

Rainbow of Rural Resilience

We are delighted to present our Rainbow of Rural Resilience our tribute to key workers presented as a celebration of the school community's creativity in our unique tale of lambing, loo roll and living our best lives in lockdown. Thanks to our amazingly talented students and Ms Adams' fantastic video editing skills, you can watch each chapter on You Tube by following these links:

[Click here to see Chapters 1 & 2](#)

[Chapter 3](#)

[Chapter 4](#)

[Chapter 5](#)

[Chapter 6](#)

[Closing Chapter](#)



Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the final Nidd News of the academic year. When I wrote the introduction to the first Nidd News of the year in September 2019, I could never have imagined that the year would end this way. Of course, there has been much sadness, anxiety and uncertainty in the last few months both nationally and in our own community but I would like to think that Team Nidderdale has managed to provide some certainty, stability and moments of joy to all of our families during the lockdown period.

The daily Key Stage 3 Check-In (all 66 issues), the Key Stage 4 Next Steps, the weekly Nidd News, Nidderdale Flourish and Loom assemblies have helped us to stay in touch with you. The Pastoral Team and other staff have been tireless in their telephone contact with families needing support and providing a regular check-in for as many of Team Nidderdale as they could. Staff and students alike have got used to new ways of working with work set and submitted via Classcharts, email, Teams and One Drive. We have continually been amazed by the creativity and originality our students have shown when completing their work.

You will by now have received, by email, a copy of my letter setting out our plans for September full reopening and you will also receive a copy in the post. Please enjoy this final Nidd News of the year, which aims to be a celebration of some of the best we have achieved throughout the year.

With very best wishes for a holiday that allows you to rest, renew your energies and get ready to reconnect in September.

Kath Jordan
Headteacher

PE Department News

Hello and welcome to the PE pages of the Nidd News.

First of all we would like to say well done to all of you who have managed to stay active during this time and to those that have shared your achievements with us. We are all proud of what you have done, it shows us that you have considered what we have taught you and you have applied it into your daily lives.

As we move into the summer holidays (slightly different to ones we have had before) it is still important to keep your fitness going not only for your physical health but also for your mental wellbeing. Although school is closed we would still love to hear what you have been up to, so if you do any activity that is new to you or you master a new skill or you just want to show off what you have been doing please send us an email!

Hope you enjoy the round ups we have put together for you and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Be safe & Be kind.
Team PE

GCSE PE

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new year 9 students who have started their GCSE course in Physical Education. It is not how I would have wanted to start the course but I am so glad that we have as you have made a great start. Team PE have been applying their knowledge to a sporting profile.

Students chose their favourite sport and have developed an introduction to that sport, their involvement, the fitness requirements for their role within that sport and the most important skills needed in order to be successful. Year 10 students have also used their fitness test results from January to evaluate the impact this would have on their performance. I hope that as the restrictions keep lifting you are able to go back to your sports and enjoy participating rather than writing about your favourite sport!


Enjoy your summer.
Mrs Kay

PE Department – SummerChallenge

Stay active this summer!

If you are wanting to stay active this summer go and check out Mr Barrass' lockdown workouts by [clicking here](#) or try the fitness challenge below.

They are fun workouts, high intensity and you will feel great afterwards.... I promise!



Women's Health 30 DAY FITNESS CHALLENGE

WEEK 1 Focus on your form

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lower Body	Upper Body	Cross-Training	Total Body	Abs	Cross-Training	×

WEEK 2 Go for more reps

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lower Body	Upper Body	Cross-Training	Total Body	Abs	Cross-Training	×

WEEK 3 Try a new cross-training workout

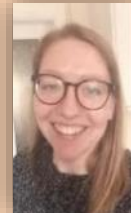
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lower Body	Upper Body	Cross-Training	Total Body	Abs	Cross-Training	×

WEEK 4 Complete an extra round

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lower Body	Upper Body	Cross-Training	Total Body	Abs	Cross-Training	×

WEEK 5 Finish strong

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lower Body	Upper Body	Cross-Training	Total Body	Abs	Cross-Training	×



Miss Wilcock's Player Profile – Hannah Thornton

As you all know I love playing Rounders and that it is my specialty sport. I have played for many years alongside an actual Rounders England player. Just for you she has agreed to give you some information about herself and her playing career. Enjoy!

Name: Hannah Thornton

Years playing: 15 years

Time played for England: I first joined the England squad when I was 14 and played until I turned 16. I then got asked to play again last year.

Position: Bowler and deep fielder

What you like most about rounders: I love the competitiveness and team cohesion.

Training: Through the winter training is all about our fitness so improving endurance, power and speed. Into the springtime the focus becomes more skill based so looking at throwing techniques to get more power and accuracy with the ball; batting and seeing if we can change the direction of the hit. We also concentrate on strategies and game play to ensure we make the right decisions during a match.

More about you: As I mentioned I have played rounders for England team 'Springboks' alongside your very own Miss Wilcock. Springboks are a long running team who have played together for many years and seen plenty of success, including becoming champions of the annual tournament 7 Times out of 13. We also finished the 2019 seasons top of the local league. In 2019 I stepped it up a gear with elite players from Springboks and another local team came together to make 'Smashboks' (Miss Wilcock among the elite players) to enter the West Yorkshire League. It was a massive jump from the game play we were used to however, we gelled well as a team and became league champions *and* Cup winners in our 1st season playing. This was massive achievement as the other teams were strong competitors, but excellent teamwork saw us to victory. Also, very important the England squad finished the 2019 season as undefeated and I am extremely proud to have been a part of it.

Thank you for reading, Hannah Thornton



Why not exercise your brain over summer?

