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NTS NEWSLETTER

Years 10 & 11 Geography Field Trips Miss Reynolds



The Year 10 students have been to Mungrisdale to collect data for their controlled assessment project 'Why does load vary downstream?' They are studying the impact of velocity, channel cross-section size and as a result hydraulic radius on load size and angularity.



The Year 12 students have also been measuring rivers for their unit 2 examination. They have to be prepared to explain how they undertook the measurements, how they would present, analyse and evaluate them. They also need to be able to explain the sampling strategies used, how ICT could enhance their work and what needs to be included in the risk assessment.

Throssel Hole Buddhist Abbey Miss Clay

The Upper Sixth RS group visited Throssel Hole Buddhist Abbey in the Pennines. This is an isolated, rural Zen Buddhist centre founded by an English woman who was one of the first westerners to be ordained as a Zen master in the 1960s. The centre was opened in the 1970s and a small community of monks (both male and female) live there. They run retreats and teach about meditation, known in this tradition as Zazen.

The students were able to meet with an American Zen master who has been practicing for over 20 years and were shown around the centre, including the ceremonial hall with its three highly symbolic shrines. They also found out about the life of a Zen monk, which they found different but intriguing; whilst he had devoted his life to the practice of Zazen, was shaven headed and wearing robes he did possess a mobile phone. Zazen is a method that is used to help the practitioner reveal their own Buddha-nature and the students experienced a short session of Zazen for themselves. This was extremely valuable as Zen meditation forms part of their exam module on Buddhist meditation at A2. So, this was a visit to assist us both spiritually and with our exams!

Library News Mrs Crone

National Poetry Day Competition

National Poetry Day was on Thursday 6th October. The theme this year was GAMES and pupils were invited to compose a poem relating to that theme. All winners received book prizes. They were:

Year 7 – Will Baird, Imogen Delbourgo, Chloe Glencross, Jessica Norman, Katy Robinson and Jordan Thompson.

Year 8 – Adam Ferguson, Thomas Garner, Amy Heard, Georgina Henderson and Giovanna Okesene.

Music Department News

Mrs Small

Rock Night

On Friday 7th October pupils from the School held a Rock Night in the main school hall in aid of Cerebral Palsy, which raised a fantastic £422. The bands which performed were:

3 Wise men, Second Sight, The Alleys, 45's, Holly Robinson, Enigma, Afterlife, Hyper-Premonition, Cornered, Untitled, Ironic and Teachers' Band.

The student members of the Rock Night committee, with the help of Mr Cooper, organized the event and decided which charity would benefit. Thanks go to Mr. Eyrl who provides the bands with the skills they need to perform and also to the school technicians for their technical support.

Ceilidh

On Friday 15th October our school's Reel Jigglers, who range from Year 8 to Year 13 students, performed at the Globe Hall, Ireby, in aid of the funds for St. James' Church, Uldale. They entertained the guests with ceilidh music and thanks goes to Mr. Coxon for all his work behind the scenes here.

Forthcoming Events

The next music performance will take place during the switching on of Wigton's Christmas lights on 26th November. Leading the parade will be the Samba Band (which practises on Wednesdays 3.30-4.15pm - all new members welcome) and on the stage will be the Rock Bands.

Good luck to all students who have Rock School exams on 26th November.

School Enrichment

Mr Beechey

Charity News

School Council Representatives have been elected and have duly agreed to support our 3 main charities for the year. These will be Eden Valley Hospice, Alzheimers UK and The Smile Train (cleft pallet international charity).



There is currently a frenzy of activity across school with tutor groups collecting shoe boxes for the annual Shoe Box Appeal, its deadline being the first week back after half term. Year 12 students are doing a great job supporting and encouraging this

Clubs and Activities

With 23 after school activities and 62 lunchtime activities there are lots of things to get involved in out of lessons this year. For details see the school web site for the full list in the students section.

Hallewell Competitions

After half term watch out for the Hallewell art, poetry and creativity competition with cash prizes for the winners.

