



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

Since half term we have welcomed a wide range of visitors into school, to meet with staff and students about a wide range of focus areas. Whatever the focus, one thing has always shone through - the strong emphasis placed on respect, kindness and care. In a safeguarding review an LA colleague commented, 'Most strong was the sense of a caring, nurturing culture, underpinning all safeguarding work, and the determination of leaders to keep up the momentum in building a tolerant, accepting community.' A representative of RABI (school charity) said of our Senior Student team, 'what great young people they are - so thoughtful and eloquent...'

As we move into our two week mock exam timetable, we wish all of our Year 11 students the very best for this important assessment period. I would remind the rest of the school community to show kindness and respect by observing all of the expectations that allow these exams to run smoothly.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Accelerated Reader group visit to Leeds Industrial Museum

As a reward for their enthusiastic participation in the Accelerated Reader reading scheme, a group of Year 7 students recently visited Leeds Industrial Museum. Our visit included a movie, shown in the museum's original 1920s cinema. The movie was an animated adaptation of *The Three Musketeers*, arranged by the 'Into Film' Festival.

After viewing the film, students enjoyed a live demonstration of industrial spinning machines followed by a tour of the museum. I look forward to rewarding more of our Year 7 students for their Accelerated Reader efforts as the school year progresses.

Miss Lester

R.A.B.I.
Supporting Farming Families

NORTH YORKSHIRE RABI COMMITTEE

CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS

AT 7PM, TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2021
LEYBURN LIVESTOCK AUCTION MART. DL8 5DP

SERVICE CONDUCTED BY REV'D CHRIS LAWTON
FEATURING LEYBURN TOWN BAND.

MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES WILL BE SERVED
AFTER THE SERVICE.

ALL WELCOME

CONTACT SALLY CONNER 07818 093506
FOR MORE DETAILS.

Registered with
**FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR**

Registered charity number 208858.
Photographs may be taken at this event
to publicise R.A.B.I.'s work.



**Well done and
thankyou to
everyone who was
able to donate.**

**The school
community raised
£762 for Children in
Need 2021.**



Christmas is coming – Calling all on-line shoppers

The school PTFA is using [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to help raise funds to help support student activities outside of the curriculum. Please click on [the flyer here](#) for further information and register today to help raise funds.

If you would like to get involved in the school's PTFA or if you are interested in taking on a role on the committee contact admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Reminders

- Staff training day 6th December – school closed to students.
- School Christmas Jumper/Non Uniform day & School Christmas Lunch will be held on the same day – 14th December.
- School term and holiday dates remaining for this year and for 22/23 are now on the school website. [Click here.](#)
- Term ends **2.15 p.m.** 17th December.



Library News

Twenty years ago, the Harry Potter books made it onto the Big Screen with a film adaptation of The Philosopher's Stone. Zach Allison from Year 8 marked the occasion with a convincing imitation of Harry in the Library!

Due to kind sponsorship by our PTFA, we have been able to partake in Bookbuzz. Bookbuzz is a reading programme from Booktrust that aims to inspire a love of reading in children. During their first term at Nidderdale High, Year 7 students chose their own book to take home from a list of 17 titles. The books- carefully selected by a panel of experts to encourage reading for pleasure were happily received by students this week.

Ms Lester

Key Stage 3 News – Mrs Wright

Students in Key Stage 3 have been involved in a number of 'Reward Trips' over the last couple of weeks in celebration of all things Ready, Respectful and Safe. Students from Year 8 and Year 9 enjoyed trips to Brimham Rocks with Ms Tuffs and Mrs Wright; enjoying a day out of school and in nature in recognition of a positive start to the year. It was so lovely to see the students playing and enjoying spending time together and reminded me how lucky we are to be surrounded by such an incredible dale.



The Inter-form Competition has been too close to call this half term, with 7BA and 8JW fighting it out for top spot – with three weeks to go until the Pizza Party I can't wait to see who is victorious!

Form	Points	Position
8JW	252	1st
7BA	248	2nd
7EG	218	3rd
9JR	197	4th
9SP	182	5th
8JK	165	6th
7EH	140	7th
9PT	129	8th
8JD	125	9th



Archie Martin has been helping me out with the school hens and he literally has them eating out of his hands! Thanks for all your help, Archie!



Cinema Trip

Students in Year 7 with the highest ClassCharts ratios were invited on a trip to the Every Man Cinema in Harrogate for a private screening of Peter Rabbit 2. The students on all three trips were an absolute credit to the school and it was a pleasure to be able to reward all of their effort and positive attitude to learning.

Social Media – Spot checking

I would just like to remind all parents to be mindful of social media and encourage 'spot checking' of your child's phone in order to ensure that they are as respectful and safe online as they can be. If you have any concerns about your child's online activity please do not hesitate to get in touch with me in school.

NiddVenture News

We are working hard to bring the Niddventure Curriculum into all aspects of school life and a key element of this is using the outdoor environment to support individual subjects. In the last two weeks we have taken students from Yr 11 Photography out into the wider outdoor environment to give them some inspiring photographic opportunities outside.

We have collected many rocks, fossils & crystals whilst out and about on our Niddventures to assist Mr Day with the introduction of the new geology course and also continued with the support of food technology for individual students.

More hills have been conquered on our Yr 7 hill days & both the Yr 10 & 11 Outdoor Education courses have honed their walking and navigation skills. Both groups have also devoted some time to community service & volunteering round the school and this will contribute towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Our Niddventure minibus is now sparkling as a result of their efforts!

Community service has been a very large part of the last Niddventure fortnight and we continue to be very proud of the way all the young people who have taken part in this represent the school when they're out. We are now regularly delivering all of Spar Chandler's orders to the elderly on a Friday morning & continue to deliver prescriptions for Pateley Pharmacy. We have also helped Heathfield Caravan Park with their annual leaf pick-up session and all students have leapt into these new challenges with much enthusiasm, hard work and continue to grow in confidence, empathy & kindness.

Thank you to all the local businesses who continue to provide us with these opportunities and support our students in such a valuable way!

Ms Tuffs

