

## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of an incredibly long half term we are already turning our attention to two really important events taking place after half term break. On Thursday 8th November we are holding our first NICE day of the year, which will see Year 8 visit the Bradford Film & Photography museum. Other year groups will be exploring a wide range of important issues related to safety with drugs awareness, online safety and a presentation from the fire service. Our Key Stage 4 students will also have a careers focus during the day.

On the 9th November we will be holding a whole school remembrance event when we will put the final poppies in place to complete our lasting memorial on site for the men of Pateley Bridge who fought in World War 1. This special event has been brought together by Mrs Witherwick and has involved art, technology, history, craft club and music. We look forward to sharing images of what we hope will be a moving and memorable event in our next Nidd News.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

## Sixth Form Visits

16 Y9, 10 and 11 students visited Harrogate Grammar School Sixth Form Provision for a tour and to take part in an AS Level lesson.

They were offered this experience to find out about Further Education and Sixth Form Study.

We look forward to offering further opportunities to visit Sixth Forms so students can benefit from this experience when making decisions about their Post 16 choices.

## Forthcoming events

- **28 October – PTFA running Cyclocross Café 11 – 4pm**
- **5 November – Bonfire Lunch**
- **8 November – NICE day**
- **8 November – Careers event/Further Education evening 6pm**
- **9 Nov – Whole School Act of Remembrance**
- **11 Nov – Attendance at Pateley Bridge Remembrance Service**
- **12 Nov – PTFA Meeting all welcome 5.30 pm Room 5**
- **13 Nov – Y12 GCSE Certificate Evening 6pm**
- **16 Nov – AR Reward Cinema Trip**



As part of the Library's Gothic Literature Month, Year 7 met Igraine Skelton, Her Majesty's Keeper of Knaresborough Castle Ravens and two of her birds, Erymus and Mourdour.

Igraine entertained students with stories about her ravens and read extracts from her books. Students also had the opportunity to handle the birds.

## Careers Event/Further Education

Year 9 - 11 students are invited with parents/carers to attend the Careers/Further Education evening on Thu 8<sup>th</sup> November in school from 5 to 7 pm.

There will be a range of Post-16 providers present to assist students and give impartial advice and guidance on future pathways.

## Nidderlicious

**Hot meal deals @£2.50  
w/c 5 Nov:**

**Monday:** Bonfire Lunch

**Tuesday:** Sticky Chicken and Noodles, Bread and Butter pudding

**Wednesday:** Homemade Lasagne and Garlic bread, Crunchy Fruit crumble

**Thursday:** Homemade Pizza, Iced muffin

**Friday:** Chicken korma, Fruit pot

The full menu is always available on the school website homepage.

## Attendance

Our Whole School attendance target for the academic year is 95.5% and the current whole school attendance is 94.65%. Years 7 (96.81%) and Year 8 (95.78%) are all currently exceeding the school attendance target. There are currently 158 (42.7%) students with 100% attendance this academic year.



## Accelerated Reader

Year 7 have made a great start on their Accelerated Reader reading scheme. So far, they have read 7,239,410 words, quizzed on 256 books and won 921.6 points! Well done to Joe O'Connell who has already won his bronze, silver, gold and Word Millionaire badges.

Our top Year 7 quizzers are being rewarded for their enthusiastic participation with a trip to The Everyman Cinema on November 16<sup>th</sup> to see 'Coco'.

Parents/Carers are now able to view their child's reading progress online by using the supplied log in details. For further information on the Accelerated Reader Scheme please contact Miss Lester.

## Inter-form Competition

The winner of the Inter-form Competition "Sweet Treat" will be announced after the half term break. Key Stage 3 forms have collected an absolutely incredible 20,000 positive points since the start of the academic year, with the highest number being given for the following:

- Good Work: 4169
- Excellent Attitude to Learning: 2825
- On Task: 2825
- Good Progress: 2655

Well done to key Stage 3 for showing such a commitment to success this half term.



## PE Department news

To keep up to date with news and photos please click <https://niddpe.wordpress.com>

There are lots of fixtures arranged for netball, football and rugby. [See here.](#)

## Craft Club

Craft Club is going from strength to strength this term. We have been busy crocheting phone cases and poppies, using beads to make jewellery, making pom-poms and building an air fix kit. If parents or carers have any unwanted craft materials that you are willing to donate to our club, they will be very gratefully received!

## Outside interest

Josh Thompson in Year 11 is currently training a hawk and has been interested in Falconry since the age of 5.

"I have visited falconry shows on family days out for years and by attending these, it created an interest where I researched into getting my home hawk."

"The photo is me with 'Mach' my 17 week old Harris Hawk, I keep him at home in an Avery. I'm hoping to bring him into school on a NICE day when he is fully trained."