Business News

Our Lower Sixth Business Studies groups spent July planning and executing a survey for local Wigton businesses. The students were set the task of identifying what issues are affecting local businesses and how the town centre manager, Claire Driver, could help. The students collated the results and presented them to the Town Council team in September. One of the major concerns expressed was parking charges for visitors to the town.

PTA News

Debbie Williams (Secretary)

AGM

The Nelson Thomlinson PTA, now known as FONTS (Friends of Nelson Thomlinson School) is a charity run by parents and friends of the school which contributes to the life of the school by giving practical help at events such as concerts and plays and by holding fundraising events. The proceeds of these events are used to purchase items that will enhance the learning experience of all pupils.

All parents and friends of NTS are invited to attend the FONTS Annual General Meeting in the School Library on Monday 14th November at 7.30pm. We hope to see you there.

Quiz Night

FONTS are holding their annual Quiz Night at Wigton Rugby Club on Friday 25th November at 7.30pm. Mr Phil Murray will once again be our quizmaster and prizes will be awarded in each of the 3 team categories: Seniors (older than Sixth Formers!), Sixth Formers and Year 11 and under. There will be a raffle on the door and light refreshments will be available. Tickets can be purchased from the school office (£8 per team) and are also available at the door.

Come along with a team or make a team on the night and have a great fun evening.

100 Club

Each year FONTS organise a 100 Club. Tickets cost £12 and there is a draw every month starting in January. Prizes awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd tickets drawn are £20, £15 and £10 respectively. It is a great way to help FONTS raise funds plus you have a chance of winning a prize every month. The 100 Club for 2011 will soon be drawing to a close so look out for the letter inviting you to buy a ticket for the 2012 100 Club.

Year 8 Inter-Form Rugby League Competition- Tournament Review

Mr Hamilton

All eight Year 8 forms participated in the 2011 tournament and this year's theme was the French Elite League, their domestic competition.

In the first round matches FC Lézignan (8LJ) was edged out by AS Carcassonne (8HS- last year's champions) by 16-4. Proudfoot crossed the line for Lézignan but this was not enough to cancel out a superb hat-trick by Beatty and a try for Millican for the Canaries. Limoux Grizzlies (8RS) recorded a comprehensive 28-4 victory over SM Pia (8JW). A below par Pia outfit was blown away by a power-packed display from *Grizzlies*. Blamire, Stafford, Carruthers, Oldham (2), Wilson and Thwaite all touched down for 8RS. 8JW could only reply through a lone try from Harrison. The third match in the first round saw Toulouse Olympique (8LSP) defeat XIII Catalan (8NM) by 16-12 in a pulsating game. Bewley and Pattinson, who notched a hat-trick, crossed the line for Toulouse with Warwick, Jackson and Sloan replying for the Catalans. Elusive back, Tom Bell almost crossed the line after a mazy run but he was caught with an absolute bell-ringer, probably the tackle of the tournament, by Pattinson, to deny him a try. The final game in this round saw the RC Albi (8VB) routing Villeneuve Léopards (8HW) by 28-4. Centre, Barton, and powerful forward, Nichol, scored a brace each with Parker, Dixon and Armstrong also crossing the whitewash. The shell-shocked Léopards could only muster a single try in reply, this coming from Shaw.

The semi-finals saw the advent of some better weather and this led to a large crowd gathering to watch some scintillating semi-final football. In the first semi-final AS Carcassonne (8HS) edged an extremely tense and often brutal game against Limoux Grizzlies (8RS). The Canaries made a dream start and posted two early tries through Routledge and Hodgson and this proved to be their only points of the match. This seemed to rouse the Grizzlies into action and they mounted a ferocious onslaught on the 8HS line. Their pressure was rewarded when RS's man of the match, Stafford, powered his way over. The Grizzlies kept on probing but ultimately they were defeated by the clock and lost 8-4. The second semi saw the RC Albi (8VB) just do enough to defeat the Toulouse Olympique (8LSP) by a score of 20-16. An appreciative crowd enjoyed some superb rugby and saw the physical Pattinson cross for

his second hat-trick of the tournament for LSP ably assisted by Bewley's four pointer. However, this was not quite enough to defeat VB who scored one more try than their opponents. Nichol (2), Barton, Armstrong and Harrison all touching down for Albi.

