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The newsletter of Sir John Nelthorpe School

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HEADS UP

Headteacher
Mrs Hewlett-Parker
reflects on the
year so far



So far 2013 has been a very busy but exciting year at Sir John Nelthorpe School.

The school buildings on the Grammar School Road site are undergoing a significant refurbishment programme. The Victorian boarding house is being given a new lease of life as it is being transformed into new teaching spaces fit for the 21st century. The outside of the building is keeping its historic appearance but is being totally re-roofed. Inside the old dormitories are being redecorated and transformed into large teaching spaces suitable for the needs of today's pupils. New accommodation for the sixth form is being provided with extra parking spaces nearby.

It is anticipated that the new facilities will be shared with the local community for a range of purposes. This will keep the school at the heart of the community as it has been for the past 350 years.



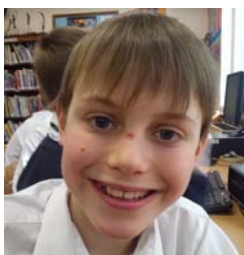
Ski trip in Austria during February half-term

Following the excellent GCSE and A level results that pupils at Sir John Nelthorpe School achieved last summer we had bumper recruitment to the sixth form. The sixth form went on to raise £2k in their annual fundraising week in October. The money was then distributed to local and national charities.

In January I was proud to receive a letter from the Rt Honourable

David Laws MP, minister of State for Schools. The letter congratulated the school on the 'excellent GCSE performance' of the pupils in 2012. It is important to have recognition for the work of the staff, governors and students and the support given by the parents. The letter congratulated the school for 'continuing the drive towards high standards of educational achievement'.

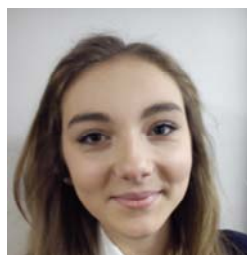
QUIZ KIDS If you could go back to any era which would it be?



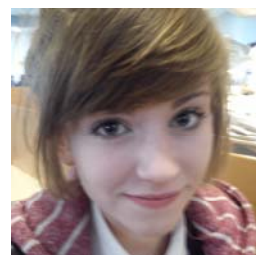
Y7 Tristan Millar
I would go back to the 100 Year War because we are doing about it in history and it's really interesting.



Y8 Katie Allcock
I would go back to the 1960's to see the music and fashion and the 'Hippies'.



Y9 Megan Wells
I would go back to the Victorian era to see all the inventions during the Industrial Revolution.



Y10 Lucy Dickinson
I would go back to see the Geishas in Japan.



Y11 Robert Bowers
I would go back to World War 2 to see first hand what people went through.



Pupils and relations who attend the SJN 'Let's Get Cooking' sessions on a Monday after school display their Shepherd's Pie and Vegetable Chilli dishes

Publishing prospects for budding author



Abbie Nicholas, aged 15 from Brigg, has achieved something which for many of us will always be a dream. Whilst preparing for her up-coming GCSE exams this summer, she has completed a book, of 33 chapters, which has now been edited and is awaiting a contract from a publisher.

Inspired by the likes of Jacqueline Wilson, Abbie has always been drawn to writing; her book 'Horredy' evolving from a play, to a film, through to its current form, as a novel, over the past 6 years.

"The book is basically about a huge entertainment company being controlled by a five year old." she told us.

In one word Abbie described the book as "rebellious", after an idea developing around the thought of putting a five year old in charge of the country, at the time of the last election.

With the idea of becoming a published author turning into a reality for Abbie, ambitious would seem rather an understatement!

"I've already started writing more adventures! I'm looking to write eight, to beat JK Rowling's seven (Potter books)"

To become a successful writer is Abbie's dream for the future and, no doubt, with the support of her exceptionally proud family and excited friends, 'Horredy' could be the start of a brilliant career for SJN's budding author!

By Frankie Noton Y11

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Court In the Act

It was definitely not a case of silence in court for thirteen year nine students as they appeared at Scunthorpe Magistrates court for a Mock Trial competition. The students had rehearsed since Christmas, taking on all the roles needed for the trial. Some became witnesses, four honed their questioning skills as lawyers, while Freddie Pye found himself in the dock accused of assault. Three magistrates had to weigh the evidence and decide on a verdict.

On 9th March the team filed into courtroom No 1 to compete against schools from Axholme and



Lincoln. Although they were unlucky not to progress to the next round, the judges commended their performance, with Tom Donnelly celebrating after carrying off the prize for the best individual contribution of any team. Quick on the draw Megan Thompson opted to sketch the proceedings, and her work has been entered for the court artist section of the competition.

