

Primary school children attending a week-long summer school produced a newspaper to tell



everyone about the exciting activities they had undertaken.

A morning workshop was held by Catherine Smyth when 16 pupils undertook a variety of exercises from defining newspaper words such as tabloid and snapper to en, em and el (good if you like Scrabble) learning all about the history of papers, sorting headlines into priority and then writing questions and interviewing me to gain information on a story.

Then they reported on the week's activities and Catherine turned the stories into a four page A5 paper given away free to the parents and dignitaries who attended the celebration party on Friday night.

To book a School News in a Day project at your school contact [Catherine Smyth](#) .

## OTHER NEWS

Working as a freelance journalist for About My Area, Catherine Smyth was first to report the closure of Bacup JobCentre and the only reporter to mention that there are plans to reopen the premises as an off licence.

The school prospectus for Higher Failsworth Primary School in Oldham, produced by Catherine Smyth, is now being printed ready to be given to parents in September.

School news written by Catherine Smyth continued to fill the newspapers in August including the art work of 16-year-old Laura Doherty. The talented Haslingden High School student redecorated the history classroom of her school with a series of amazing paintings. The Lancashire Telegraph featured her work as a page lead on its Rossendale page.



GCSE success at Fearn Community Sports College was also covered and one student won a scholarship after gaining five As in her GCSES. The story was in the [Lancashire Telegraph](#) and on About My Area. A summer school was also held in Fearn and this featured on [About My Area](#) community website.

It is now time to nominate businesses for a Rossendale Business Award and Catherine Smyth is helping to promote the awards. A story featured on [About My Area](#) community website and also in the Rossendale Free Press. To nominate for the awards follow [the link](#)

Charity Veterans In Communities held a pop-up shop in Bury and helped a homeless man be rehomed in just a day. The story, written by Catherine Smyth, was printed in the [Bury Times](#). The latest VIC News for August is now out and an art special was produced to celebrate an exhibition and the pop-up shop.

*So not such a quiet summer holiday for me!*