



# Lady Lumley's School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It was Sports Day on Thursday. The weather was lovely, the students were wonderful as usual and records tumbled. The week was as jam-packed as normal, with Year 12 out today to visit Newcastle and Northumbria Universities, Year 10 geography field work, Year 10 drama workshops, Year 7 rounders competitions, a STEM fair at the Yorkshire Air Museum and the Year 13 prom.

This week members of staff from Lady Lumley's and Ryedale School have been meeting to discuss teaching and learning. This has been a good opportunity for staff to share ideas and work collaboratively in their respective subject areas. Thank you to Brian Davis for arranging this.

Richard Bramley



## Lessons from Auschwitz Project

During June Mrs Thompson and I have taken part in the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' course run for teachers by the Holocaust Educational trust. This was an intensive three day course which involved a conference in Manchester where we had the chance to listen to the testimony of Rudi Oppenheimer, a holocaust survivor, then a day long visit to Auschwitz and a follow up seminar where we reviewed what we had learnt from the visit. For Mrs Thompson and myself, this was a completely life changing experience which will have a significant impact on how we teach the Holocaust.

Meeting Rudi Oppenheimer was truly humbling. His talk, which focused on his experiences as a Jewish child in transit and concentration camps, gave a first-hand account of the way in which the lives of Jews in Europe were made steadily worse under the Nazis. Sadly Rudi's parents died in Bergen-Belsen but he and his brother and sister were lucky enough to survive and make a new life for themselves in England. We were struck by how engaging Rudi was a speaker and also how at the age of 83 he bears no anger or bitterness about the way he was treated by the Nazis. He really was an extraordinary man and it was a privilege to hear him speak.

The trip to Auschwitz was also invaluable as it gave us a chance to really see first-hand the way in which the camps were organised and the terrible conditions prisoners were kept in. There are many images from the camps that will stay with us both. Having reflected on the experience we are keen to think carefully about how we teach the Holocaust in the future. We now appreciate the importance in trying to help students understand the individual stories of Jews both before and after the Holocaust, as it is only by re-humanising the figure of 6 million Jews killed, that we can begin to understand how terrible this mass genocide was. Mrs Day

## Governor News

Governors met on Tuesday this week with a focus on Teaching and Learning. Governors looked at an example Education Health Care Plan (EHCP). The EHCP is the new documentation that schools complete with other agencies for students with particularly complex needs. Governors recognised how this is one factor in how well the school supports all the students at Lady Lumley's. Governors also looked at the projected examination results for the current and future Years 11 and 13, student attendance and the lengthy list of educational visits proposed for 2015-16. As well as ratifying some updated school policies, Governors also heard about the new Ofsted Inspection Framework and feedback from training on the Government's Prevent programme.

## Outdoor Education in July

The next few weeks see an action packed timetable of outdoor learning activities for our students.

**Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh's Silver canoe expedition :** Our Silver students are completing a three day canoeing expedition on the River Derwent. Students will be wild camping by the side of the river and will be totally self-sufficient for the expedition, carrying all their own food and equipment. Completion of this expedition will allow these students to gain the Silver Award and look to complete Gold once they join us next year in the Sixth Form. Students please meet at 0900 at school on Monday 29th June ready for assessment.

**Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze training and assessment expedition :** We believe we offer a truly unique expedition package for our Bronze students. After two days of high-quality and challenging training, students will set off on a two day assessment expedition from our outdoor centre at in Rosedale ([www.yorkshirebunkhouse.co.uk](http://www.yorkshirebunkhouse.co.uk)), walking through the beautiful Yorkshire Moors back to school. Successful completion of this assessment will allow a record number of Year 10 students to pass their Bronze Award next year. Students please meet at 0900 in the MFL area on Tuesday 30th June.

**Year 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Training :** A group of dedicated Year 12 students will leave school on Monday 6th July, heading for the remote parts of the North Yorkshire Moors to complete a gruelling practice expedition in preparation for their final assessment expedition in September.

**Year 8 Bewerley Park Outdoor Education week :** Perhaps the highlight of the school calendar for our Year 8 students! This is an action packed week, which students remember for ever! Throughout the week students will get to sample a vast array of activities such as canoeing, kayaking, climbing, abseiling, gorge walking, mountain biking and not forgetting the infamous "Leap of Faith"! Year 8 students meet at 0900 on Monday 6th July.

