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# NTS NEWSLETTER

## Visit from Ireby School 18<sup>th</sup> January Mrs Johnson & Mr Broster



**Konnichiwa! こんにちは。**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January, we were very pleased to welcome a number of pupils from Ireby School with their teachers, Mr Henderson, their Key Stage 2 teacher and Mrs Minns, their head teacher.

We had a fabulous day and Mrs Little and her staff in the canteen prepared a delicious Chinese meal for our guests as soon as they arrived. Hannah Nixon and Elizabeth Banks acted as their hosts and took the staff and pupils on a tour of the school before they all attended an “Asia Club Special”, run by Nelson Thomlinson pupils. A carousel of exciting activities including Origami, Korean Hand games, dressing up in Japanese costume, Hiragana and Manga drawing was managed by Chelsea Postlethwaite, Alison Storey, Elise Warwick and Eleanor Moffat and manned by the members of Asia Club.

In the afternoon, the primary pupils proceeded to a mini international summit around the table in our conference room, where Elizabeth Banks, Hannah Nixon, Tom Garner, Glenn Doncaster and international mentors, Casey Coulthard and Joy Hindmoor, gave presentations detailing their role in the international life of the school. Chelsea and Alison also gave a presentation on their management role of Asia Club and how their international involvement has developed at NTS over the years. The primary pupils had the opportunity to ask questions and have since contacted us to say how much they enjoyed their day – and to tell us that they are intending to set up their own Asia Club after half-term!

Many thanks to the very many NTS pupils involved.

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## Library News

Mrs Crone



Twenty-eight members of the NTS Reading Club have begun reading their way through the 10 shortlisted titles for 'Spellbinding', the Cumbria Schools' Book Award Scheme 2013. They have up to the end of May to read and review as many of the books as they can before they vote for the overall winner.



Year 7 Spellbinders

The shortlisted books are listed below for those who would like to try them out:

*15 days without a head* by Dave Cousins

*The weight of water* by Sarah Crossan

*Maggot Moon* by Sally Garner

*172 hours on the moon* by Johan Harstad

*Torn* by David Massey

*Itch* by Simon Mayo

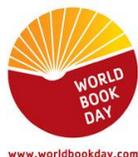
*All fall down* by Sally Nicholls

*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

*Code name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein

*How to save a life* by Sara Zarr

## World Book Day 2013



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March this year and all pupils will receive £1 WBD tokens from their form tutors. These can be exchanged for one of the eight specially produced books or to be used against the purchase of a book or audio book worth £2.99 from participating bookshops across the UK. Pupils can also use the tokens against purchases made from the C2C Scholastic Book Club March leaflet which will be available from the School Library.

For more information about World Book Day, competitions, etc. visit the website at [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

## Young Enterprise

Miss Walker



As part of this year's Young Enterprise competition, our team, "**KickStart**" have recently published their own story book aimed at encouraging Key Stage 2 boys to read.

Following some extensive research the group found that this was an area of national concern and so they set about the challenge of creating a book that would be more appealing to their target audience.

The team of 13 Year 12 students has now written the story which follows the adventures of an alien arriving in Cumbria, visiting some of our well known tourist sites such as Carlisle Castle and Hadrian's Wall. The book has also been illustrated by two of the students, Naomi Little and Lydia Newton which means they are now at the stage where they are going to take the product to the market place.

Having gathered feedback from Wigton Infant School, where two of the team visited to read the story to a Key Stage 2 class, they got some very positive feedback about the exciting story line and they particularly liked the activities in the book.

During next half term, the team will be creating a trade stand as part of the competition and we wish them every success. Their progress to date has led to them to be interviewed for an article in the Cumberland News which appeared in the 1<sup>st</sup> February issue.

## School Play Auditions 2014

Mrs Summerfield



We will be holding auditions for either the *Phantom of the Opera* or *Les Misérables*. We will do the play we have the most suitable cast and licence for and auditions are open to any pupils currently in Years 7 -12. Candidates must be able to hold a tune and act it out. Audition details can be found on the school Intranet and pupils can download songs, music and application forms onto a memory stick. They should practise at home. No previous experience is necessary.

