



NTS NEWSLETTER

The Family Photograph

Mr Beechey



(Photograph courtesy of the Cumberland News 9th September 2015)

Every five years the largest family photograph in North Cumbria takes place. The entire population of the Nelson Thomlinson School line up to have the photograph taken, marking years of tradition stretching back to the first photograph in 1894.



The photograph took place during the first week back after the summer break and with 1300 pupils and over 150 staff the photographers have to carefully combine two sittings to complete the finished piece of work. Luckily, the weather held out and at the end of the session the photographers commented on the outstanding behaviour of our pupils.

Fortunately, we do not have to worry about another family photo until 2020!

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Prize Day

This year we celebrated the success and achievement of our pupils from last year's Year 7 to our Sixth-Formers, who have now progressed to university, apprenticeships and training. In total, over the five ceremonies, 143 prizes were awarded with 79 academic awards and the remainder for attitude and service.



Pictured above is Mr Alan Pitcher, Mayor of Wigton, who was our Special Guest at the current Year 11 Prize Ceremony.

This year 162 pupils received awards for 100% attendance with Daniel Edgar receiving a special award for the 100% attendance over 5 years. Daniel was also the recipient of the McMechan prize for outstanding academic achievement at GCSE gaining 9 A*, 3 A & 1A* Distinction in Further Maths. Perhaps we can draw a link here between performance and attendance!



Many thanks to our guest speakers who were Mr Jim Richardson (retired site manager), Miss Claire Asbridge (NTS Alumni and Law Graduate), Mr Michael Murphy (School Governor) and Mr Andrew Gordon (Sales Director Cumberland Building Society) who is pictured above right with Oliver Coulson. Oliver won the Community Service Prize for his outstanding work as a National Citizen Service Ambassador. He has met up with David Cameron on a number of occasions!



Founders' Day



After the excitement of our Tercentenary celebrations last year, our Founders' Day Services continued in the same vein. Each year group heard about the history of the School, particularly the contributions of Robert and John Thomlinson and Joseph Nelson. Following on from this, our Co-Head Prefects then read St Paul's letter to the Corinthians.



We were also delighted to have Rev. Tim Herbert from Aspatia, who delivered a sermon on 'Success' during our Founders' Day church service.

N.B. We continue to unearth historical gems from our past and are planning to start displaying them in a new location in school. Watch this space!

NADT Blooming Youth Award

Congratulations to Callum Roger who has won Wigton's NADT Blooming Youth Award. Callum was part of a team of students who completed voluntary garden projects around the town under the supervision and guidance of Wigton Youth Club staff.



Sixth Form News

Year 12 Summer Holiday £10 Challenge

Dr Lovegrove



On their Induction Day in July, the new Year 12 tutors groups were each given £10 for a summer '£10 challenge'. They were told to turn their £10 into as much money as possible using their entrepreneurial skills which would then be donated to charity in the autumn term. All tutor groups rose to the challenge and collectively, they raised a fantastic £489.09, undertaking sponsored walks, sweepstakes, investing on the stock exchange and bake sales. Well done to all involved but in particular, 12DJ, who raised £42.00, 12KR, who raised £145.02 and 12CS with a whopping £222.00! The money has been donated to 'Riders for Health', an international social enterprise that sustainably manages and maintains vehicles for health workers in sub-Saharan Africa and delivers healthcare to rural communities. If you would like to find out more about the valuable work that they do, their website address is: www.riders.org.

Library News

Mrs Crone

Bookbuzz – Free books for all Year 7s!



Pictured above are some Year 7 pupils with a selection of the free books they were able to order from the Booktrust's reading programme, **Bookbuzz**. This programme's aims are to: 'encourage reading for pleasure and independent choice and help to develop a whole school reading culture'. Most of the books this year have **Accelerated Reader** quizzes and pupils will be able to use them as part of their reading requirement for the A.R. programme. A big thank you to FONTS for once again making a contribution towards the cost. The books should arrive sometime during the first few weeks of November.

For more information visit the parents and carers section of the Bookbuzz website at www.bookbuzz.org.uk/parents-and-carers/.

Careers Information, Advice and Guidance

Mr G. Clark

Careers guidance is available to all NTS students from home or at school:

1. From home, at: <http://vle.nts.cumbria.sch.uk/>. Please log on to 'Moodle', select 'Careers Guidance', and follow the blue links that interest you.
2. For personal help with finding out about Careers, or making choices about your future, please contact the Careers Education & Guidance Officer at NTS, Mr Graham Clark.
3. 'Drop-in' Careers Guidance sessions are available to NTS students on Monday and Friday lunchtimes, from 12.45. Please come to the Careers Education & Guidance Services office.
4. Parents or carers: if you have any queries about your child's career options or choices, please feel free to contact the NTS Careers Education & Guidance Officer at Parents' Evenings for Years 9-13, by phone (016973 42160, extension 250), or email at: careers@nts.cumbria.sch.uk.

'The Super Cool' Show from the National Science Museum

Miss Hayton



On Monday 21st September, a team of professional scientists from the National Science Museum visited the school to deliver an exciting and innovative practical display to over 350 pupils in Years 8 & 9. The exhibition was brought to the school by the REACT Foundation based at West Lakes Science Park, and gave the pupils an opportunity to experience a host of practical experiments and demonstrations that they may be unable to access in a school environment.



The 'Super Cool' show brought to life the topic of heat and temperature and gave a historical fact file of key developments over the last 250 years. The pioneering work of Anders Celsius and William Kelvin was exemplified with the use of liquid nitrogen and pupils were able to witness first-hand the effects of temperature on the properties and behaviour of many different materials such as plasticine, squash balls and bananas.

The enthusiasm shown by the team from the Science Museum certainly transmitted to the pupils and a number of them were willing to act as assistants during the practical tasks or answer questions posed during the demonstrations. The interactive nature of the experiments meant the pupils were constantly kept on their toes and fully engaged throughout, particularly when liquid nitrogen was used to produce ice-cream and a wave of 'clouds' across the school hall. 'Cool', 'excellent' and 'entertaining' were just some of the adjectives coming from the pupils as they left and we all look forward to what the Science Museum has to offer on their return to NTS in the future.



Cake Sale for Cash for Kids

Mrs Cass, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Speakman and Mrs Johnston



A cake sale was held on Friday 18th September in T6 in aid of Cash for Kids. A number of pupils had made cakes during some Technology lessons as well as some pupils from forms such as 8PJC, 7CCM and 10LJ.

Mrs Cass, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Speakman and Mrs Johnston supervised the entrance and exit from T6 where pupils enjoyed looking at an impressive selection of cakes which ranged from small sponge buns, rice krispie cakes, piped chocolate topped cupcakes, iced gingerbread men and sandwich cakes. These were just some of the range of products created, transported to school and kept safe from eating before the sale day arrived! Making a decision as to which cake to buy was also a challenge and many pupils of all ages enjoyed the opportunity to choose and have such a treat.

The helpers included pupils from 8PJC, 8ND, 8IL and 8PAW.

The Food Technology staff would like to thank all parents, carers and pupils who so freely gave of their time, skill, energy and money to make this event such a lovely success and enabled us to donate to a good cause in our local area.

Over £146.00 was raised thanks to all this generosity!

HALF TERM
Monday 26th – Friday 30th October



