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Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome to our Spring 2 newsletter. As ever lots of fabulous things going on in school alongside the very important external examinations.

The cohorts of Year 11 and Year 13 left just before the half term break and yet again, our excellent students got the tone absolutely right. Lots of reminiscing, laughter and tears. Many photos taken and of course, the traditional shirt signing.

Below are a few stories for you to read about events in school and some wonderful individual successes of our students and the sport they are involved in within our community.

Enjoy the read and let's hope there is some sunshine to enjoy over the coming weeks.

Emma Lambden
Headteacher

Sixth Form Council Election Results

The annual Sixth Form elections took place just before the holiday. Mr Pentland and Miss Leopold are delighted to announce the following results. Congratulations to all students elected and we have no doubt they will do an excellent job over the coming twelve months.

Head Boy – Noah Hovvels Head Girl – Lydia Broadbent

Deputy Head Boy and Minister for Student Leadership – Tom Connacher

Deputy Head Girl and Minister for Equality and Welfare – Brooke Hodgson

Minister for the Environment – Phoebe Dunning

Minister for Education – Sienna Moore

Minister for Media – Kieran Moss

Minister for Extra-Curricular – Melissa Woods

Minister for Finance and Charity – Sophie Hodgson

Minister for Democracy – Matthew Dundon

Minister for the House System – Laura Evans

Author Visit to Thirsk School Library 10 May 2024

Following Thirsk School students' success at the 'Battle of the Books' competition earlier this year, pupils were keen to invite Chris Mould, Author/ Illustrator to lead a poetry and storytelling workshop in the library.





Students of all ages volunteered to participate in this inspiring, informative and enjoyable event, which included Chris Mould doing readings from Ted Hughes 'Iron Man' and George Orwell's 'Animal Farm'. Special Guest and Head Boy, who has won a place at Durham University to read Creative Writing delighted younger students so much, there was vigorous and lengthy applause for his poem about growing up against a backdrop of Yorkshire Landscapes. The illustrator kindly agreed to produce an illustration for Ben's delightful piece of poetry which will go towards an installation for the library.

The day began with Chris joining us for the Friday Morning Breakfast Reading Group and ended with his reading of the final chapter of 'Iron Man'. Students were enthralled and engaged throughout.

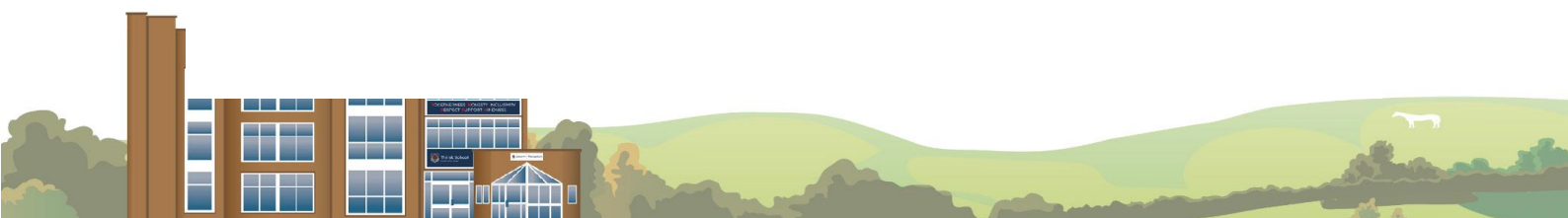


Bewerley Park

12 of our Year 7 students completed their return visit to Bewerley Park on Monday 13th May. They participated in Bushcraft Activities such as shelter building and fire lighting in the morning and had an exciting session in the afternoon on the lake doing Paddleboarding. It was amazing to see the girls having such an amazing time and to witness their resilience, teamwork, social skills and confidence grow as a result.

A massive well done to the following:

Lily Bainbridge, Harley Rowe, Mary Renshaw, Kelsey Parker, Marilyn Wright-Springett, Freya Saltmer, Fifi Vines, Storm Brown, Izzy Robinson, Tia Bowman, Hollie Bowe, Neve Barr.





