



Lady Lumley's School



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week we have had the year 13 prizegiving evening (where we welcomed back last year's A level students to receive their certificates and prizes), the town carol service (see below), sixth form open-mike with a crammed common room listening to songs and stand-up, parties for Year 7 and Year 8 and students and staff out in Austria. We started the year on the back of superb examination results and this has provided a firm foundation on which to build new structures within the school. 100 minutes lessons have now become the norm and the new roles within the senior leadership team have bedded down really quickly meaning the support students and staff receive has been more effective than ever. It has been a fabulous term. We are also saying goodbye to a member of staff who leaves us for a larger role in a school in London. Dr Changming Wu joined Lady Lumley's in September 2010 to teach psychology and has done so with outstanding results. Under Dr Wu's care, psychology A level has grown in popularity and the results place psychology as one of our most successful subjects. She will be missed and we wish her all the best in her new post. Richard Bramley

## A wondrous Christmas event

On Wednesday, **the senior choir, the junior choir and the jazz band** were all at the Pickering Town Carol Service. The evening kicked off with two solos, with **Sam Lowe** singing 'Mistletoe and Wine' and **Danielle Long** with 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas'. They were both great! The **Junior Choir** took to the stage and sang a take on the original 'Santa Clause is Comin' to Town', **Courtney Brown** did a short solo at the beginning of 'Once in Royal David's City' and then the choir joined in for verse 2 followed by the audience in verse 3. The Year 10s wrote a fantastic Christmas song that made everyone laugh (**Verity Hancock, Miranda Hartley, Cara Blackburn-Brace, Liv Doughty, Jonny Bayes, Ethan Lowe, Sam Cooper, Henry Petch and Matthew Foreshaw**). Some of the students were playing instruments during the carols, **Ines Jefferys on trumpet, Mark Fortnum on sax, Sam Marks on Bass, and they** all did a great job. **The senior choir** sang 'All I want for Christmas is You' and 'Still, Still, Still'. The Headteacher from the Infant's School wants the ensembles to perform with them in the New Year. The new 'singing squad' at the Junior School want to team up for a massed choirs' event with the Infant School, Junior School and Lady Lumley's students – so 13 educational years of music making. Watch out for this event! **At the end of the service the Jazz Band** played while the audience were leaving with many people stopping to listen to them. **Mark Fortnum** again on Saxophone, **Ethan Sherwin** was singing and playing guitar, **Bron Bury** was on drums and **Sam Marks** was on bass guitar. **Tom Wrench** played keys for the Jazz Group and also played the organ for all the congregational carols. He is truly professional. Overall the evening was a great success with the audience making excellent remarks about our performing, everyone enjoyed themselves. By **Niamh Rose and Danielle Long**

## "An Audience with ..."

This week the sixth form English Literature students / KS5 Reading Group invited the winner of the 2012 Romantic Comedy Novel Award, writer **Jane Lovering**, to spend her lunchtime with them and discuss ideas about writing romantic fiction. Jane is a prolific writer, with five published works in the last five years and describes her novels as "dark psychological romances". Jane shared her ideas on the conventions of the genre and the influences upon her work. This holiday maybe be an ideal time to catch up with some reading and at £1.99 a download to your Kindle, Jane's novels may be just the ticket! The Year 13 students have also been studying a range of literature this year on the theme of "Love through the Ages" as part of their A level course. Here's a photograph taken just this month of the final scene in "The Importance of Being Earnest" which we acted out in class, a photograph I just couldn't keep to myself!

Mrs Bartlett



## Interhouse Swimming

Last Friday saw the annual interhouse swimming gala at Ryedale pool. The swimmers showed great dedication to their houses, with some competitors coming close to breaking long standing school records, unfortunately to no avail this year. The girls' event was tight with Highfield and Acland finishing with the same points (63), but ultimately Highfield became the winners as the boys outclassed the other houses in their events (74). Well done to all swimmers who took part, especially those who swam up an age group, enabling this event to be a huge success.

Overall results were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Highfield - 137 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Acland - 97 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feversham - 81 points, 4<sup>th</sup> - Hainsworth - 39 points.

