



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Last week, I said I would explain in more detail the school's priorities for this year. There are 5 actions and 5 themes. The actions are: shared schemes of learning, use of advanced teaching support, cooperative learning, impact of marking and personalisation. We have already looked at cooperative learning and this week I would like to write about shared schemes of learning. It is commonly accepted (and true) that lesson planning is an essential contributor to effective teaching and learning. Although teachers traditionally planned lessons in isolation, we now know that joint planning is so much better as it allows staff to share their experiences and expertise. When teachers plan together, the synthesis of ideas means the schemes of learning will contain a greater range of ideas and be more useable by other staff. With jointly planned schemes of learning, all students will be taught the same material and have exposure to similar activities. It does take extra time to plan lessons with another person, but the quality of the results outweigh this initial input. When we look at school priorities, schemes of learning are absolutely crucial as they provide the vehicle to share ideas about cooperative learning and are the way to ensure development of the five themes. This term, we intend to get all the medium term schemes of learning onto Fronter. Parents, carers and students will be able to see what learning is planned in every one of their child's subjects over the year. We often talk about education in schools being a three-way partnership between students, parents and teachers and this development is a way of making that partnership as effective as possible.

Richard Bramley

The School Website

The school website should be the first place to look for useful information about the school. And one day it will be! It's not quite there yet although we are continually working to make it as usable and useful as possible. I had a query recently about using the website on Apple iPads as the site has been designed and optimised for desktop computers and laptops. The issue is that the navigation doesn't work on an iPad because all the navigation items except "Home", "Fronter" and "Contact" are not actual links. On a desktop computer with a mouse, the browser interprets the mouse cursor as hovering over the navigation items, which fires a 'MouseOver event'. The website receives this event, interprets it, and the appropriate response is to show the drop-down menu. As tablets don't have mice or cursors, finger presses are interpreted as clicks, and as the navigation items are not links, nothing happens. Some tablets allow you to hold down your finger, which can mimic a 'MouseOver event', but this varies from device to device. Unfortunately it would take an inordinate amount of time to create a separate website that would be fully mobile-friendly and this is not likely in the immediate future. Richard Bramley

Fronter

As a parent you can log in to Fronter using your child's log in details. This will bring up information relevant to your child, including his/her home learning for each subject.

Word of the Week - 'Devolution'

Year 9 Netball Match Report - On Tuesday 16th September, the Year 9 netball team played a netball cup match against Eskdale School. Both teams played really well, with great play from **Christy Thompson** and **Chloe Howarth** in attack, with **Hester Hardy** making some great interceptions in defence. This was a fantastic victory for Lady Lumley's, with the final score ending 11-4. Well played girls. By Ella Shaw

Lydia Coote has been selected to play for the Yorkshire Basketball team! A Regional Tournament is to be played on 20th and 21st September. Good luck!



Year 12 Debate – Scottish Independence

With the Scottish Independence vote hot off the press this morning, the Year 12 students can reflect on their debate on this topic which was held on Monday 15th September during Period 2. Although none had a vote in the real referendum, Monday was an opportunity for our students to give their opinions as to the pros and cons of Scotland breaking away from the United Kingdom. Now that the Scottish people have voted 'NO', by a margin of 10%,

Year 12 students have reflected on their opinions: Oliver Landy said 'On Monday I voted YES to Scottish independence. Since finding out this morning that the vote was NO, I feel no different really as it does not affect me: it was a decision for only Scotland'. James Simpson reflected 'After voting NO in our debate on Monday, I am happy that the people of Scotland have voted to stay part of the United Kingdom.'

PE Lessons

Currently in PE lessons there seems to be a lot of students going home with the wrong uniform. Please can parents/carers ensure that uniform is clearly labelled and return any items that do not belong to you to Reception. Thank you in advance. Mrs Lorraine Taylor (Subject Leader PE)

SEND workshop days for all

The biggest change in special education in 30 years: Implementing the Children and Families Act 2014. In September 2014, the law on how we assess and plan for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) will change significantly. There are SEND workshops available for parents, carers and young people.