Wednesday 22 May was National Numeracy Day – the UK's only day dedicated to everyday maths.

This is a day that celebrates the importance of numbers for children and adults alike, building brighter futures through confidence with numbers and inspiring everyone to improve their numeracy skills.

The charity National Numeracy teamed up with celebrities and experts to create fun and engaging activities aimed at children feeling good about numbers so together, we can dance, bake and rap our way to number confidence!

Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Number Heroes Competition, they were asked to produce a poster sparking imaginations and conversations about using numbers and maths in our future dream jobs or hobbies. All posters submitted are being judged. The lucky winners will receive a £50 voucher for themselves, as well as a £1,000 prize bundle for Thirsk School.

One of the best ways to support children to feel positive about numbers is to feel confident yourself. National Numeracy has lots of free resources to help adults, so you can support your children with numbers and maths, and boost your own numeracy skills too! You can access a range of free resources for adults on the National Numeracy Day website, [National Numeracy Day | 22 May 2024](#).

Together, we can get the whole nation feeling good about numbers.

Mountain Biking

We would like to congratulate and celebrate Ellie Proctor's amazing achievements in downhill mountain biking 8. She is now competing in national competitions and recently came second in a huge meet in Fort William. She has genuine Olympic potential!





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Gymnastics

Isaac Clay was awarded an 'Outstanding achievement' award for 2023 from North of England Gymnastics recently for his achievements in gymnastics regionally and Nationally and to recognise the work he has done to promote disability gymnastics nationally.

He picked up his award, which was given by President Peter Crawford BEM, at the annual awards ceremony at Hardwick Hall hotel.



County Netball



We would like to share a recent success Florence Bumby has had within her county netball team. On Saturday 13th May the county team played a round of 7 matches against North, South and East Yorkshire. (Each county puts in 2 teams).

Florence played in the North Yorkshire 1st team, undefeated for 7 matches they took the 1st place position. What a tremendous achievement, congratulations.



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World Challenge trip to Morocco

To prepare for our upcoming World Challenge trip to Morocco we gathered together for a games and pizza night to get to know each other better. This included Bouncing Balls, Uno, Spoons and Frustration tournaments followed by some team building tasks and pizza! We are hoping to share more of our fundraising activities and our expedition preparation with our local community so watch this space!





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Hospitality & Catering

For year 10 Hospitality and Catering salmon & ricotta ravioli was on the menu last week. We were 1 of the 300 schools lucky enough to have been selected to receive a delivery of free canned Alaska pink salmon courtesy of Alaska Seafood. We have been developing our practical skills making fresh pasta and the salmon was used to create a ravioli filling. it's been a great learning experience for students and students learnt new skills and knowledge about quality control and preservation. Thanks to @Foodteachers @Fishmongerscompany #FishHeroes





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U13 County Cup Football Final



A huge congratulations to our U13 Girls' football team for making it through to the County Cup Final. Commiserations, also, as the girls narrowly lost out 7 – 6 after being 6-2 down at half time! Tremendous efforts from all of the girls throughout the whole cup run. Every game was a joy to coach and the girls really proved just how brilliant they are. Thanks to Miss Johnson for all her efforts also.

Uniformly - our preloved uniform selling platform

A reminder that we have a large number of preloved items listed on - www.uniformly.co.uk

You may notice that some of the PE kit listed here is 'Old Logo' - these can be worn in PE without issue.

If you find an item you would like to purchase or simply ask a question about, you can do this from within item listing. For items sold by Thirsk School, these messages will come to a specific email address run by the Finance Office. Once a sale has been agreed, the item can be collected from Thirsk School reception at an agreed time; we would ask that payment is made in cash, and change is not required please.

For further information, please contact preloved.uniform@thirkschool.org

If you would like to drop off any branded uniform items for us to list on the site, please drop them into the box in reception.