### **Lady Lumley's Digital Leaders update**

A big thank you to all of our Lady Lumley's Digital Leaders (DLs) – 30 in all, across Years 7,8,9 and 10. Special thanks to Pickering Community Junior School for sending us some already trained Digital Leaders. They have turned up to weekly meetings with both Mr Smith and Mr Sharples and been involved in a variety of projects around the school and in North Yorkshire. These are some examples of what they have been up to and what they have been reporting on: stories on being a digital leader; helping teachers; giving two talks at the North Yorkshire eLearn, We Learn conference; giving support in home learning club; talking with Arden School DLs in Birmingham using edmodo; helping produce the CyberSafety Assembly with Mr Smith; being the first DL nationally to gain a Mozilla Open Badge; providing training on Padlet and Prezi; helping with The Parrot (!); making software reviews; making screen recorder videos for training; gaining online DL badges for presenting ; Guerilla DL activities; helping in Food Tech; "DLs Struck lucky" when they had their Journalism Masterclass with Mrs Jennings and Miss Sudlow; taking on roles of senior reporters; presenting to their tutor group; and next term - leading on the Year 9 website project ; presenting at BETT14 for Pearson; presenting at BETT14 about the DL network. Many of these are actually titles of articles on their social media platform working with a cluster of other North Yorkshire Schools. They have published over 100 articles which can be reached from ***the students' link on the school website***. Congratulations to **Curt Hoggarth (Y7)**, **Ceri Boddy (Y8)**, and **Will Balmain (Y9)** for winning the Makewaves prizes for this term. Mr Sharples and Mr Smith

### **Spa Joint concert with Scarborough Music Centre and the joint choirs of Filey, George Pindar and Lady Lumley's school.**

It was high tide in the land Scarbados. The water lashed against the cold stone as we entered into the fabulous building of The Spa. As we burst into the auditorium, we layed our eyes upon the hundreds of red squishy seats and the almighty stage. After rehearsals with the Filey and Pindar school choirs, we headed down a labyrinth of stairs which resembled the corridors in the Titanic, we found our very own dressing rooms. These rooms were full of light up mirrors, like the ones that Beyoncé uses. We felt the fame. The mayor of Scarborough came to watch our musical joys, as well as 199 other people. We sang along to a beautiful orchestra, for one song 'sing sing sing', which we did verily, and then we resonated the words of 'All I want for Christmas is you' accompanied this time by a Jazz orchestra. The room erupted to our tones. The finale saw us entertain the audience with over 180 instrumentalists and heard us produce the finest of renditions for "12 days of Christmas". The instruments ranged from triangles to huge tubas, guitars to double bass. All songs were completed with the finest professionalism; so overall, we were fabulous. At the end of the gala, guns filled with multi-coloured confetti were fired all around the auditorium. The atmosphere was immense. Many thanks once again to the Wassinator for helping with the choir and the orchestra.  
By Lord Miranda, Forte Emma, and Verity the Cat Queen.

### **COPE Fundraising quiz**

We have been working as a group on a fundraising project to raise money for two charities; Ryedale Special Families and Help for Heroes. We organised a quiz which has raised £50 for these very deserving charities. We all came up with questions for the quiz and then sold them at the school reception, Newton Youth Club and Wardill Bros in Thornton le Dale. We are pleased to say that we raised a total of £50. Many thanks for all your support.

### **Year 8 Netball - Lady Lumley's v Ryedale**

The Year 8s that played this fixture were: **Chloe Howarth, Sophie Gorman, Emily Grayson, Ella Shaw, Mary Middleton, Libbie Williams, Hester Hardy, April Wardell and Katie Thompson.**

Really good shooting from Chloe and Sophie coupled with outstanding defending from Libbie and Mary saw Lady Lumley's take the game, winning 11 – 6. Well played all the girls involved. By Chloe Howarth and Sophie Gorman

### **Year 7 Hockey**

Lady Lumley's School passed, dribbled and defended extremely well! Ryedale unfortunately took the lead but excellent defending from **Lily Craft** and **Hollie Lealman** prevented any more goals. Despite great attempts at goal by **Grace Buckland** Lady Lumley's School could not pull level. The final score was 1-0 to Ryedale. The whole team had lots of fun and everyone did their best.

### **Kids Go Ride off road MTB event to burn off the Christmas pudding! 29th December 2013**

**Sign on 9:30am. First Race 10:15am. Venue McCain's Sports Ground, Osgodby Lane, Cayton.**

Age classes U8 to U16. Novice and Beginners welcome. No suspension necessary. **MUST** wear helmets/gloves advised. Track: off road grass track, no rock steps/all rollable. Three races per age group. Entry fee £4. Contact me if coming or for further info  
Bryden Simpson on Tel 01723 513773 (home) email [info@bshygiene.co.uk](mailto:info@bshygiene.co.uk) for an entry form.  
Go Ride Bike Race Organiser  
Richardsons Cycle Club [www.richardsonsc.co.uk](http://www.richardsonsc.co.uk)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Monday 6th January  
Return to School**

**Tuesday 7th January  
Sixth Form Trial Exams start**

**Thursday 9th January  
Year 7 Partnership Basketball Finals, Malton**