The course will take you through the new 20 week assessment and planning process step by step: How the law will affect you; How to ask the Local Authority to assess your child; How the Local Authority makes decisions; How we support young people and families; How a planning or review meeting works; How to contribute to the plan; How to use the Local Offer to find the services you want; How personal budgets work; and What to do if we can't agree.

For further details please see the school website or contact the County Council Tel: 01609 533454 or email anne.ray@northyorks.gov.uk with SEND workshop in the header or subject line.

European Day of Languages

The **26th September** is European Day of Languages. On this day, every year, there are language events going on up and down the country to celebrate the diversity of languages in Europe and around the world, and of language learning.

The MFL department will be running several activities next week such as: quizzes in tutor time, canteen menus will be in French, Spanish and German, practice your language skills when you order! In addition the following activities will be run at lunch times next week:

Monday 22nd - Latin American dancing with Miss Blume (La 1)

Tuesday 23rd - Treasure Hunt with Mr Mann (meet in La 3)

Wednesday 24th - Taekwondo with Mr Fairclough (La 5)

Thursday 25th - Russian with Miss Robson (La3)

Friday 26th - French Handball with Mr Davis (meet in La 3)

All activities start at 12:40pm. All students welcome.

Jane of Thrones

What do Jane Austen, Game of Thrones and cardboard puppets have in common? It might sound like the start of a very obscure joke, but Pickering Arts are making it a reality by bringing acclaimed theatre company Box Tale Soup to the Memorial Hall this September. Austen must be smiling down - The Times.

This breath-taking new version of classic novel 'Northanger Abbey' features actress Antonia Christophers, seen most recently in HBO smash hit Game of Thrones, whilst co-star Noel Byrne has acted in BBC's Doctor Who. The production has won acclaim from reviewers, audiences and even, with Joanna Lumley commenting that she was completely mesmerised by Box Tale Soup's enchanting production. These two talented performers manipulate seven handmade puppets to perform the remaining roles in this brilliant, dynamic and laugh-out loud show, which won an Argus Angel at last year's Brighton Fringe. Northanger Abbey will be presented at Pickering Memorial Hall on Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (5) and are available at www.ruralarts.org or 01751 473 488. All profits from ticket sales support Rural Arts charitable aims. Events are made possible thanks to funding from Ryedale District Council, Craven District Council and Arts Council England.

Follow Pickering Arts and their ventures at @PickeringArts on Twitter, on Facebook or visit their website for details of upcoming events at www.pickeringarts.wix.com/info.

"Go Ride" Mountain Bike Racing for Kids Scarborough Youth MTB Race Series 2014

21st September Adderstone Field, Dalby

U8/U10/U12/U14/U16 plus Womens Races.

Course: Grass and tracks, all rollable.

Bike: Most types ok. Riders MUST wear Helmets. /gloves advised. 3 Races.

Enter on Day, sign on 9.30am, finished by 1pm.

Event Organizer Bryden Simpson

Organizing Club Richardson's Cycle Club, Scarborough

email info@bshygiene.co.uk tel 01723 513773 **Event Entry Fee £4** (please note toll charges may apply)

Harvest

During assemblies this week students have been asked to bring one item of food (non perishable such as a tin of fruit/veg/meat/fish or dried food or preserves) to contribute to the Yorkshire Harvest Campaign. The campaign is being run by local councils and media outlets the aim being to help vital food-poverty projects across the region replenish their stocks.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 23rd September

Y8 Rugby Vs Ryedale, LLS

U14 District Hockey Tournament, Scarborough College & LLS

Wednesday 24th September

KS4/5 Languages Taster Session, York St. John University (4-6 pm)

District Cross County 3:30 pm

KS3 Prizegiving 7 pm

Thursday 25th September

Y11 GCSE Art Visit, Liverpool Biennial Art Festival

U16 District Hockey Tournament, Scarborough College & LLS

Y12 English/Drama Theatre Visit - 'Regeneration', York Theatre Royal

Saturday 27th to Sunday 28th September

Netball Area/County Trials

Coming Up...

Wednesday 1st October

Y5/6 Open Evening

Wednesday 8th October

Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening &

Y12 Information Evening