

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

Across the last two weeks we have had an increased focus on the value of respect as we hope to develop a piece of work to truly embed a culture of respect in our school community. In assemblies I have been reflecting with each year group in turn on different definitions of respect from 'feeling or showing admiration for someone or something that you believe has good ideas or qualities' to 'having due regard for someone's feelings, wishes or rights.' I have challenged students to think about how they can be considerate of the feelings of others and to reflect on whether they want to have a positive or negative impact on the wellbeing of others.

I have shared my belief that we all deserve respect and all have a responsibility to be respectful of others regardless of their age, behaviour, circumstances or position of authority. We have reflected on the danger of taking the attitude that 'if somebody doesn't respect me, then I'm not going to respect them', whilst considering how much easier it is to be respectful when you are treated with respect.

This focus has led to some really interesting discussions - particularly around everyone's responsibility to be respectful of our school site and whose job it is to keep things tidy! I hope that it might generate some interesting conversations at home as we continue to reflect on this important value, its close relationship to our value of kindness and how this relates to events in the wider world.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Careers - Construction

In recognition of International Women's Day on 8th March 2022, I took a group of girls to visit the construction of the Millwright Development in Pateley Bridge. This was previously the Council Depot and is now transforming into an area consisting of a selection of 2,3 and 4 bedroomed family homes.

The visit was made possible following a kind invitation from Brierley Homes and HACS construction. Special thanks to Chris, Rachel and Jacqueline for showing us around.

Taking part in the visit made the girls think about all the career opportunities available within the Construction Industry as a whole and the depth of areas involved.

Thank you to Mrs Ashton and Mrs Murgatroyd for accompanying me and the students.

Mrs Eglin

[Please click here to see the letter from DfE to parents and carers regarding Careers' Week resources.](#)





World Book Day

Students marked this year's World Book Day by taking part in a "Find The Author" treasure hunt. Images of famous authors were hidden around the school. Once discovered, the finder was asked to match the author to one of his/her works. Winners were rewarded with chocolate. Well done to Harris Webb for finding Roald Dahl!



Careers Visit – Hospitality

On March 9th 2022, we were invited by Craven College and The Devonshire Arms at Bolton Abbey to an event to look at future careers in Hospitality and Catering.

The afternoon saw students have a tour of the hotel, meet staff, a talk from Craven College and to top it off a delicious Afternoon Tea.

Students were inspired by the level of career prospects and the range of roles available.

Thank you to all students who went on the event who showed a high level of politeness and maturity.

Mrs Eglin

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Gibson who has just been awarded Chartered Teacher Status by the Chartered College of Teaching. This is recognition of her engagement with the teacher research community and using continuous professional development opportunities to share and develop best practice in our own school and nationally.

We are so fortunate to have so many teaching staff and support staff who are so committed to developing their own and others' expertise. Mr Thompson is continuing in his role as Maths Mastery lead and is currently supporting several other schools to develop their maths teaching. We also have 5 teacher colleagues working towards the National Professional Qualification for Leadership at Senior Leader, Teaching Leader or Culture & Ethos Leader level. Ms Walker is currently undertaking further training as our Senior Mental Health lead. The Teaching Assistant team are leading the way with inquiry question based appraisal to make sure their work is rooted in research evidence and current best practice.

GCSE English Language

Year 11 students completed their Spoken Language Assessment for their English Language GCSE in the final week of last half term. Presentations covered a range of topics including: The Impact of Reality TV on Teenagers, The Power of the Outdoors, What Makes a True Hero, The Perception of Accents, and Fast Fashion and its Impact on our Environment. It was an absolute privilege to listen to students talk about their chosen topics with such passion.

GCSE Drama

Well done to the GCSE Drama class who this week completed their performance of a given playwright for Unit 2 of their GCSE. Students have been rehearsing extracts from Teechers, Blood Brothers, A Kestrel for a Knave, Our Day Out and My Mother Said I Never Should over the last term and performed their final pieces to be sent to the GCSE examiner on Wednesday. Well done to all involved.

Miss Draper



Tree planting at Low Riggs Farm

On Saturday 5th March a number of Nidderdale High School families turned out to plant trees at Low Riggs Farm. Despite worries about the weather it turned out to be a lovely morning. I would estimate that around 200 trees were planted by the volunteers between 9am and 12 noon. Most of the trees were Oaks or Hawthorn.

Everyone said that they were pleased to have contributed towards efforts to combat Climate Change and support biodiversity. Everyone reported that they had a good time and would like to be involved in similar activities in the future. We would all like to express our gratitude to the Hattan family who made the opportunity available and provided hot drinks, biscuits and cheese to keep spirits high.

Donations have also been made towards the purchase of more Woodland to place in the Dakatcha nature Reserve in Kenya. A report on this will be made available when it is clear how much more land we have purchased and how things are progressing in Kenya.

Dr Matt Binding



A good start to the new half term on the Niddventure front!

We are continuing to bring outdoor learning into all aspects of the curriculum and this week has seen our first Niddventure maths trip. Students visited Fishpond Wood and utilised the skills of following compass bearings, measuring distance & counting their paces to complete a set course around the woods.

We have continued with our primary school outdoor education provision and St Cuthbert's Year 5s have had a second visit to Brimham Rocks and completed a treasure quest in the local woods. The confidence of both the primary school children and the Nidd High students assisting me continues to grow. It's very rewarding to see the positive relationships that are developing between the younger students, the Nidd High students and the staff of both schools.

The Niddventure curriculum also aims to give students additional support in specific subjects where it's required. The last fortnight has seen some great work on the Food Technology GCSE front with some very tasty and beautifully presented food being prepared!

Miss Tuffs



Respect people's feelings. Even if it does not mean anything to you, it could mean everything to them.

