



## Easter Showcase 6<sup>th</sup> April

A lovely evening and the audience were entertained by a short drama piece inspired by Roald Dahl's *The Witches*.

Following the interval, musical performances were given by our talented students which rounded the evening and indeed the Spring term off very well.

Thank you to all who took part both in front and behind the scenes.

## Heads of School Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We were delighted to welcome two ex-students back into school this week. As part of the Foundation Programme for Heritage Skills, run by Adult Learning in partnership with the school, they have been learning stone carving. They were able to showcase the work they have completed as a commission from Upper Nidderdale Landscape Partnership (UNLP), which will be part of a permanent installation at Scar. They were also on the lookout for new commissions in the form of house names and numbers. We were impressed by their enterprise and communication skills and they were pleased to pick up some new commissions.

We are really proud to work in partnership with UNLP, Adult Learning and the local arts community on several projects. Don't forget to visit the 'Bugs, Butterflies and Buildings' exhibition at Number 6 (King Street workshops) next week which will showcase the work of our Year 11 students and the Heritage Programme students.

Kath Jordan and Siân Dover, Joint Heads of School



Our Whole School attendance target for the academic year is **95.5%** and the current whole school attendance is 93.6%.

Years 7 (95.8%) and Year 8 (95.4%) lead the attendance charts. Mr Brian MacNair, the new Attendance Officer will be working to ensure all Year Groups and students improve their attendance.

There are currently 22 students with 100% attendance since 20 June – an excellent achievement! Since our return from the Easter holidays, 256 students (82%) have achieved 100% attendance - let's try and keep that up until the end of the school year!

## Fidget Spinners

Please do not allow children to bring fidget spinners into school so students do not have the temptation to use them inappropriately. Should a student have need for a 'fidget toy' to help their concentration, this will be provided by school. Thank you for your support in this.

## Forthcoming Events

12.5.17 - PTFA Bingo Years 5 – 8  
15.5.17 – GCSE Exams start  
26.6.17 – Y11 celebration events  
19.6.17 – New academic year  
21.6.17 - Berlin Trip  
23.6.17 – NICE Day  
26.6.17 – Y11 Prom  
26.6.17 – Full Governors' meeting

## Nidderlicious News

Food Allergans/Intolerances. Just to remind you that staff or students with food allergans or intolerances are required to speak to the Catering Manager before ordering food.

### Meal Deals w/c 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Meal Deals at £2.50

**Monday:** Spring lamb casserole, scone and jam.

**Tuesday:** Beefburger in a bun, lemon curd muffin.

**Wednesday:** Sweet and sour chicken with egg fried rice, carrot cake.

**Thursday:** Homemade pizza, chocolate mousse

**Friday:** Themed lunch : Italian Meal.



The **full menu** showing all options is on the school website at [www.nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk)

## PTFA News



The PTFA Decorated Egg Competition was won by Jonathan Levy in Year 7 (pictured). The best staff entry was Mr Connor's Trump / Putin fist fight.



### Reminder

The next PTFA event is a fun bingo evening for Years 5 -8 on 12th May @ 6pm. Tickets available from the School Office @ £2 per adult £1 per child (6 games and supper is included).

### *Thank you for your support*

The Stage Lighting Rig has been completed and is now in use. Thank you for your support at our **Auction of Promises** where we raised over £2000 to fund this initiative. Be sure to check out the lights at the Summer Sizzler performing arts evening in the late Summer term.

## Number 6 Exhibition



Students who take part in an applied art GCSE course run in partnership with Number 6 studio gallery, part of the King Street workshops in Pateley Bridge, have been learning heritage craft skills including metalwork and jewellery making, stone carving and printmaking. Their work will be on public display in an exhibition entitled 'Bugs, Butterflies and Buildings' at the Number 6 gallery, Pateley Bridge from Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th May (10am-4pm).

Their portfolios of work were inspired by a trip to the Natural History Gallery at Cliffe Castle Museum in Keighley earlier in the year. Staff at Cliffe Castle Museum have been so impressed by the work produced by students that they have been invited to exhibit their work at the Museum during the May half term holiday from 23rd-30th May.

## Safeguarding Support

With new technology now such a big part of our day-to-day lives, children are vulnerable in ways they have never been before. Barnardo's has produced a guide for parents and carers designed to help them protect their children from these dangers. Please visit:

[http://www.barnardos.org.uk/barnardos\\_be\\_safe\\_guide.pdf](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/barnardos_be_safe_guide.pdf)