

World Book Day

This year, we were able to celebrate World Book Day with several online live “Meet the Author” events. Students in school and those studying at home were able to join the sessions simultaneously. In the run up to the day itself, KS3 students enjoyed a live Q&A session and book reading with Michael Morpurgo, an assembly with David Walliams and a “how to draw Tom Gates” event with Liz Pichon. Liz very kindly sent us a signed copy of her latest Tom Gates book which was presented to Lucus Rolls as a reward for his excellent Tom Gates artwork.

World Book Day itself was marked by a live session with Sarah Haggart-Holt. Sarah read from her latest book Proud of Me, a story about self acceptance and the importance of opening up to those closest to you . World Book Day book tokens were handed out but there are plenty left for students who were not in school and will be available from Miss Lester.



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We have been delighted to welcome all of our year groups back to school across this week and have been so impressed by all of our students who have taken part in the lateral flow testing programme as part of the return. All of our young people have been respectful of the rules in place and have taken the process really seriously. I am very grateful to parents for all the support you have given to us in ensuring that the return to school can be as safe as possible. Whilst we understand that wearing masks nearly full time in school is far from ideal, all staff and students have just accepted and got on with it as we know this is what is required of us at the moment.

Next week all students are back to their usual (week 1) timetable and we will focus on the important work of reconnecting with learning. The testing process will also continue through the week, with more detail about home testing to follow next week.

As next Friday is Comic Relief 'Red Nose' Day, we thought it was only right to mark the final day that we will be asking students to swab their noses in some way. We will be holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for Comic Relief and students will also have the chance to take part in Mr Connors' fabulous comedy quiz which he will beam into lessons via the magic of Teams! On the next page you will also see details of a staff walking challenge that we would really appreciate your support with too.

Well done to all for a really successful start to our reconnection journey part 2 and we look forward to seeing everyone full time next week.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Calendar

- w/c 15th March - Y9 Options interviews
- 19th March – Comic Relief and Non-Uniform
- 26th March- Deadline for Y9 Option entries
- 26th March - School closes at 3.15 pm
- 29 March – 9 April 21 - Easter break
- 12 April 21 - Staff training day
- 13 April 21 - Students return

Letter to families

[Please click here to read the letter to families from Public Health, North Yorkshire County Council.](#)

REWIND-ReWire: Online Songwriting Clinics -

Join North Yorkshire Libraries and Musician Rich Huxley for a dynamic six week songwriting course for young people aged 11 years and above. Whether you're a beginner or already have some songwriting experience, this is for You!

Each session introduces new techniques, skills and to aid your development as a songwriter. No previous experience necessary. Ability to play an instrument not essential. (Positive attitude to work however is a must.)

Sessions take place each Wednesday, from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The online workshops will be hosted by North Yorkshire Libraries and will take place on 10th March, 17th March, 24th March, 31st March, 7th April, 14th April.

Book a free place on eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rewind-rewire-online-songwriting-clinics-tickets-142130210285>

For additional information contact claire.thompson@northyorks.gov.uk 01609 536623

Nidderlicious

Our weekly menu has been uploaded to the website. We look forward to welcoming you back to school and serving your favourites.

[Click here to see the menu for w/c 15th March: Nidderdale High School Menu](#)

Mrs Naylor and team 😊

Local Census Support Service - Census day is 21st March.

As you may be aware, filling in a census form is a legal requirement—every household has to fill one in—and there is a fine if you do not complete it.

Nidd Plus are contracted to be the local Census Support Service during Census 2021. This year, the plan is for most people to complete their census on line. The Census Support Service is to help people who are having difficulties completing the form or are not on line. Appointments can be booked with Nidd Plus and they will help you fill in your form in a COVID-secure way. Nidd Plus will also answer any enquiries on 01423 714953, or email admin@nidderdaleplus.org.uk.

Nidd Plus are also able to provide transport to Pateley from homes (in Nidderdale or the Washburn Valley) if you do not have access to transport.

Community Food providers in Harrogate District

Local food providers are here to help anyone who finds they are in need. They can provide food parcels including basic provisions, cooked meals or a combination of both. This [February 2021 leaflet](#) signposts to providers and also how to donate to local food, clothes or furniture banks.

Coronavirus anxiety

Anxiety UK has a [resource library](#) dedicated to offering support and guidance for coronavirus anxiety. This features a range of information, resources and support for helping understand how to deal with anxiety during these difficult times while Coronavirus is impacting on our lives – including in the workplace.

Do you or does someone you know need help using technology?

Do you or does someone you know need help using technology or want to build confidence to do more online? If so please call **0808 196 5883** and leave a message. One of the team of trained digital champions will call you back and offer friendly, patient support over the phone. For more information go to <https://www.citizenonline.org.uk/>

Mental Health and wellbeing support

Support is available for people if their financial situation changes and they need help with household payments, debts or living costs.

Taking care of your mind as well as your body is important during the pandemic and there is support to help. This [leaflet](#) signposts to local and national sources of support.

Comic Relief 2021

As part of our fund-raising efforts for Comic Relief, the Team Nidd World Walking group are attempting a new challenge. Since Monday 8th March all steps we take in school and out of school walks and runs are counting towards our effort to make the virtual trip from Land's End to John o'Groats. As lots of us have been shuffling around the testing centre and it's been raining, we're stuck in Plymouth at the moment so we would really appreciate your support and encouragement to get as far as we can by the end of next Friday. Please follow the link to sponsor Team Nidderdale. We're hoping to make the final distance with some laps of the wellbeing walk on 19th March.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nidderdale-rednoseday21>