An appreciative crowd gathered for the final and enjoyed some excellent late autumn weather as well as some excellent rugby league. Carcassonne (8HS) was, once again, the hot favourite to win this 2011 honour but RC Albi (8VB) were quietly confident of an upset. However, any illusions of a win were soon crushed as 8HS made a blistering start and raced into a 12-0 lead. 8VB competed gamely but could not match the power, pace and precision that 8HS demonstrated. The final score was 24-8. Barton and Allison crossed for the vanquished and Brown, Kemp, Hodgson (2), Millican and Holyoak crossed for the victors.

Mr Beechey kindly presented the shield to the winning captain and the man of the match was awarded to the tough-tackling John Kemp of 8HS for the second year in a row.

A special thank you must go to Richard Harrison (13LP) and Harry Twentyman (13AMH) for helping with the refereeing.

I hope the 2012 competition is as riveting.

Sport News

Mrs Lee



Netball

The newly established Year 11 team performed exceptionally well at the U16 tournament held at NTS in September. This year they reached the semi-finals but unfortunately lost narrowly - 8 goals to 6. Similarly, the U18's were disappointed not to reach the county finals finishing 3rd in their tournament.

However, the U14 team were triumphant in their area tournament and go forward to represent Allerdale and Copeland in the county tournament. In the leagues all teams have competed with enthusiasm and sportsmanship and are doing well. Practices remain very well attended and thanks go to all players and coaches for this half term.

Cross Country

The first event of the year was the English Schools Cup. Once again 4 teams were entered: JB, JG, IG & IB. After a cold wet competition the JB and IG have secured a place in the regional final which will be held at the Sheep Mount on Saturday 12th November. This year NTS will host the regional round with schools travelling from Liverpool, Manchester and Lancashire.

The Year 7 competition held at QEGs, Penrith, last Friday was again successful with 3 pupils being selected from a field of over 100 to go forward to represent Cumbria at Birmingham in the midlands competition. They are Steven Crake, Ross Groves and Katie Harkins. Congratulations to all runners.

Hockey

The U19 hockey team won through to the finals of the County Tournament to be held on Wednesday 19th October at Penrith.

Rugby

Results this half-term:

	Won	Lost	Drawn
U13	0	4	1
U14	4	1	0
U15	3	3	0
1st XV	1	2	0

Football Update

U12's - Finalists in the Allerdale Cup losing a close game to Keswick, 3-2.

U13's – Allerdale Cup winners beating Stainburn 5-1. They will also play the winners of the Caldew v William Howard match in the quarter final of the County Cup.

U14's – Allerdale Cup finalists losing a close game to Stainburn 3-2.

U15's – Allerdale Cup winners beating Solway 4-0 in the final. ESFA Cup round 3 tie to be played

against William Howard after half-term. They will also play away to either Whitehaven or Cockermouth in the quarter finals of the County Cup after half-term.

U18's – In round 3 of the ESFA Cup and the quarter finals of the County Cup, both to be played after half-term.

International Mentors

Mrs Johnson



On Wednesday 19th October, our team of International mentors have been training Year 8 pupils in form time in a host of different languages. In order to celebrate the European Day of Languages (officially 26th September) the team members have been teaching themselves Arabic, Russian, Spanish, Japanese and Cumbrian in order to spread the word throughout the school! They have planned lessons, had them checked by the international team staff - Mrs Johnson, Dr Henley and Mr Broster - and have even tried out some of their ideas on the pupils at Asia Club, before teaching in the morning! A good time was had by all - and the mentors were very proud to wear their new international mentoring badges! More lessons are planned for the future.

Book Fair

Mrs Crone

The annual Book Fair will take place in the School Library during the week beginning 5th December. All pupils will have a timetabled visit with their English teachers and books can be reserved and paid for the next day if students forget to bring money on the day of their visit. Due to the fact that our supplier, Hills Books of Workington, no longer provide bags, could parents please remind pupils to bring along a bag of their own to place their purchases in so that the books do not get damaged on the way home? Parents are welcome to visit the Book Fair after school on Monday – Thursday from 3.30 - 4.15 pm.