



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,
Last Friday was red nose day in the school with a 1980s and Where's Wally theme. The sixth form were brilliant at arranging activities during the day, five staff were heroic at volunteering to be 'gunged' and almost £2,000 was raised by the school community. There were some great photographs in the local press and I will try to get some of these on the website as well.



At the most recent Parents' Forum meeting on 12th March parents asked a really good question: "what does a secondary school expect of parents?". As teachers we spend a large proportion of our lives in school, but obviously parents (and the children themselves) have much less exposure to the mores of secondary education. To help, here is my top three "tasks for parents and carers":

1. Parents and carers, please check planners at least weekly, and preferably, daily
2. Please check Fronter for home learning. This is best done daily.
3. Please look in your son's or daughter's exercise books when they bring them home (which should be on a regular basis). If you wish, please feel free to comment in your child's book (it is helpful if you make it clear that it is your comment). If there are teacher's comments in the exercise book, check whether your son or daughter has acted on these comments.

Note to students: Your parents and carers are allowed, and should be encouraged, to get actively involved in your education and you should be asking them to look in your planners and exercise books .

'Typo of the week' reared its ugly head last issue after a welcome absence from the Newsletter. Last week's issue was number 213 , my apologies for the mistake.

Richard Bramley

Disability Sports Day

On Friday 8th March Lady Lumley's School hosted a disability sports day for children from local schools. SEN students from Lady Lumley's, Norton, Whitby, Eskdale and Welburn Hall took part in highly competitive boccia and kurling matches throughout the afternoon. The event was a huge success and will hopefully become a regular competition. Well done to the Lady Lumley's teams who finished as overall winners in the boccia and kurling competitions.

Thank you to Lee Douglas (School Games Organiser) and the Sports Leaders from Lady Lumley's School and Norton College for organising, officiating and coaching the event.
Andy Park



Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's news

This week, the 86 students involved in the prestigious DofE Award took part in a "Ready. Steady, Cook challenge". Each expedition group was given a handful of random ingredients, including dried bananas, custard, pasta and sausages and had to cook a high quality meal suitable for use on the

expedition. Our resident professional chef, Nathan Bates faced the challenge of cooking his first Pot Noodle snack and the group soon discovered that this wasn't a particularly filling or suitable meal for the expedition. Staff have been overwhelmed by the dedication and commitment of current year 10s towards the DofE Award. Well done and keep up the hard work.
David Mann



Year 10 students with a sausage and Smash meal

Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh's news

Students are heading out for their assessment expeditions in the Easter holidays. I need all route cards and map tracings with me by Monday 25th April. David Mann

Science and technology challenge

As part of the Science and Technology Week, three teams of students from key stages 3, 4 and 5, travelled to the National Railway Museum in York for the 11th annual Science and Technology Challenge organised by York Rotary Club. We had the following team:
Advanced Team: Danny Hunter, Jake Hampshire, Tom Barr and Kenny Inman.
Foundation Team: Dan Calvert Callum Thorsby, Chris Cooper and Tylewr Gaines.

The third team consisted of: Luke Wood, Toby Mennell, Matthew Knowles and Alex Hesp. Each of the 52 teams had a similar brief; "you are to design and manufacture a working prototype for a weight powered vehicle, that

should be able to ascend a slope using a mass of 200g, and raise a flag promoting green energy at the same time, you are to include a portfolio of your advancements."



Year 9 runners up



Sixth form winners

Using only a few lengths of dowel, some elastic bands, pulleys, wheels, string and glue, all of our teams managed to exceed the requirements with ease, our superior skills paid off when the Foundation group achieved a second place, and the Senior team of **Jake Hampshire, Danny Hunter, Tom Barr, and Kenny Inman**, won the challenge achieving a climb distance of 21 inches, and achieved the 'best portfolio' prize. On top of this, they managed to secure a spot of airtime on BBC Radio York, promoting the challenge with true pragmatism!

Kenny Inman

Rosedale School House update

Work is going very well on the school's new outdoor centre. As I write this report, Terry Rutherford, our site supervisor is down there busy decorating the centre ready for use. An army of staff will be there this weekend decorating.

Last curriculum day saw a group of students from school spend the day at the centre with Mr Rutherford and Mr Mann. Despite the heavy snow in Rosedale, we made it down to the centre and made excellent progress on the centre. During the day students learned the essential skills of risk assessing, preparing surfaces for painting, wallpaper stripping and painting. James Earp commented "this opportunity allowed us to learn new skills that you cannot learn in school". Well done to all involved.

