



Mythical Creatures – Art projects

The students were given an extended home learning project that links with their classwork on Mythical Creatures. The brief was that they had to create their own, artist inspired 3D creature and they did not disappoint! There were so many creative creatures, resourceful use of materials and huge amounts of effort put into these and Mrs Brown was so impressed! Here is just a very small selection of these beautiful creatures, there were plenty more.

Well done to Thomas Marshall, Jacob Bragg, Daisy Naylor, Hayden Lane Falshaw, Callum Crockford and Henry Hawkridge

Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We have come straight back into a very busy new year with lots of focus on our curriculum. On Tuesday we were pleased to welcome our Local Authority Senior Advisor back into school for his termly visit with a focus on our curriculum development and delivery. He spent time in lessons, speaking to students and meeting with staff. He commented on the 'rich curriculum' that was evident in the lessons he visited, being delivered by 'expert teachers' with a real 'academic ambition' for students.

We were delighted to be able to hold our first in person Curriculum Options Evening for Year 9 families on Thursday. We hope that the information shared and opportunities to speak to staff about all of our GCSE and BTEC subjects was a helpful way for Year 9 families to start thinking about their Key Stage 4 choices as this process continues through the term. A copy of the presentation and the options booklet will be sent to all Year 9 families today.

Our Year 11 Geography students have been involved in fieldwork studies in York this week. The weather this week meant that they were able to undertake revision on rivers as they discovered part of their route had been flooded! All students engaged really well with the surveys and other investigations they needed to complete and represented the school well. Thanks to Mr Connors and Mr Day for organising this.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Student Leadership Team News

Save the Date. Our first fundraiser will take place on the 10th February. We will welcome cake and biscuit donations for this bake sale, and we will appreciate monetary donations to go towards Epilepsy Action, our chosen charity to support this year.

A donations link will be sent to students, parents and carers closer to Friday 10th February.

Congratulations to Callie Tropa and Grace O'Connell who have been promoted to Student Leaders within Year 10 Student Leadership Team.

The whole team have worked incredibly hard this academic year and meet during P5 Flourish sessions fortnightly.

Mrs Ashton

Calendar reminders

- 16 Jan 23 – Y7 Trip to Skipton Castle
- 24 Jan 23 & 26 Jan 23 – Y7 Trip to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- 26 Jan 23 – Y9 Parents' Evening (online)
- 2 Feb 23 – Y8 Parents' Evening (online)
- 8 & 9 Feb 23 – Y11 Trip to An Inspector Calls, York
- 9 & 10 Feb 23 – Y11 Trip to London
- 13-17 Feb 23 – Half term
- 20 Feb – School re-opens

Uniform

Please note Rawcliffes are currently selling Nidderdale logo skirts at half price.

Assemblies w/c 9th January

Thank you to Callie Tropa and Alison Snow for leading the whole school assemblies this week raising Epilepsy awareness and launching our fundraising campaign in school.

[About epilepsy - Epilepsy Action](#)

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This week's Words of the Week

Futile

An action that is pointless, or has no effect. Not achieving a result.

For example: Trying to talk to her out of moving to France was futile- she just wouldn't listen.

She bought some sweets in a futile attempt to bribe her son to do his homework.

Incongruous

Something or someone can be described as incongruous. It means to be strange or wrong in the given situation. If something stands out as not fitting in with the surroundings, it's incongruous.

For example: The 96 year old man looked incongruous as he entered the skate park with his board under his arm.

The Greek Temple that he had in the garden looked incongruous in the row of city centre terraces.

Replete

To be replete means to be full- especially with food. It can also mean that something is well supplied with lots of things (replete with...)

For example: The new car was replete with heated steering wheel and the latest technology.

No thankyou, I don't want a third helping of cake- I'm replete.

He enjoys stories replete with drama and excitement.

JOIN OUR TEAM

**We are recruiting –
Invigilators and General
Kitchen Assistants**

**Please see the recruitment page on
our school website for more
information.**

[Click here.](#)

Pastoral Team News

We are delighted to still be working closely with Suzanne Benson at Nidderdale Llamas. We have taken a number of students to try her new llama therapy sessions and they have been absolutely wonderful. The llamas we have met have been so gentle and nurturing and have started to look forward to seeing our students as much as they look forward to seeing them.



Nidderlicious

Hot meal deals @£2.95 w/c 16th January 2023

Monday: Chilli con carne/Hot BBQ Chicken wrap/ Jelly

Tuesday: Burger in a bun/Veg Korma/Shortbread

Wednesday: Lamb Casserole/Traybake

Thursday: Homemade Pizza/Fish and Chips/Muffin

Friday: Sweet and Sour Chicken and Rice/Ice cream

The full menu is always available on the school website.

Please ensure your child's account is in funds as service at the tills is slowed down when there are not sufficient funds available.

Student achievements

We would like to feature success stories to celebrate the success of our students in or outside of school, so please let us know about any student achievements you would like to have in the Nidd News (with their permission) by emailing

admin@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Pamper Hamper Reward

At the end of a busy term, the Pastoral Support Team agreed to award their very special bespoke Pastoral Pamper Hamper to Miss Byrne in recognition of the support she has given to the team, her 1:1 support to a number of KS3 students and for setting up her Kindness Club. Thank you Miss Byrne from all the students and staff in Pastoral Support.

Ms Walker

Kindness Club

During Kindness Club we plan small acts of kindness to spread positivity and encourage kindness within and beyond our school community.

Some of our recent highlights include:

Creating bookmarks and placing them in books in the school library for you to discover;
Spending time doing some colouring to help us relax and show ourselves some kindness;
Creating decorative paper lanterns to brighten someone else's day;
Designing gingerbread characters to say thank you to others.

Kindness Club meets every Monday lunchtime in Room 8 and all are very welcome.

Miss Byrne