# Nelthorpenews

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Pupils in court: Lottie Almey, Emma Horscraft, Archie Swain, Alfie Mountjoy, Nathaniel Stanfield, Phoebe Kitching, Robyn Slater, Lewis Sowerby, Rachel Sladen, Dominic So, Mary Wells, Alex Noton, Isabel Stephenson, Katie Allcock and Jack Simms.

## Year 9 pupils win trial in court

The mock trial competition took place in Scunthorpe Magistrates Court on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014, against South Axholme School. Pupils had to play out all the roles involved and as you can see dressed appropriately! Our pupils were excellent in all areas and won the Scunthorpe heat. The Semi-finals are to be held at Nottingham in May 2014.

Teachers involved: Mrs Taylor and Miss Williams-Jones



### Y7 Castle Construction Challenge

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013, the long awaited results were announced by Mr McCabe. This could only be the year 7 castle construction competition! Castles of all shapes and sizes lined up, all hoping to win. Mrs Hewlett-Parker came to read out the results and to give the winners their prizes. It was a very close result, and the winners were:

Winners: Chloe Green, William Odlin

Runners up: Phoebe Whitelock, Kian Donaldson As a competitor myself, it takes a lot of time and effort to get your castle how you'd like it. I did a traditional motte and bailey castle, including the courtyard and moat. It was very enjoyable, yet some areas were challenging. I enjoyed looking for ideas from motte and bailey impressions and the hardest part was to cut the lollipop sticks and trying to keep them straight up around the circular courtyard (to make a fence). What an event! If the next year 7's do a similar competition (as this one was so spectacular), I wonder who will win...



In July an adventurous team of staff and students will be swapping the classroom for the mountains of India as

they set off on a four week expedition to the Himalayas. The trip, which has seen pupils raise funds and plan their own itinerary, includes a 14 day trek across some of the most stunning and remote scenery in the world. As well as the trek, the year 10 and 11 pupils will also be supporting a project to help a primary school in Rajasthan and immersing themselves in the local culture by visiting markets and using local transport.





### SJN Chess Masters!

Well done to the Chess Masters of SJN who once again faced the challenge from Demeter House! All four pupils held their own in the games, predicting moves, strategising and for some, finding 'check mate'. All players were presented with trophies for taking part — thanks to Dr. Wardlaw for providing them.



### Young Enterprise Group Win!

Best sales team at Freshney Place, Grimsby. Best product at White Rose centre, Leeds. Best Financial management & Runner up at South Humber Area finals. Best financial management at Humber Finals.



### **National Science and Engineering Week**

Pupils (seen here) in year 8 took part in an engineering challenge set by the University of Lincoln's Engineering Department. Pupils had to design, construct and cost out a vehicle which would carry a load across the stage in the shortest time. The load, in this case a bag of potatoes, was pulled using a pneumatic engine.

### 6th Form Biology students visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park

6th Form biology students, accompanied by Mrs Glew and Mr Hawley, visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park near Doncaster (well worth a visit at half-term). The trip was linked directly to the A Level Specification as students need to understand biodiversity: the richness and variety of life on earth. They also need to comprehend the effects of humans on wildlife and their habitats. Students were brought up to speed on how the park is involved in a national breeding programme preventing endangered species from becoming extinct.





Finalists Emma Horscraft and Lottie Almey

### **Class act Talent Show**

Well done to the pupils who auditioned for the Class Act Talent Show. We raised £200 for the Drama and Music Department. The following pupils got through to the Final:

Angelica Hughes Lottie Almey and Emma Horscraft Mary Wells and Alfie Mountjoy Sam Davies, Archie Swain, Amelia Watson

### Djembe Workshop 24th April

We were fortunate to have Lisa Oliver in to give a Djembe workshop to a few students in years 7-9. Lisa gave us a brief history of African drumming and about the actual Djembe drum. We were first taught how to hold the Djembe and different hand movements to use. After this we were taught different rhythms to play in unison and then played them in sections to create poly-rhythms. Some of us added African dancing to the final session, it



was a very enjoyable day for all involved.

### Brigg Music Festival 25<sup>th</sup> March

The School Choir entered the Brigg Festival and sang two contrasting pieces: 'Sing' by Gary Barlow and Andrew Lloyd Webber, to which the adjudicator commented that it was 'an enjoyable and well blended full sound' and 'Banaha' a traditional African song, in which the adjudicator said that she 'really did enjoy and dynamic shape' the 'good accompaniment'. The Choir were awarded a high Commended mark and after they had sung it was announced that they had won the cup for the highest mark given to the School Choir classes this year.

### Following the Footsteps of the Fallen

Nearly a hundred years ago a worried Brigg family wrote to their wounded son in France sending prayers for his recovery. Harold Brown, a former pupil of this school, passed away in a Casualty

Clearing Station before the letter arrived. This February half-term, at his graveside, current students from our First world War research team finally delivered the messages of love that had been returned marked 'Died of Wounds' so many years ago.



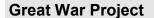
The half-term trip

saw our team of 12 students and 2 staff set off for a five day expedition to Belgium and France, retracing the steps of some of the men and women listed on local war memorials. Highlights of the trip included exploring underground tunnels in Arras, walking through original trenches near Ypres and following the line of advance taken by a former pupil listed as 'missing' on the Somme.

The carnage of the war was brought home when a local guide escorted us across the site of an attack made by the 1/5th Battalion Lincolnshire regiment. The surface of the field was still littered with bullets, hand grenades and most chillingly, fragments of bone.

The students planned the trip to record material for a documentary film, charting the lives of local men and women who lost their lives in the First World War. This will be shown at Normanby Hall in the

summer, as part of the North Lincolnshire commemorations of the war.



Students in the art department have designed a mural to stretch 21 metres alongside the site of the war memorial swimming pool. It is due to be unveiled in the summer. The designs are



now finished and will be on display in the crush hall at Wrawby site. Textiles students are creating large wall-hangings based on postcards from the front-lines, while colleagues in Food Technology are investigating menus from the period. In technology the new 3D printer is being put to good use helping GCSE students to create a scale model of the trenches. Student volunteers have written a series of articles for Brigg Matters and we have been able to re-unite a lost medal with the family of its owner nearly 80 years after it went missing.

The culmination of the project will be the Remembrance Day weekend in November 2014, where the school is working closely with Brigg Town Council and the Royal British Legion to ensure that the sacrifice made 100 years ago is suitable remembered.

### A selection of sports from last term at SJN



Budding orienteers at Brumby Hall, Scunthorpe. Finals are in July









KS3 House football winners, Lardelli

Raising money for the local charity Brigg LIVES in memory of an inspirational teacher, colleague and friend, Mr Gibbons. Pupils and staff wore sports gear for the day. Here are just a few...



Total raised was £585.94 well done for all those who took part.











Year 11 Cup Semi-Finalists



Year 9 rugby finalists



Badminton finalists, Hull



Fit for life club continues...



Year 7 rugby finalists



**Badminton Young Leaders Award**