



Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

I have just returned from visiting Rosedale School with Kathy Robson. This visit, the second of our Year 6 to 7 roadshows, was the start of the transition process for the young students coming to Lady Lumley's School. There clearly had been quite a lot of snow in Rosedale, and, whilst the weather seems to be cheering up at the moment, it reminded me to remind you about our bad weather procedures. If the school cannot safely open because of bad weather, there will be a banner headline on the school's website (the best source of information) and an announcement on Radio York. If the weather deteriorates during the day, the bus companies may need to take students home or the whole school may need to close. In these circumstances, we will text parents and carers where they have asked us to do so and there will be an update on the website.

Before my assemblies last week, I asked students to think of any questions they wanted to ask me about the school. One question that came up more than once was "why do we have home-learning?". I want to use this Newsletter as an opportunity to answer that question again and to emphasise to parents and carers the crucial role you play in ensuring home-learning helps your children make progress. The Sutton Trust Toolkit says "On average, the impact of homework on learning is consistently positive (leading to on average five months' additional progress)". This means that students who complete effective home-learning will make on average five months more progress over the course of a year compared to those who don't.

Home-learning gives each student the opportunity to work independently on an aspect of school work, it allows them to work at their own pace and to consolidate the learning from the lessons. Home-learning and subsequent feedback is a form of one-to-one tuition, giving each student the individualised attention of her/his teacher.

At Lady Lumley's, all home learning is available on Fronter. You should know your child's Fronter login details (username and password) and you can see the most recent home-learning on the Today part of their home page.

Top tip: look at the home-learning on the night it is set. This means if there is something you don't understand you can ask your teacher or a friend about it the next day.

Summary: home-learning is a good thing; parents/carers should be involved; check Fronter.

Richard Bramley

UK Cross Challenge at Cardiff

Bronwen Owen made a notable debut as a member of the Wales Under 20 Women's team at the United Kingdom Cross Challenge event which was held at Cardiff, when she came very close to winning the Under 20 race when finishing a close up second behind the experienced Welsh team member Olivia Gwyn. Bronwen's challenge in the later stages of the race prompted Olivia to say that the last 250 metres "lasted forever".

This result augers well for Bronwen's debut at the Welsh National Cross Country Championships next month, and her bid to win a third Northern Counties Championship title at Pontefract this weekend.



Bronwen finishing 2nd

North Yorkshire Schools Cross Country Championships

School athletes won two gold medals. The first was achieved in the opening Inter Girls race, when **Emma Clapton** achieved a third consecutive championship win. The second Gold was achieved by **Christiana Pain** in the penultimate race of the championships. Both girls gained immediate selection to represent North Yorkshire Schools at the prestigious English Schools Championship at Blackburn in March.



Christiana

Emma

Other results:

Year 7 Boys - 25th **Charlie Hancock**, 27th **Owen Ellis**, 37th **Nathan David**.

Year 7 Girls - 15th **Sophie Boddy**, 18th **Katie Tomlinson**, 37th **Atlanta Dowkes**.

Junior Boys - 30th **Jacob Head**

Level 2 School Games Key Steps 2 and 3 Gymnastics Final

On Wednesday 21st January Lady Lumley's hosted the Level 2 School Games Key Steps 2 and 3 Gymnastics Final. The competition involved the winning teams from the local cluster events which had previously taken place throughout Ryedale and Whitby.

The event was organised and led by a team of **Year 9 Lady Lumley's Sports Leaders** who coached each of the competitors through a variety of gymnastics events (body management, floor and vaulting) before judging their performances to ultimately decide the winning teams.

There were two events taking place: key steps 2 (years 3 & 4); and key steps 3 (years 5 & 6). The competition was of a high standard with only a few points separating all of the teams. The overall results were:

Key Steps 2

- 1st West Cliff
- 2nd East Whitby
- 3rd Pickering Juniors
- 4th Kirkbymoorside & Stakesby
- 5th

Key Steps 3

- West Cliff
- Sleights
- Pickering Juniors
- Stakesby
- Nawton



Well done to all of the competitors and leaders for making this event a huge success. West Cliff will now go on to represent the area at the level 3 competitions in June.

Sports Leaders: Emily Grayson, Ella Lazenby, Chloe Gallagher, Katie Thompson, Sophie Gorman, Christy Thompson, Ella Shaw, Chloe Howarth, Sophie Adens, Sophie Costello, Emily Calcraft and Hester Hardy.

Andy Park, Direct of Community Sport

Netball Match Report

The Year 10 Netball team headed to Ryedale to play in the Year 10 Partnership Tournament. The first match was against Ryedale A, which came to a very close 6-5 loss. The following two games resulted in wins for Lady Lumley's School and the final game was a loss to Cædmon College Whitby A. Each game saw some excellent attacking from **Jenny Roberts, Evie Wright** and **Izzy Haythorne**, whilst **Amy Cook, Rachel Mo** and **Rosie Bircumshaw** all defending fantastically; **Olivia Webster** scored some great goals throughout the tournament. Lady Lumley's School finished in 3rd place overall.

Reported by **Imogen Rose** and **Maisy Skinner**.

Host Families needed for French group

We have a group of French students aged 13-14 visiting us at Lady Lumley's from our partner school near Bordeaux in France, from Friday evening 10th April – Friday morning 17th April 2015. You may remember from a previous newsletter that our Year 9/10 students studying French visited Bordeaux in October. As the French group is larger than the English group I need to find families who would be able to host a French student (or two) during their stay in Pickering. The students will be involved in activities in school or visiting the area during the day so host families would need to provide a bed, breakfast, evening meal and involve the guest in family life during the evenings/weekend. If you are able to help please contact Kathy Robson at school or by email krobson@ladylumleys.net as soon as possible.

Word of the Week - Anachronism

USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 26th January

Spanish Exchange Trip to Madrid depart
Y13 Business Trip, Centre Parcs

Tuesday 27th January

Y8 Basketball District Final, Pindar
U16 Mixed Hockey, Y7/8 Netball, LLS

Wednesday 28th January

Y11 Basketball Part Final, Norton

Thursday 29th January

Y13 Drama & Exam Prep
Y9 Basketball District Final, Graham
Y7 7-a-side Hockey, Y9 Netball, Norton
Y6 Roadshow, St. Joseph's 7pm

Friday 30th January

Y13 Drama Exam Prep & Performance

Coming Up...

- 3rd February - Parent Forum 6:30pm
- 4th February - Y7 Consultation Evening 4:30pm
- 5th February - Y6 Roadshow, Sinnington 7pm
- 6th February - Battlefields Trip departs
- 12th February - Y6 Roadshow, Thornton 7pm
- 13th February - Close for Half Term
- 13th February - Ski Trip departs
- 23rd February - Return to School
- 24th February - Youth Speaks Out Event
- 25th February - Options Evening