



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

On Wednesday eight teachers set off at an unearthly hour of the morning to attend a training course at Keele. After battling with the Manchester ring road and obtuse satellite navigation, we eventually arrived at the University of Keele and were warmly welcomed at the Science Centre. The course was about a technique called SOLO taxonomy, a way of helping teachers and students to structure feedback in lessons (and a lot more). Research, experience and common sense all show that feedback is incredibly important, in fact essential, to promote learning. The SOLO taxonomy makes feedback more effective and therefore improves learning. The teachers will be trialling the use of SOLO over the next year and I am sure you will be hearing a lot more about it in the future.

Thursday saw perfect weather for Sports Day, another fantastic event and well done to all staff and students who worked so hard to make it go so well. Richard Bramley



Kagan Training

On Thursday and Friday of last week, Rob Wilcock, Dave Jones and I attended a two day course on Cooperative Learning in Chester. Mr Wilcock and I went to the same sessions on both days and Dr Jones had training geared to maths on the first day and joined us on the second day. As well as learning new structures to use in school, we also discussed the philosophy behind Kagan cooperative learning. Mr Bramley has recently written about the value of group work on the school's blog and we know group work is so much more effective if it is structured. Having developed more strategies to ensure all of our students are engaged with their learning more actively, we now hope to embed these across both our departments and across the whole school. Sarah Jennings

Lumley's Heats for Ryedale's got talent

Last week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes, the auditions were held for the finals of Ryedale's Got Talent to determine which acts are to go through from Lumley's to perform in the Milton Rooms in Malton on the 4th of July. The auditions were very successful, with amazing talent being displayed throughout each of the auditions. Very well done and a huge thank you to all those who took part. The decision making process was extremely difficult as the standard of each and every performance was exceptional. Lady Lumley's are only allowed to take five acts through to the finals and those acts were decided on Wednesday afternoon and are **Sam Crabbe, Verity Humphreys, Alex Woodhead, Will Atkinson & Tom Middleton and India Robertson**.



Tickets for the finals are currently on sale for £5 so don't miss out as it is an excellent opportunity to go see the best of the area's talent at an incredible venue. It will be a fantastic evening as well as raising money to help support a local charity so we encourage you to get involved. Please see Sam, Verity, Alex, Tom or India for tickets.

Biathlon

On Wednesday 11th June eleven Lady Lumley's students took part in the **Ryedale and Whitby School Games Biathlon**. This event consisted of a 1000 metres run and, after a rest period, a 50 metres swim. The event produced some excellent performances and, in a strong field of competitors, the Lady Lumley's students achieved extremely well.

In Year 7, **Jacob Head** was crowned as the overall champion, with the team, which also included **Joseph Grayson** and **Jonathan Cook**, finishing in second place. Year 8 saw **Sam Clapton** and **Emily Grayson** finished as overall winners in the boys and girls events respectively, **Chloe Gallacher** also finished in a respectable 11th place. The Year 9 girls (**Evie Wright, Jade Kendrew and Chloe Tarry**) were overall team champions, with Evie finishing in third position in the individual event. The Year 10 boys also excelled as **Tyler Gaines** finished with the silver medal and **Chris Cook** achieved the gold.

Jacob, Joseph, Jonathan, Emily, Sam, Evie, Chris and Tyler have now qualified to take part in the Yorkshire Schools' Biathlon Championships on the 13th July at Driffield. Jacob, Sam and Emily have also qualified for the next round of the School Games which takes place at Escrick on Sunday 29th June. Well done to all who competed and good luck to those that are progressing onto another event.

Basketball Trials

Congratulations to Lydia Coote who has taken part in the trials for the Under 16 Yorkshire Basketball team.

Celebrating Student Achievements

A request to parents and carers to keep us informed if your children are participating in any extra curricular activities that can be celebrated within school. We would love to hear from you and share your news . Please email Kathryn Holbrook at kholbrook@ladylumleys.net.

Year 7 student wins Baking Competition

Grace Clark 7SJE won the 12-16 year category in the Pickering Midsummer Tea Party - Baking Competition with her four cupcakes on Sunday 22nd June. There were over 40 entries across all the categories and judges were Ken Allanson and the Mayor, Joy Andrews. Well done Grace!

Information for School

Can parents and carers please keep school informed regarding any changes to student contact details, and changes to family and medical circumstances. Any changes need to be in writing to school. It is essential that accurate information is kept on file. Many thanks for your assistance.

Short Story Competition - The winners of the KS3 Short Story competition have finally been decided. Could all students who submitted entries please come to **LS3 at 1pm on Monday 30th June**, where the winners for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9, as well as the overall winner, will be revealed and prizes awarded. Paul Holbrook

Thornton Le Dale Playing Field Association

Skate Park Upgrade Update:

80 surveys have been completed, 7 interviews conducted, and much great feedback from the kids! Following your feedback, a new Skate Park layout has been designed which includes resurfacing of the tarmac, a new half pipe, and a new 'flow' design to make it better, as well as replacing damaged equipment.

We are currently in the process of submitting a grant to Sport England, and this will be reviewed in February 2015. If we are successful the work will take place in the Spring. Sorry for the delay folks – it just takes that long! In the meantime, please keep sending your feedback to tlcdcpfa@btinternet.com.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 30th June

Work Experience Preparation during L2
Year 10 Prizegiving 2:00- 2:30pm

Tuesday 1st July

Duke of Edinburgh (1st - 4th July)
Year 7 & 8 House Matches

Wednesday 2nd July

Year 9 Art Trip, Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Year 6 Induction Day

Thursday 3rd July

Year 12 Linguastars, University of Leeds
Sixth Form Taster Day
Year 7 & 8 House Matches

Friday 4th July

Year 9 Careers in Languages Day
Year 12 Linguastars, University of Leeds
Austrian exchange students in school

Feedback from Year 11 Prom

We were privileged to be the Event Photographers for your Year 11 Prom on 19th June. We are fortunate to attend a number of these type of events throughout the year. We have 'voted' between ourselves this event to be the best event, certainly Prom Event we have attended. The students were by far the best mannered group of people we could have wished for. All the images are now on our website:

www.studio8online.co.uk

Geoff Mawson/Steve Warren , Studio 8 Photography