



## Sports News

On 9<sup>th</sup> October, Year 8 rugby team played Outwood Academy Ripon. It was a fantastic game with highlights including a 60m run try from Matthew Bradley. The final score was a superb 50-35 win with the try scorers being Matthew Bradley, Ryan Brookes (3), Jay Mawer (2), Freddie Swaine and Bradley Green (3).

Man of the match was Bradley Green for his 3 tries but also his massive amount of tackles and work at the break down. Well done Year 8 keep up the good work.

Mr Coad

## Head of School Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our 3 page special edition of the Nidd News, with the extra page dedicated to Nidderdale Show successes - well done all! As you will see it has been a busy couple of weeks for the school with sporting successes, visitors (both human and avian!) and fundraising activities all covered here.

Last week in assemblies, we were considering the importance of kindness as we recognised 'World Smile Day' -encouraging us to do one small act of kindness to make one person smile. This week I had every reason to smile when I received an email from someone who had visited the school several weeks ago and had taken the time to comment on the unprompted kindness he had been shown by some of our students.

On Thursday evening Miss Draper and Mrs Witherwick were delighted to welcome a great many of our Year 7 parents to school for an information evening. I am delighted with the positive start this year group have made and wish them well for their exciting and challenging week at Beverley Park next week.

Kath Jordan, Head of School

### Term times

We have agreed term dates and staff [training dates for 2017/18 and 2018/19](#). You can view them by clicking on the link above.

### Parents' Evenings

Dates for Parents' Evenings for this academic year have been arranged and you can view them by clicking [here](#).



Attendance remains a high priority for school. Congratulations to the 236 students (67%) who are exceeding the school attendance

target of 95.5% for this academic year. Last week, 291 students (82%) achieved 100% attendance. Year 7 (98%) continue to have the best school attendance followed by Year 8 (95.3%) and Year 9 (93.6%). Our whole school attendance is currently 94.4% and we would encourage all students to remain resilient and strive for attendance above 95.5%

## Forthcoming events

- 16 – 20 Oct – Y7 Bewerley Park week
- 29 Oct – Cyclocross, School Field
- 2 Nov – Y11 Parents' Evening
- 9 Nov – Further Education Evening
- 16 Nov – Y12 GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening
- 23 Nov – Y8 Parents' Evening

## PTFA News

As the festive season and heavy on-line shopping period begins, please help raise funds by registering on **Easy fundraising** using the link below. It will not cost you a penny! 2 extra clicks when shopping is all it takes. "It's so easy!"

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nidderdalehighschoolptfa](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nidderdalehighschoolptfa)

Thank you all. Top 3 Supporters:

- 1 Angela H. £41.84
- 2 Jill W. £32.65
- 3 Maria A. £15.50

If you prefer, you can download the app:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/>

**Pictured below are Year 7 students who received Buzzbooks (funded by PTFA).**

**More info on buzzbooks here:**  
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/supporting-you/practitioners/our-programmes/bookbuzz/>



## Library News

During the Library's Gothic Literature month, we welcomed Igraine Skelton H.M Keeper of Ravens, and two of her charges, Emyrus and Salvatore. Igraine gave a very entertaining and informative talk to students, who learned about the myth and reality of these fascinating birds.



On Thursday 12th Susanna the Storyteller entertained year 7 students with tales from Ancient Greece and traditional Russian folk stories. Students were inspired to try Susanna's storytelling techniques for themselves.



## Forthcoming School Drama Production

Rehearsals are already underway for the next school production for the Spring term. An amateur production of Blood Brothers (Play Version) by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd which will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March.

The story is a nature versus nurture plot, revolving around fraternal twins Mickey and Eddie, who were separated at birth, one subsequently being raised in a wealthy family, the other in a poor family. Not wishing to give the whole plot away here, I will add that it promises to be a great production and tickets will be on sale after half term.

Mr Reynolds

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

More information coming soon, the Pastoral team are arranging collections for this cause.



## Showcase Evening

Save the date! On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 students will perform a Showcase of talent – an evening of singing and drama.

The PTFA's Christmas Raffle will also be drawn. There will be more information about both events next term.

## MacMillan Cake Sale

Thank you for contributing cakes and buns for the MacMillan Cake sale on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Y10/11 ASDAN students raised almost £200 for MacMillan Cancer Support.



Mrs Eglin