We are in the process of ordering the kitchen for the centre. If any joiners/builders/plumbers would be willing to give up their time in the Easter holidays to fit, please let Mr Mann know.



Scarborough Literature Festival

The annual Scarborough Literature Festival is always an appealing destination for Lumley's literature buffs and this year was no different.

The event was held at the town's library where our ten students, of years eleven and twelve, would spend an interesting and invaluable day with a number of published novelists. The day itself consisted of a variety of workshops guided by the authors themselves which included 'creating fictional worlds' and 'creating a character'.

Not only did we benefit from receiving first-hand advice, but meeting the faces behind the novels also proved to be insightful and rewarding. Alex Wheatle, writer of the award-winning 'East of Acre Lane', was particularly notable as his seemingly upbeat and joyful nature could have not been less like the ruthless characters he wonderfully portrays.

A further aspect to the day was of course the opportunity to engage with other literature students across the county. Working in groups of unfamiliar faces allowed us to share our own experiences and be introduced to the wider community of students with similar interests and aspirations.

The day ended on a final Q&A where we could tie any loose ends, or in our case, get nosy into the day to day life of the writers. Thank you to Mrs Bartlett who organised this great day!

Anna Ward-Gow

York Rugby League tournament

The year 8 and 10 Rugby League teams are pictured with the Super League trophy which was on show at the annual Marston Moor Rugby championships held in York. The event organised by the Leeds Rhinos included teams from all over North Yorkshire and we were fortunate to be the Scarborough and District's representative. Both teams represented the school superbly well and special mention must go to the captains, **Isaac and George Turnbull** for their excellent organisation. A special mention also must go to **Oliver Maloney** for showing great determination and discipline and upholding the great reputation of the school.

Richard Buckley



Governors Meetings

This week we had a meeting of the full Governing Body of Lady Lumley's School. The first part of the meeting was taken by our lead adviser, Jen Cave, who explained the delights of the new OFSTED inspection schedule and the associated expectations of the governors of the school. We are very lucky at Lady Lumley's that we have a governing body made up of committed and experienced members who are deeply involved in the life of the school and fully aware of how the school operates. Governors also heard the headteacher's report on the progress made against the objectives set out in the school development plan. Richard Bramley

Host Families needed for French group

If you are able to help with hosting a french student from 22nd to 26th April, please contact Kathy Robson or Rachel Wilson at school.

English Schools Intermediate Girls Cross Country Championship

Bronwen Owen was third, (of 340), in the English Schools Intermediate Girls Cross Country Championship race at Derby last Saturday, and for a third successive year, she has been selected to represent English Schools at the Home International this coming Saturday.

Emma Clapton was 17th, (also of 340) on her championships debut, and notably the first North Yorkshire athlete in the Junior Girls race. She was also the fourth highest placed overall North Yorkshire athlete of the six championship race.



Bronwen at international selection

Year 10 and 11 mixed hockey Report Lumley's Vs Norton

So after many weeks of intense training, we finally had a match. The first half saw a dominating performance by Lumley's, with some great passes and movement on and off the ball, leading to two goals. Both were clinical finishes from **Lucy Ibbotson** and **Harry Gunning**. Unfortunately, the visiting side scored a goal courtesy of a deflection from an unnamed defender, but another dominating performance in the second half saw two more goals. Harry Gunning with his second and Megan Green getting on the score sheet. Overall, it was a well deserved 4-1 victory for the home side.

Luke Dixon (Captain)

Queen's New Year Honours List

Congratulations to David Warin, appointed MBE for services to Drive Alive and to the community in Pickering.



Lost Property

Please check for lost property before the end of term, as all unnamed items will be forwarded to charity.

Parent Forum

The minutes of the meeting have been published on our school website. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 21st May**.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 25th March

House Matches (25th-27th March)

Yr 11 GCSE Art practical exam

Yr 12/13 MFL Oral Exam Prep Day,
York St. John University

Yr 12 Speaker on entry into higher education

Tuesday 26th March

Yr 12 Geography fieldwork,

Rosedale/Sinnington rivers

Yr 11 GCSE Art practical exam

Wednesday 27th March

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Yr 10 School Games Makers Conference,
Queen Margaret's School 8.30-4.30pm

Thursday 28th March

Partnership Netball Finals, venue tbc

School Closes for Easter

Friday 29th March

BANK HOLIDAY