**Other outdoor education news :** Congratulations to **Anya Bartlett** and **Chris Featherstone** who have just passed their Gold DofE with us. They are now waiting to pick up their Gold Award from the Duke of Edinburgh himself at one of the Royal Palaces. Mr Mann, Head of Outdoor Education



*Tyler Gaines and Tally Costello practising canoe rescue skills this week in preparation for their Silver canoe expedition*

## Get Creative With Lee & Dawn Threadgold at Pickering Library

Workshops will take place:

**Saturday 4th July 10-12, 12:30-2:30**

### **Adventures in Animation**

Explore the amazing art of stop motion animation, bringing characters to life in the same way as your on screen favourites. Using cutting edge technology and incredible puppets, you'll be making your own movies in the blink of an eye!

**Saturday 11th July 10-12, 12:30-2:30**

### **Cartoon Creations**

Learn the art of cartoon creation, from the very basics through to the invention of your very own characters in this fast paced, fun filled session for beginners and more experienced artists alike.

Contact [Pickering.library@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Pickering.library@northyorks.gov.uk)

**01609 533 625 to book a place.**

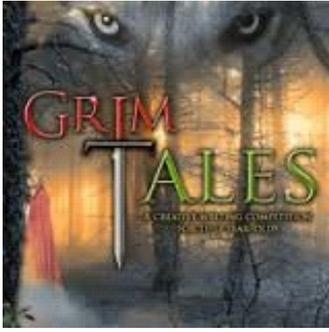


For more information and book email: [lightscameraactionyorkshire@gmail.com](mailto:lightscameraactionyorkshire@gmail.com) or call 07722124720

## Parents' Forum - Tuesday 30th June 6:30pm

As you may be aware we run a Parents' Forum every half-term at Lady Lumley's. This is an opportunity to visit school and share your views about a range of subjects.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm to 8pm in the Café Area. The meeting will have a particular focus on Year 10 and include a discussion about the support your child has received this year in school and a look ahead to the remainder of Year 10 and Year 11. Brian Davis



### Grim Tales!

Congratulations to all students who entered the national Young Writers' Grim Tales competition. Students were asked to write a short story which twisted the plot of a well-known fairy-tale, and we had some very creative, and at times quite gory, entries to send off!

We were impressed at the number of Lady Lumley's students who had their work selected to be published in the Young Writer's anthology, a copy of which will be available to read in the library soon. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places have yet to be announced: so fingers crossed! Miss Sudlow and Mr Holbrook

### Athletics

This Monday, **Bronwen Owen** was presented with a memento by Scarborough Athletic Club, recognising her selection and participation for Great Britain at the Junior World Cross Country Championships, which were held in China earlier this year. This was after Bronwen had won the Yorkshire Country Championship for a 5th consecutive year, the Northern Championship and the Welsh Championship.

The following day, Bronwen was told that she had been selected to represent Great Britain at the European Track and Field Championships, which will be held in Sweden on 16/17 July. This will be a week after the European Junior Triathlon Championships in Geneva, and for which she has also been selected. So her final days at school, before she hopefully moves on to Leeds University will certainly be eventful!

**Emma Clapton** will be representing North Yorkshire Schools at the prestigious English Schools Track and Field Championships at Gateshead on 10/11 July. The championships have a strict entry standard based on performance, which Emma has achieved as the reigning Yorkshire County Champion. She has also qualified for the British Triathlon Championships at Liverpool on 26 July, and will be aiming to be selected for Great Britain as she was last year when she competed for the team in Russia.



*Bronwen with Mick Thompson*

### Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 85 intrepid Year 10 geography students set off for Helmsley and Sutton Bank with a quest to find out if tourism is having a positive or negative impact on the North York Moors National Park. Having never had such a large group of geographers out at once the trip was a significant undertaking. However, despite one of the coaches missing the turning for Sutton Bank Visitor Centre and committing to the 1 in 4 gradient of Sutton Bank itself, the trip ran with military precision.

Mrs Pye and Mrs Charlton's group (who was on her last ever Lady Lumley's trip) spent the morning asking their pre-made questionnaires to passing locals and tourists in Helmsley. Students were amazed to discover the strength of social media as a lady who has followed Helmsley on Twitter decided she 'just had to visit this beautiful town' and made the 10,000 mile trip from Australia. Following completion of pedestrian surveys and car park occupancy rates, many of the students were curious to find out why there were two Thomas the Bakers in the Market Place so ventured in to ask further questions. They emerged full of facts about their different target audiences and conveniently a bag of yum yums!



Meanwhile, Mrs Fuller and Mrs Temple's group, wonderfully assisted by Mrs Jackson and Mrs Briston, journeyed on up to the visitor's centre at Sutton Bank to assess the impact of tourism on a different type of place in the National Park. Footpath erosion surveys were conducted near James Herriot's 'Finest view in England'. Here are some of the students in action.

