



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

There is a horrible winter bug affecting staff and students, and I know this well as one of the victims. I am always really impressed by the staff in this school as they will make every effort to come to work when they really should be tucked up in bed. All of us view our roles in school as an important one and every one of us wants the very best for each child in the school.

Anyway, life goes on, and this week we have been holding interviews for new teaching staff. I see getting the right staff to teach and work with your children as one of the most important things I do and we make the process of appointment a rigorous one. Candidates are asked to teach a specimen lesson, undertake a written task and face a student panel in the morning. Then, for some, there is a formal interview in the afternoon with the head of department, a senior leader, me and a member of the governing body. The day is a lengthy one for interviewees and interviewers alike, but, at the end, I feel confident that the process allows us to find the right people and allows the right people to decide if they want to be part of Lady Lumley's School.

P.S. Had my wrist slapped (quite rightly) for last week's faux pas with "less syllables". As we should all know from queuing in shops, less is for continuous variables (less water, less long) and fewer for discrete variables (fewer people, fewer things, fewer than 12 items). One is never too old to learn!

Richard Bramley

Home Learning

Unfortunately we are still having a few glitches - a penalty of pushing the boundaries of the technology. There is currently a known issue with the home learning tasks not displaying correctly on the Today page of some students. This issue is not just affecting us but other schools as well. We are in direct contact with the head of Fronter's technical team to try to get this sorted as soon as possible.

In the meantime, the home learning tasks should be accessible by navigating to the subject and clicking the 'Home Learning' link on the page. If you wish to look through a number of subjects at a time, students can set the subject rooms as 'favourites'. This will mean you can quickly access the subject rooms via the 'Rooms' dropdown on the top toolbar (next to the Fronter logo).

Matthew Smith, E-Learning Development Manager

What do Lady Lumley's School Digital Leaders have in common with Johnny Ball?



Answer: They both gave very successful presentations on the same stand at the BETT13 Education and ICT show at the Excel Arena in London.

On Friday 1st February, four Lady Lumley's Digital Leaders, **Will Wrench**, **Beth Rose**, **Maddie Mancey** and **Jo Humphriss**, got up at 5.00am and set off with their teacher Mr Sharples to the bright lights in London to tell people about our aim to "inspire better learning using ICT by sharing ideas and building confidence with our teachers". North Yorkshire LA funded the students' travel as part of their programme for Digital Leaders in North Yorkshire Schools.

After our presentation in the morning, Johnny Ball asked to meet with them and we ended up having lunch together. We then went to give our

second talk of the afternoon to even more teachers - Beth counted over 120 - see the photos to prove it.

Needless to say, lots of people were very impressed and the twittersphere had many congratulatory tweets. If you go to the school Website > Students > BETT13 and click on the review link you can see the full story and the fantastic video by Matthew Knowles. The students have also reflected on what they gained from the day.

There will be more opportunities for our Digital Leaders to present about their work later this year. A big thank you to the teachers in the ICT Learning Team for their help with this work and Mr Smith for his support on the day.



Rugby trip Newsletter Report

On Friday 25th January rugby players from years 8-11 attended an England Rugby Training session at Headingley Stadium in Leeds. The stadium was packed with students from schools around Yorkshire. We watched the England rugby team train for around an hour, including set plays, passing drills, line-out drills and practice games. The final game lasted for about 15mins, and then the players returned to the changing rooms to put on some warm clothes. Shortly afterwards the players arrived back on the pitch and the autograph signing session began. We had just under an hour to get as many autographs as possible before the players left. It was a brilliant day and we would like to thank Mr Park, Mr Buckley and Mr Douglas for taking us on this memorable experience. Isaac Turnbull (Year 9)



Sportshall Athletics

On Thursday 31st January twelve Lady Lumley's Sports Leaders organised the Sportshall Athletics competition for the Lady Lumley's and Ryedale cluster primary schools. 120 students took part in various running, jumping and throwing events over the course of the afternoon which culminated with the following result:

- 1st – Helmsley Community Primary School
- 2nd – Pickering Juniors Community Primary School
- 3rd – St. Joseph's RC Primary School
- 4th – Kirkbymoorside Community Primary School

The top two teams go through to the Ryedale and Whitby School Sport Partnership final held at Lady Lumley's School on Monday 11th February.

Well done to all primary pupils for taking part, and also to the twelve Sports Leaders who organised the event so successfully.

Congratulations to the Year 7 Internet Safety ABCD4E Competition Winners - Sophie Gorman, Christie Thompson and Katie Thompson. They each have won an Amazon Gift Certificate worth £5 from Mr Lech. Mr Sharples showed their winning PowerPoint presentation in Year 7 Assembly on Monday. It showed very clearly how to stay safe and still enjoy the Internet. Thank you to all the other Year 7 students who entered as part of the Year 7 Whole School Curriculum Day on eSafety.

**Red Noses on sale from Monday 11 February
£1.00 each – 3 different styles!!**



Watch this space for more events during week beginning 11 March

Non-uniform Day on Monday 11th February - we are raising money for UNICEF

Cross Country Success



At the North Yorkshire Schools Cross Country Championships, held at Knaresborough on Saturday, **Bronwen Owen** won the Inter Girls race, (3rd year she has won a County Schools title), and **Emma Clapton** won the Junior Girls race. Photos attached
Other LLS pupils

competing; **Sam Clapton** (Emma's brother) 25th Year 7 Boys. **Luke Hornby** 37th Year 7 Boys. **Joe Dunnett** 38th Junior Boys. **Evie Wright** 37th Junior Girls. **Hester Hardy** 27th Year 7 Girls.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th February

Year 11 GCSE PE AOP Exam

Wednesday 13th February

Year 7 Let's Get Global Meeting, 6.30pm
Year 6 Roadshow Evening, Thornton Dale, 7pm
Year 10 Battlefields Trip returns

Thursday 14th February

Year 9 Options Evening, 6.30pm

Friday 15th February

Year 7-11 Ski Trip departs