



House Challenge - 5th May 2017

Over the past term students have been competing in their House forms to complete a challenge. This term's challenge was a team building exercise activity where they had to get as many table tennis balls from one side of the sports hall to the other only using sections of a drain pipe (as pictured).

Students across the year groups had to communicate and work together in order to complete the challenge. Staff were very impressed with how well students worked together from year 9 through to year 7. Great teamwork!

Current House points:

Wherside - 27

Ingleborough 27

Pen- Y - Ghent 24

Heads of School Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

With GCSE exams in full swing for Year 11 (and some Year 10), the whole school community is engaged in ensuring everything runs smoothly. Key stage 3 students are trying to move quietly between lessons during exams; everyone is finding their way to alternative rooms as Year 11 revision takes place; staff are working incredibly hard to provide meaningful revision and support, the pastoral team are calming nerves and a whole array of operational staff are making sure invigilation and organisation goes smoothly.

Good luck to all students taking exams.

Kath Jordan and Siân Dover, Joint Heads of School



Attendance remains a high priority for school and we will be focusing on improving the attendance of all pupils in all year groups. Our Whole School attendance target for the academic year is 95.5% and the current whole school attendance is 93.5%. 2% may not sound like much but equates to over 6000 missed sessions (1 session is 1 AM or PM) in the academic year. Going forward, we will be awarding positive marks for students who achieve set attendance criteria or who work to improve their attendance/punctuality over the course of the year.

Who will achieve 100% attendance?

With the end of the academic year fast approaching, the following 20 students still have 100% attendance for the academic year: Year 7 - Olivia Booth, Jessica Cooper, Morgan Leeming-Sykes, Isaac Light, Eve Nethercoat, Katie Rogers, Charles Troup, Scarlett Wild and Mollie Wright. Year 8 - Jessica Cooper. Year 9 - Joseph Hinchcliffe, Emily Lunt, Amy Robertshaw and Oliver Smith. Year 10 - Jack Kirk, Reece Parker, Constance Richards and Maddie Wright. Year 11 - Megan Dean and Joseph Stobbs. Fantastic effort - keep it up until the end of the academic year!

Message from Mrs Dover

Thank you to those who have sent me such kind messages and well wishes for the future. My decision to move on from Nidderdale High School was an extremely difficult one and I shall really miss the fantastic students, exceptional staff and caring, supportive parents. Moving to a school in Bradford, working with children and families from different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, will be a completely different challenge for me but one which I hope will bring me as much pleasure as my time at Nidderdale. This school and its community will always have a huge place in my heart and I will continue to be interested in everything the school does as it moves from strength to strength. I shall miss you all!

Maths Challenge Success

Many congratulations to all of our successful Junior Maths Challenge participants. Luke Heath (Y7) and Benjy Howard (Y8) won Gold Certificates with a further two students winning Silver and 15 Bronze. More details to follow in the Summer newsletter.

Forthcoming Events

21.5.17 – Exams continue
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

Meal Deals w/c 21st May 2017
Meal Deals at £2.50

Monday: Turkey and ham pie, choc chip rock bun.

Tuesday: Meatballs and noodles, melon slice.

Wednesday: Roast pork and stuffing, iced carrot cake.

Thursday: Homemade pizza and flapjack.

Friday: Chicken tikka masala, ice cream roll.

The **full menu** showing all options is on the school website at www.nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Next themed day is
Mexican Fiesta
12th June 2017



Donkey Sanctuary visit

Pictured: Harben and boys



Pictured: BillyO and boys



Year 7 Ministry of You students have decided to support a local Donkey Sanctuary. They have baked, decorated and sold cupcakes, raising enough money to adopt two donkeys.

Johnathan Levy, Finley Issitt and Will Baguley visited the sanctuary to present a cheque for £48 to the Centre Manager. They met their donkeys, Harben and Billy-O and spent some time chatting to staff about all the great work they do. The Donkey Sanctuary can be found at Eccup, Leeds, LS16 8AZ and offers a gift shop, cafe and children's play area as well as Donkeys! Students thoroughly enjoyed their visit and are proud to be supporting such a worthwhile cause.

Student achievement



Congratulations to Elwen Salisbury and Grace Pawson who are the first students to achieve their Platinum Award for positive points in school.

Well done!

Safeguarding Support

We often hear of the phrase safeguarding but don't always know what it means or what role we all have to play in safeguarding our young people. Safeguarding is:

'The action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding means: protecting children from abuse and maltreatment. Preventing harm to children's health or development. Ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care.'

As parents, carers, grandparents, teachers and members of the community we all have a role to play in making sure all children grow up in a safe and caring environment. We want the very best for our children and strive to protect them from people and places that put them in danger. At Nidderdale High School students are taught about how to keep themselves safe through a variety of different means including assemblies, focus week topics, PSHE lessons, NICE days and tutor time. Through frequent training opportunities staff are taught how to inform students about safety and how to help them protect themselves in the world we live in today.

For further information on safeguarding please see our school website where we have regular updates such as 'useful information for parents on online safety'.

<http://nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk/news/online-safety-useful-information-parents>

Careers books to loan

We recently received £300 worth of careers advice books from How2become. Careers covered include teacher, policeman, beauty therapist and social worker. Students who wish to borrow one of these books, please see Mrs Eglin.