## Rotary Chef Competition 2013

Miss Bryan



On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January the following 5 pupils took part in the first round Rotary Young Chef Competition: Nadia Beattie, Lauren Spowart, Jess Broster, Rhiona Key and Jack Lightfoot. Each pupil had to research, plan, prepare and serve a healthy two-course meal for two people within a budget of £10 using local produce. They had to demonstrate a variety of practical skills and work under pressure to prepare their meals within an hour and thirty minutes.

The standard of the competition this year was very high and the judges commented that the pupils were all talented young people which made it difficult for them to choose a winner. Their menus were challenging and their table displays were simply elegant which reflected the amount of time that each pupil had invested in the competition.

### Winners:

First place: **Nadia Beattie**, whose menu consisted of – Cottage pie with a trio of mash served with pea puree and root vegetable crisps followed by cinnamon and vanilla poached pear with a fruit coulis served with a tuile biscuit and drizzled with a chocolate sauce.

Second place: **Lauren Spowart**

Third place: **Rhiona Key**



Nadia will now go through to represent the school in the Cumbria final which will be hosted at St. Benedict's School in Whitehaven on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. I would personally like to thank Adrian Hyde for giving his time and expertise during coaching sessions with the pupils; his experience in this field has been invaluable to the pupils.



I would also like to thank Len Baseley and Gaynor Wragg for giving up their time to judge the competition, supporting the pupils and giving them the benefit of their years of experience and advice.

As always this competition cannot run smoothly without the help and support of others. So I would like to thank Mrs Linda Johnston and Mrs Litt for all their hard work and support in making this competition a success.

## Emily Jackson (11JAM)

Mrs Thwaite



Emily suffers from Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) and is constantly raising money to fund research into this condition. So far, Emily has organised a Sponsored Swim, a Cake Sale and persuaded 15 Sixth Form boys to have their legs waxed. She also sells CRPS wristbands and her most recent fund-raiser was a 5k run whilst on holiday in Vienna at New Year. Emily made it to the finishing line after a combination of walking and running.

Emily has raised £3400 to date, but still has plans for more. A Raffle, Disco and Buffet are next, to be held at The Greenhill Hotel in March. Tickets for this event can be purchased from Emily in her form room, H6.

Emily wishes to say a big thank you to all who supported her efforts.

## Forthcoming Events

### Mrs Hudson

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### Words by the Water

*Words by the Water* is a festival in Keswick from 1<sup>st</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> March. There are a wide variety of talks on offer on literature, history, science, philosophy and more. 17-25 year olds can apply for **free tickets**. The deadline for applying for free tickets is 20<sup>th</sup> February. Pick up a brochure and the application form from Mr Smith in J8.

### Calling for applications for the McKinsey & Company Leadership Academy

The McKinsey and Company Leadership Academy is a residential course (18-19th July 2013 at Wellington College in Berkshire) which aims to develop your leadership ability. It will allow you to explore leadership as a concept, build career skills and learn about management consulting.

Current Year 12 students may apply. The school can nominate 5 students. If you wish to be nominated, write a one-page letter to Mrs Hudson explaining why you are a suitable candidate. In your letter you should:

- Explain what you think 'leadership' means
- Show your experience of leadership
- Explain a personal challenge you have overcome
- Explain how this course may be relevant to your career ambitions

Hand your letter to Mrs Hudson in J7 by 3.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

### Y12 Advanced Discussion Group



Y12 Advanced Discussion Group begins after half term. Seminars will be about the following topics:

- Punishment
- Human Rights
- War Crimes, Torture & Terrorism
- Fairness & Freedom
- Natural Sciences, Human Sciences & Pseudosciences
- What is Art?
- Nationalism, Internationalism & Globalisation
- Materialism, Reductionism & Sociobiology
- Minds, Brains & Computers

For further information, speak to Mrs Hudson (J7)

## Bell Ringing for the Carol Service

### Mr Brockbank



For the second year running, the bells of St Mary's were rung before the School's Carol Service on the last afternoon of the autumn term. Bell ringing is essentially a "team sport" and the smallest quorum of ringers is usually regarded as six. This year we managed six ringers who were current members of the school, comprising Mr Brockbank, Miss Coan and four students. This is a remarkable achievement and could conceivably be a first for a comprehensive school. We were supported by the Tower Captain, Mr Martin Snape, and other local ringers. Bell ringing is often dedicated to people or events. Our ringing was obviously dedicated to the school's Carol Service but it was also dedicated to Miss Coan, whose last afternoon at the school it was. We wish her well in her new career and thank her for her support. Now we are five, so there's a vacancy in the team!

