



Headteacher's Introduction

This half term has been packed with achievements and activities. You can read about some of the most recent activities in this edition.

We've continued our focus on reading with our achievement of 'Champion School' status for Accelerated Reader and Miss Lester's drive to get the whole school community involved with our staff book chain and a new student reading group. We are continuing to forge links with the community and hope that our recently re-formed Gardening Club will contribute to Pateley in Bloom's bid for national success.

Recently we were delighted to welcome Year 5 and 6 pupils from St Cuthberts and Fountains Earth Lofthouse to join us for a French masterclass led by our talented Year 7 students. We are really pleased that a great many of these young people will be joining us in September as we expect to be over-subscribed for places in Year 7 this year.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Year 11 – London Visit

Year 11 students managed to fit a trip to the Tower of London, a trip to The Globe Theatre, a walking tour based on Jack the Ripper's exploits and some free time in Covent Garden into less than 48 hours thanks to the superb planning of Mrs Witherwick. The main focus of the trip was to assist in preparation for this year's GCSE History exam with a trip to the designated 'historic environment' (The Globe). Thanks to Mrs Witherwick, Miss Draper and Mr Barrass for taking this trip.

Forthcoming events

- Half term break 25 Feb – 1 March
- Parents' Evening Y7 – 7 March
- World Book Day – 7 March
- Visit to Sheffield Uni Poetry Slam
– 7 March
- Rewards Theatre Trip – 8 March
- PTFA's Race Night – 15 March
- No 6 Exhibition of Y11 work – 2-5 April

Sporting events Girls Rugby.

On 5th Feb 8 girls from Year 7 & 8 visited Harrogate Rugby Club. Out of 5 games, they won 3, drew 1 and lost 1! All girls were awesome, demonstrating some fantastic skill and teamwork!

If any students are interested in playing Rugby outside of school, Harrogate U13s girls team train Tuesday evenings 6-7pm at the Army Foundation College, and are welcoming new players.



Nidderlicious

Winter meal deals @£2.50
w/c 4 March:

- Monday:** Roast Pork, Peach Crumble
- Tuesday:** Sweet n Sour Chicken, Pancakes
- Wednesday:** Toad in the Hole, Melon
- Thursday:** Homemade Pizza (our Thursday staple!), Lemon Drizzle cake
- Friday:** Beef Balti, Fruit Yoghurt

The full menu is always available on the school website homepage, vegetarian options also available daily.

Coming soon (18 March), St Patrick's Day Meal



PTFA
Disco
Fun!
14.2.19

Pastoral Support

The Pastoral Support Team are supporting this year's Year 11 prom students by asking for the donation of any pre-loved dresses, ball gowns, suits and formal wear that you may have collecting dust in your wardrobe. The Team will then sell the clothing to raise donations for the Young Minds charity. Please bring the items into the school Reception area. Thankyou in anticipation.



Visit to Askham Bryan Zoo and College

Thank you to Miss Draper for organising our recent trip to Askham Bryan Wildlife Park and College. Thirty students with an interest in continuing their studies in the areas of agriculture and the environment were able to take part in this really popular trip. As well as meeting a wide variety of wildlife, they also found out lots of interesting information about the work of the College and options for study there. We will be keen to organise a similar trip in future as part of our focus on careers and enabling students to make well informed decisions about their post-16 options.

Theatre trip to Leeds

Playhouse Year 10 Drama students attended the Leeds Playhouse on the evening of 14th February to see a production of 'Kes' as part of their GCSE course. Thankyou to Mr Sands and Dr Binding for taking the students to see this play.



Long Service Rewards

Last week we recognised the contribution that Mr Hawkins, Mrs Gibson and Mr Connors have made to education in North Yorkshire as they have achieved a total of 65 years' service (many of them here at Nidderdale) between them. Wow!

Nidd Stars

This term : 74 in total
awarded for

STANDARDS,
TEAM WORK,
ATTITUDE,
RESILIENCE