Here are some interesting blogs and articles to get you started:

Superkids nutrition <https://www.superkidsnutrition.com/nutrition-articles/>

Nidderdale Flourish <https://www.instagram.com/stories/nidderdaleflourish/2350243019222316549/?hl=en>

About kids health <https://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/article?contentid=641&language=english>



This year we say goodbye to Mr Sands as he retires from his post as teacher of Drama and English. We wish him well in whatever ventures he plans to embark on in the future and are very sad not to be saying goodbye in person.

Mrs Smyth has also taken the decision to step away from classroom teaching for now. As many of you will know, Mrs Smyth has struggled with her health this year and is taking some time to properly rest and recover before her next adventure. From inventive science to musical inspiration, Mrs Smyth has always been keen to get stuck in and I know she has found the decision to step away extremely difficult. We know that, once recovered, Mrs Smyth will be busy as ever with tutoring, music and a whole range of other new challenges.

In September we look forward to welcoming Mr Wolfram to the English Team. His twin interests in reading and playing rugby make him an ideal member of Team Nidderdale, teaching one subject and hopefully eventually leading some extra-curricular activities in a completely different area.

We are also looking forward to meeting Mr Day in person as he joins the Humanities Team as Teacher of Geography, following a successful virtual interview. Mr Day is also multi-talented and brings a love of sport and music alongside his expert knowledge of all things Geography and Geology!

Finally, we welcome Mrs Hajjawi to the Science Team. Mrs Hajjawi teaches both Chemistry and Biology and is looking forward to being involved in all aspects of school life.

There is one final goodbye, Team Nidderdale would like to say and that is to someone we consider an honorary member of our Team. Biddy Noakes retired from traditional teaching many years ago. I first heard Biddy's name in 2004 when I joined the school and she had supported our Specialist Status bid for science and visual arts. Most recently she has been the driving force and motivation behind our hugely successful Number 6 Art Craft and Design course for Year 11 at the King Street workshops. Even when she reached 80 years old and retired (again!) from Nidderdale visual arts, she continued to lead our course for 2 more years. So we wish Biddy all the very best and third time lucky for her retirement. I've got a feeling her connection to the school will continue in one way or another.

Start of term arrangements

As explained in recent communications, we will be welcoming students back to school in September as a phased return.

Please see Headteacher's letter emailed on 16th July for more detail. The key dates are:

- Friday 4th September Staff Reconnection Day - **no students in school**
- Monday 7th September Staff Training Day - **no students in school**
- Tuesday 8th September Year 7 Transition Day - **Year 7 only** in school
- Wednesday 9th September Year 7 Transition day 2 and Year 11 Reconnection Day - **Year 7 and 11 only** in school
- Thursday 10th September Year 8 and Year 10 Reconnection Day - **Year 8 and 10 only** in school
- Friday 11th September Year 9 Reconnection Day and Year 8 normal day - **Year 8 and 9 only** in school
- Monday 14th September - **all students in school.**





Accelerated Reader News

Year 7 have made some fantastic Accelerated Reader achievements. Between them they have read 633 books - a staggering 20,592,575 words!

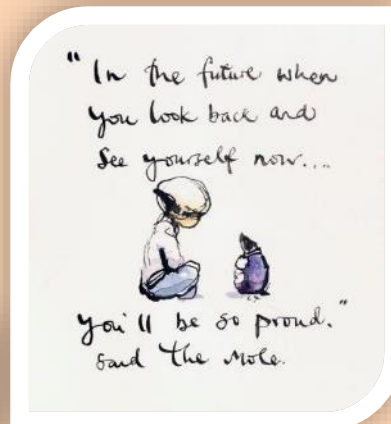
Six students have achieved Word Millionaire status. Well done to Callie Tropia, Archie Davis, Ravi Frady, Will Broadley, Jack Boddy and Grace O'Connell. Our Bronze Reading Award winners are Phoebe Bryant, Archie Davis, Layla Edwards, Dylan Jones, Summer Mason, Jack Milburn and Callie Tropia. Callie has also won her Silver Reading Award.

Well done to all Year 7 for their enthusiastic reading. I am looking forward to presenting reading rewards on our return to school in September.

I have arranged free access to the Myon online Library to run throughout the summer holidays. Login instructions can be found on Class Charts.

Happy reading!

Miss Lester



NIDD STARS

Many congratulations to all of the students who have received one or more of the 350 Nidderdale e-STARS sent by email this term. A big thank you to all of the staff who have taken the time to notice the efforts, achievements and resilience of our young people.

The following students were nominated as 2020 Nidderdale SUPER STARS and have all been awarded a specially selected book with a personalised message. We hope that these students, who have excelled in a variety of ways, feel proud of being the very first Nidderdale SUPER STARS. We hope to make this an annual end of year reward for exceptional contributions.

Year 7
Eleanor De Souza
Ravi Frady
Alice Graham
Gracie Hudson
Ava Lightmoss
Callie Tropia

Year 8
Will Fitzgibbon
Rory Hall
Lucy Mawer

Year 9
Bertie Graham Bell
Connie Parkin
Jeevan Shergill

Year 10
Charlotte Brotherton
Rachael Hattan
Grace Pawson
Holly Shaw
Charlie Troup

I have learned a lot this year...

I learned that things don't always turn out the way you planned, or the way you think they should. And I've learned that there are things that go wrong that don't always get fixed or get put back together the way they were before. I've learned that some broken things stay broken, and I've learned that you can get through bad times and keep looking for better ones, as long as you have people who love you. *...Jennifer Weiner*



Lockdown Learning. Some examples of great work across all year groups!