## Music Makers Orchestra

### Mr Irving



Music Makers is an amateur group of enthusiastic musicians and we are always looking for additional players. If you can play an instrument you are welcome to come and join us. We are particularly anxious to recruit a **pianist** and some **violinists**. This is a friendly, non-competitive group of musicians, primarily making music for our own pleasure, although we do perform our music publicly. Our current playlist includes extracts from Bizet's *Carmen*, Mozart, Peter and the Wolf, songs from shows, film scores and a beautifully haunting arrangement of *Loch Lomond*.

Why not come to a practice night? We meet every Tuesday evening at 7.15pm (ready to play at 7.30pm) at St Mark's Church in Belah, Carlisle. For further information you can contact our conductor, Michael Irving, a well-known local musician who works in the Technology Department at NTS - tel. 01228 544376 or Nigel Carr on 01228 520190. We would be delighted to welcome you to our orchestra.

## The 100 Club

### Mr Beechey - Vice Chair of FONTS

The Friends of Nelson Thomlinson School FONTS raises money for good causes across the school. The 100 Club raises funds and give you the chance of winning cash prizes in a draw each month.

The first draw, backdated to January, will take place in March. We currently have 70 members and if you would like to support us please send a cheque made payable to FONTS for £12 to Mr Beechey with your name and address and your child's name (if applicable).

## Sixth Form Winter Sports Day

Mrs Pearson



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December was the date for the Sixth Form's replacement Sports Day. As the event had to be cancelled due to bad weather in July, Mrs Lee and the PE staff arranged an alternative afternoon of activities.

For serious contenders there was the Triathlon, a gruelling combination of cycling (5k), running (2k) and rowing (1.5k); definitely not for the faint hearted. Five finely tuned athletes lined up: Robert Graham (KP), David Harrison (KP), Daniel Niblett (MS), Sam Robinson (PJ) and Ryan Wannop (IB). After a punishing 20 Minutes, an exhausted Daniel Niblett emerged as the winner, followed by Ryan Wannop, whose fast time for the rowing pushed him into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. All credit goes to the five competitors for their outstanding effort and steadfast determination to finish.

The badminton tournament was held in the new multi-purpose hall. Teams from Mrs Johnson's, Mr Brockbank's, Mr Smith's, Ms Clay's and Mr Proudfoot's forms took part. After some very hard fought matches, Alex Wood and Chris Byrne from Mr Smith's form emerged triumphant. Congratulations also go to the runners-up, Joe Noblett and Luke Graham, from Ms Clay's form for helping to make it an exciting final.



The big team event was the netball tournament which took place on the tennis courts in some rather testing weather (for both competitors and their supporters). Teams from Mrs Johnson's, Ms Clay's, Mr Proudfoot's, Mr Brockbank's, Mr Johnson's and Miss Walker's forms battled it out with Miss Walker's form winning the event and Ms Clay's team as runners-up. A special mention must go to Dale and Daniel (13KP) for their rather fetching outfits.

Thanks go to Mrs Lee, Miss Wilson, Mr Clark and Mr Rudd for setting up and refereeing the events and to the students who assisted the PE staff by refereeing. Well done to all the students who took part, they were a credit to their forms.

## U19 Northwest Netball Tournament

Mrs. Lee



The U19 squad qualified for this tournament in November and on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February we set off for Keswick. The weather, for once, was glorious sunshine and although not quite on home turf it was in Cumbria. Nelson Thomlinson was in a determined positive mood. We arrived early and after a good warm up, led by Helen Housby, who is now training with the England U19 squad, the team were well prepared. The first game was really tough against Cardinal Newman and we lost 6-15. However, not downhearted, we went on to win against West Kirby and Altringham Grammar School, 10-6 and 13-11 respectively. The final game was a nail-biting match against Falibroome with the score changing rapidly. The eventual winner went on to the semi-finals which this year was, unfortunately, not us. This is our best performance ever in the English Schools' Competition with any age group and both Miss Simpson and I were extremely proud of the girls not only because they did so well, but also because of their excellent level of skill and sportsmanship. Thank you to all involved.

The Squad consisted of: Helen Housby, Sarah Todhunter, Abbie Burton, Charlotte Firth, Jessica Gilroy, Emma Blamire, Sophie Studholme, Emily Scott and Zoe Forster.