



Wind Power Challenge

On Tuesday 8th October, 30 Y7 students were involved in a STEM activity (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Project) involving the design and testing of wind turbines. All students engaged in a learning activity concerning the Sustainable Development Goals created by world leaders in 2015 as aspirational targets for dealing with the increasingly severe problems facing their countries and the world. The goals address issues such as poverty, inequality, climate change, loss of biodiversity etc.

Generating electricity in a 'clean' way, is of course, vital for overcoming problems to do with climate change and habitat destruction and loss of biodiversity. Hence, students were learning why they had been asked to design wind turbines.

Following the introduction, students spent the afternoon practically planning, making and testing their designs. They worked in small groups and prizes were awarded, not just for the best operating wind turbine, but also for their ability to work effectively as a group and being able to articulate their ideas through a presentation to the whole group. The session was fun, exciting, and inspiring.

Dr Binding

Headteacher's Introduction

In our first two weeks back after the half term holiday, we have been incredibly busy not just in lessons but with a whole range of other activities promoting team work and looking beyond ourselves and our own experience.

Some of our Key Stage 4 students are fortunate to have an Outdoor Education programme as part of their standard curriculum and small groups of Key Stage 3 students also benefit from an outdoor nurture programme. However, we are conscious that this has not been something we have made more widely available. I am delighted that as part of our House Team focus in Year 7/8 vertical form groups we have been able to offer an Outdoor Education Day to every student in Year 7/8. This programme has been a great success and Mr Couldwell and supporting staff have done an incredible job in making this happen.

This week I have been encouraging students across school to consider their impact on others by choosing kindness. So far this year we have awarded 460 positives for kindness on classcharts. Today our school community has made an outward show of kindness to Children in Need by donating at least £600.

I have asked our school community to reflect on the words of Maya Angelou this week: 'people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did but people will never forget how you made them feel.' #choosekindness

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Year 7 Ministry of You social group meets on Mondays after school in the Library. This year, as well as enjoying activities such as crafts, games, gardening and cookery, MOY have decided to support the Blue Cross animal shelter and are busy planning various fundraising activities.

Ms Lester

Forthcoming events

18 Nov – Meeting re Battlefields Trip 6pm
18 Nov - Governing Board meeting 6pm
28 Nov –Y8 Parents' Meeting
2 Dec – Y11 Mocks to 13 Dec
3 Dec – Battlefields Trip
13 Dec – Y11 Christmas Market York / Xmas Jumper Day
18 Dec – Christmas Lunch
19 Dec – Winter Warmer (School Performance)
19 Dec – **PTFA Christmas Raffle Draw**
20 Dec - 3.15 p.m. School closes for Christmas Break

School Governance

Mr Steve Ward is elected as Parent Governor to fill the vacancy created by Mrs Martin's end of term of office. Details of the Full Governing Board, school policies and the board's meeting schedule is available on the school website Governance tab ([click here to access](#)).

Sheffield University Trip

On Friday 18th October, a group of Year 8 students visited Sheffield University to take part in a Black History Month event. The day began with a lecture on the civil rights movement. Students listened to Martin Luther King's "I have A Dream" speech, looked at photographs depicting examples of racial segregation and learned about Rosa Park's historic act of civil disobedience.

After watching the film "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" they examined how effective it was as an allegory for racist attitudes. Students ended their day by expressing what they had learned through poetry, illustration and drama.



Craft Club

Craft Club got seriously spooky in advance of Halloween by decorating Jack O' Lantern cookies. Thank you to Mrs Spence for baking the delicious cookies for us to spookify!

We all had lots of fun and enjoyed tucking in to our creations once they were iced!

If you are interested in coming along to Craft Club it runs every Thursday lunchtime in Room 8. We are currently decorating eco-themed tote bags, learning to crochet friendship bracelets and starting some Christmas-themed crafting - All crafters welcome! Mrs Wright

A little bit of freedom, some fresh air and a sprinkle of Nidderdale Magic has had a miraculous effect on our feathered friends! It has been lovely to see these sad ex-battery hens learn how to be real chickens and regrow their lost feathers.

Mrs Wright will be delivering an ASDAN Animal Care Course for students who are interested in working with or learning more about animals, on Wednesdays after school. Please see her if you are interested in signing on to the course.



On Thursday 7th November we held our Annual Careers Event where a range of Post 16 Providers attended. The evening was a great success and was attended by a large number of students and their families.

Mrs Eglin

