and notice to improve
- Roe Lee Park Primary– Ofsted inspection on 26 & 27 June 2012 with overall outstanding
- Shadsworth Infants School – Ofsted inspection on 8 & 9 July 2012 with outcome as overall good with good across the board.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION UPDATE

Consultation has closed on the proposal to close Hawthorns Juniors and extend the age range of Cedars Infant school. An analysis of the consultation feedback is being undertaken and will be considered by senior officers in the Children's Service and Education department. This will be submitted to Executive Member for consideration.

DARWEN VALE – DANCE

In June, Darwen Vale High School organised a dance festival with schools from across the borough taking part. This was held in the new school build and was a very successful evening. The school will be officially handed over to Daren Vale and the Local Authority on 30th July. I am sure that pupils and staff will be looking forward to starting the new academic year in their new school at the Earcroft site.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS INFO FOR REPORT – JULY 2012

Throughout the summer term, Children and Young People from across Blackburn with Darwen have been taking part in a wide range of Educational Visits and Adventurous Activities. Between April and July 2012 there has been a total of 1,976 visits including 26 overseas visits with destinations in five European countries, South Africa, USA and an expedition to the Indian Himalayas. In the same four month period there have been 77 residential visits, 344 visits involving adventurous activities and numerous other visits to a variety of venues. These include London, Chester, York, local venues, places of worship, museums, river studies, field trips and other places of interest all of which help to engage, inspire and enthuse young people in their learning. It is great to see such amazing learning opportunities being made available to our children and young people and thanks and praise must go to all those staff who help to organise and lead visits throughout the year.