Overall, the field trip was a success with plenty of high quality primary data collected for the students' controlled assessments which will now be presented and analysed in order to conclude their investigation.

### Pickering Teen Take Over - Pickering Library

**Monday 29th June - 4:00-5:30pm**

Teen Take Over is a drop in for young people aged 11-19 years old. Come along and relax in a comfortable and informal atmosphere where you can have a snack, get involved with some fun activities and find out more information about why Pickering Library is your community space too!!

In partnership with North Yorkshire County Council and North Yorkshire Youth.

### Shoes Needed!

Following last week's newsletter request, just a quick reminder that we are collecting second hand pairs of school shoes/football boots to be taken out to a school in Zimbabwe over the summer.



*Please bring any shoe donations to Reception at school by **Friday 17th July**. If you intend to invest in new school shoes over the summer, please feel free to donate your outgoing shoes at the end of the last day of term. (Please remember to ensure that you have approval from your parents/carers and that you bring in some alternative footwear to travel home in at the end of the day!). Many thanks for your support.*

### Stamps Needed!

As a part of our fundraising efforts we collect all kinds of postage stamps to sell to raise vital funds for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB).

We are aiming to raise at least £25,000 this financial year. That means that we need approximately 15,000,000 stamps from the UK and overseas. Even one stamp will help! This is an ongoing appeal!

RNIB are UK's leading charity offering information, support and advice to over two million people with sight problems. Our pioneering work helps anyone with a sight problem – not just with Braille, talking books and computer training, but with imaginative and practical solutions to everyday challenges.

Money raised by collecting stamps helps support services like RNIB Sunshine House School, Northwood. This is a non-maintained special school for children who are blind or partially sighted with multiple disabilities. RNIB Sunshine House School are firmly committed to our belief that all children have the right to learn. They provide a service of high quality specialist education and care through daily and residential provision, enabling our children to achieve their potential. We are in desperate need of more people to send us their used and new postage stamps from the UK and abroad. For every £1 we raise, RNIB spends 87p directly helping blind and partially sighted people, 11p on raising more vital funds and 2p on administration.

Any help or support you can offer will make a difference. Thank you. Mrs Bush, Volunteer Stamp Appeal Co-ordinator. **Please help if you can by bringing any used stamps to School Reception.**

### Random Acts North – Got Something to Say?

From dancers and poets, to filmmakers and artists, Random Acts North is looking for 24 young people with the boldest and freshest ideas to turn into stunning short films. If you are aged 16-24 and live or study in the North of England (North East, North West, or Yorkshire) you can apply to take part in the Random Acts education and training programme and have your short film produced with the help of leading industry mentors.

**Deadline for applications is 12 noon on Monday 13 July 2015.** Random Acts is a partnership between Arts Council England and Channel Four. Tyneside Cinema is leading Random Acts Centre North, working in partnership with HOME (Manchester) and leading production company True North (Leeds) to produce 24 short films by young creative talent each year for the next three years. **To find out more go to [www.tynesidecinema.co.uk/random-acts](http://www.tynesidecinema.co.uk/random-acts)**

### Word of the Week - aerobic

*Needing oxygen for life or activity*

### USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Main School Office: 01751 472846

Attendance Officer: 01751 470065

Finance Office (ParentPay): 01751 470043

Specialist School Nurse: 01751 472652

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Monday 29th June

Y11 DofE Silver Canoeing Expedition (3 days)  
Y12 Biology Fieldwork Trip, Boggle Hole (3 days)  
Y10 Work Experience Prep, L2  
Y10 Prizegiving, L3

#### Tuesday 30th June

Sixth Form Taster Day  
Y10 DofE Bronze Award expedition (4 days), plus  
Y10 GCSE PE Trekking  
Parents' Forum, 6:30pm

#### Wednesday 1st July

Y6 Induction Day  
U13/U15 Tennis Tournament, Pindar

#### Thursday 2nd July

Y7/8 House Matches  
Y11 Prom

#### Friday 3rd July

Y7/8 House Matches  
Austrian Exchange Students arrive  
Y9 Careers in Languages Event, York St John University

#### Coming Up...

w/b Y8 Beverley Park Week  
w/b Y10 Work Experience Week  
6th July - Y12 Dof E Gold Expedition depart  
7th July - Y6 Transition Evening, 6:30pm  
8th July - Y7 Enterprise Day  
8th to 9th July - KS3 English Trip, London  
10th July - Y9 University Event, LLS