The full team were: Alisha Adamson, Janos Daxner, Tom Donnelly, Rachel Major, Chloe Moorhead, Harley Percy, Freddie Pye, Kate Rooker, Sophie Scutt, Katie Shackles, Megan Wells, Niamh McIntyre, Megan Thompson

Boarding House work nearly completed!





Year 8 working on wind turbine designs during a STEM activity

Fit for Life

The fit for life club is now up and running and there are a variety of sessions available to a number of students. On a Monday there have been self defence and Taekwondo fitness sessions that have been really popular. The club has also done some cooking and will be doing some gardening in the next few weeks.



Joe Shepherd in action

BONJOUR PARIS!

Students in Year 7 are looking forward to a visit to Paris in July. They will travel by coach and Eurotunnel to the French capital where they will stay in a centre specifically for school groups, with lots of leisure facilities such as sports pitches and a nearby swimming pool. Forty students will take part in the trip and will definitely visit the Eiffel Tower. Other visits will include a boat trip along the river Seine and a walk along the Champs-Élysées.



We hope that the students will take every opportunity to practise their French and to try some French food. There will be a full report about the trip in the September issue of The Nelthorpe News.

By Mrs Hebblewhite



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Preparations are now firmly underway to enable our next bi-annual overseas expedition to take place. In 2012 the school spent a very successful 3 weeks in the African country of Malawi - our current challenge will be to the Himalayas and the Indian state of Rajasthan.

An intrepid group of 15 pupils have been selected to take part and they will be spending the next 18 months preparing themselves for the 'trip of a lifetime!' The four week expedition will be organised by the challengers themselves, overseen by an experienced expedition leader and two members of SJN staff. They are currently busy fundraising for their challenge and we hope that you will support them



Matthew Dale Y11

On the slope

On Saturday 16th February, a mixed group of Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils, totalling 40, set off on a 21 hour bus and ferry journey to Katschberg, Austria. They departed on the Saturday at 11:00am and were scheduled to return seven days later. The week away consisted of numerous activities; where skiing took the top spot and most pupils were flying down the black run on only the second day. The excitement continued as pupils took part in an action-packed slalom race where everybody finished in high spirits. Overall the ski trip was a huge success and all pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Austrian experience.

By Georgina Jenks Y11



in their efforts within school.

The expedition will enable pupils to spend two weeks trekking in the world famous Himalayan Mountains, reaching an anticipated altitude of 5,000m (16,400ft). The pupils will then spend time working alongside local people on a voluntary project. The last few days of the expedition will then see pupils spending some much needed relaxation time visiting the Taj Mahal and other Indian tourist attractions.

Sports reports



Y8 boys' indoor athletics team

Mr Taylor took the team to compete in an indoor athletics tournament in Grimsby on 25th February. We did really well and came 2nd so we went through to



play in the Regional Finals on 18th March, at Hull Sports Arena. We were all nervous but did our best in events such as speed bounce,

standing long jump, relay and many more. Though we came 5th we were happy how far we got, but most importantly we had fun!

By Nathanael Stanfield Y8



Y7/8 Inter-house football champions Taylor (above)



Y8 brave the March cold Outward Bound in the Lake District



Y10 Rugby team



Y8 & 9 Dodgeball Teams at The Pods in Scunthorpe



SJN are Y8 Inter-school Rugby Tournament Champions (above)

On a very cold morning in March the Y8 team travelled to Scunthorpe RUFC to defend their title. The team: Matty Boden, Jake Booth, Ben Botham, Ronnie Cookson, Owen Dunn, Ben Hall, Piers Sciolti, Jack Simms, Dominic So, Nathanael Stanfield and Edward Starling were led by Archie Swain.

SJN played in a league against 4 other schools: St. Bede's, Baysgarth, South Axholme and

Fred. Gough. They won all their matches to retain the trophy.

The team played very well together and really deserved their win. Well done everyone!

By Ben Botham Y8

GB water skier jumps a p.b.



Harry Spavin 2nd from right

On Saturday 16th February I landed in Sydney airport to meet up with the GB team. We then drove 5 hours down the road to get to the ski site where the world championships were held at Max Kirwin water ski lakes. The tournament started on the 20th February a Wednesday afternoon. The first round was slalom, I skied a new personal best and it placed me in joint 12th place and only 12 go through to the final, so there was to be a run off, and I came 13th in Slalom, the next event was tricks which I placed 19th, skiing only 200 points less than my personal best. Also in the last round, jump, I placed 17th, which put me in 13th place for the overall category and also put team GB into 6th place in the team overall.

I then went down to Melbourne after the World Championships to ski in the Moomba Masters International Invitation Event which is held on the Yarra River in Melbourne, I placed 8th in the jump event with 0.8m less than my personal best, in tricks I placed 5th with a 500 point improvement on my personal best, in slalom I placed 10th with a new personal best and overall I came 4th!

By Harry Spavin Y10

