

# Nelthorpenews

The newsletter of Sir John Nelthorpe School

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## Simply the best, again! **80% 5A\*-C including English and Maths**

I was proud and delighted when this summer's GCSE results arrived. We knew it would be a real challenge to improve on last year's excellent results but yet again Sir John Nelthorpe School has achieved the **highest ever GCSE results in North Lincolnshire**.

The GCSE results this year were **outstanding**, as **80.3%** of our year 11 students achieved 5 or more A\*-C grades including English and mathematics. The local authority average is 56%. Once again we have come top of the league tables by a significant margin. 86% of our pupils achieved A\*-C grades in Maths and 85% in English and 89% English Literature, 98% passed Functional English and mathematics. There are matching results across other subject area.

The GCSE results achieved in 2013 will place **Sir John Nelthorpe School in the top 10%, or higher, of schools nationally – yet again!**

The statistics for those passing the English Baccalaureate were stunning too. Students have to achieve 6 or more A\*-C grades in specific academic subjects including English, mathematics, 2 sciences, history or geography and a modern foreign language. **49% of our students qualified for the Ebacc** as opposed to the local authority average of 10%. The Ebacc is a good indicator of university potential.

The students who left the 6th form this summer achieved a **99% pass rate at A level** enabling them to move on to a range of university, college and apprenticeship opportunities.

Academic achievement is not all we offer at Sir John

Nelthorpe School which is apparent when you read this edition of The Nelthorpe News. We provide a range of extra curricular opportunities to appeal to a variety of creative and sporting interests.

Students, parents and staff are to be congratulated on all we have achieved together this year. The experienced, specialist teachers, the school's positive ethos, traditional values and supportive pastoral system ensure that pupils of all abilities and talents benefit from a well rounded educational experience.

**Mrs Linda Hewlett-Parker**      **Headteacher**

### British Heart Foundation Golf



Congratulations to golfers from SJN on reaching the final stages of the British Heart Foundation's Junior Golf Championships. The Team shown are: Luke Boden, Matthew Eagles and Connor Hobbins.



*Y8 students before they set off on the Lake District Outward Bound trip*

## Geography Fieldtrips

Year 8 groups went to investigate the formation of coastal landforms at Flamborough Head and how the coast is being managed at Hornsea.

Year 10 completed a residential fieldtrip to North Wales. They investigated how tourism is being managed in the Snowdonia National Park. They investigated the landforms created by the river

Nant Peris and how the River Dee Regulation system ensures a water supply for Liverpool. Y10 also had a fieldtrip to Louth to investigate river processes.

Y12 completed a residential fieldtrip to the Lake District staying at Blencathra Field Study Centre. The group investigated glaciation in Cumbria, river landforms, river management and tourism in the Lake District



## World War 1 Centenary

2014 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the First World War. To commemorate this, Brigg council, the Heritage Centre and students from Sir John Nelthorpe School are working together to commemorate this event. One of the things we will be involved in is to help produce some of the permanent history board displays in the Heritage Centre. Another is to help the council research and check the data on the local monuments.

Year 10 pupils Rachael Major, Luke Snell, Charlotte Beaumont, Hannah Tomlinson, Rebecca Brooker, Tom Donnelly, Niamh McIntyre, Dominic Simmonds, Sophie Scutt, Alisha Adamson and Katie Willerton are working to research those who lost their lives in the local area during WW1. We are trying to get information on where they fought, where their graves are and where

they lived before the war. So far we have created a database containing all the information about these men. We will also be producing a video history of the area based on this research.

This is a very important and exciting project. Getting information from so long ago is proving difficult, but the research is part of the fun. It is also very rewarding to know that the work we do proves that these men and their sacrifice are not forgotten.



Inviting all Year 7 & Year 8 Pupils

**Rainbow  
Reading  
Club**

Every Morning 8.30 - 8.45 am

Lower School Library

## Y8 attend Teentech STEM day

A group of Y8 pupils attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) careers awareness raising event at the KC Stadium in Hull. Countless employers put on activities showing just what careers are available in the STEM subject areas.



*Ben Botham has a go at virtual welding.*

## Year 10 go to the Yorkshire Dales

A converted barn in Littondale was the weekend home for the annual Y10 trip into the 'Dales'. Visiting Goredale Scar, White Scar Caves and Janet's Foss saw an active weekend with Mr Mosey's breakfasts a real hit!





*St. Mary's Primary Academy students show off their L.E.D. torches.*



*Working with clay to make masks*



*Pupils enjoying a drama workshop*

## **Make and Do!**

### **Primary pupils get interactive and creative at SJN**

Mid-July saw another successful pair of Make and Do Days! We hosted Year 5 from **Brigg Primary School** and Class 4 from **St Mary's** who enjoyed Drama, History, Art and Electronics workshops. All pupils went home with a laser beam torch, having marvelled at the magic of the laser printer! They walked back to their schools giggling over their drama and history performances and hopefully looking forward to collecting their ceramic masks at the Open Evening in October. The accompanying staff were presented with a special group photo mug as a lasting souvenir of their experiences!

Our thanks go to all the staff and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Students for their time and efforts in making the sessions memorable, and most of all fun!



*Year 5 Horrible Histories Drama Workshop with Year 12 students*



*Products of the electronics workshop*



## Recycling

Tata Steel gave Y7 pupils an insight into the world of recycling and why it is so important. Do you know what can be recycled?

## Year 11 Work Experience 2013



Whilst most schools have stopped work experience all pupils in Y11 go on a week's work experience in September. Pictured here is Kyle Gammidge at Solicitors Mason Baggott and Garton.



**Humberside Police's Lifestyle competition entrants from left April Henderson Y11, Phoebe Kitching Y9 and Dominic Simmonds Y10**



## Primary Mathematics

Each year we host maths problem solving days and this year **Wrawby Primary** pupils (left) joined in. The pupils work with elder students and see just why maths is so important.

## Y7 Trip to France

At the end of Year 7, 40 of us went and visited Paris for the weekend; we travelled there by bus and boat, after a long drive we finally arrived in the hot heat of the Paris sun. After we got settled in, we went for tea then it was lights out because we all had a big day ahead of us.

In the morning, once we were all up and dressed, we went for breakfast then headed in to Paris.

On the first day we went around Paris and had a photo stop at the Eiffel Tower (see picture), then we went to the Musée de l'Orangerie. We had lunch on a river cruise on the Seine where we could see lots of the main sights of Paris, after that we went to climb up the Arc de Triomphe, then headed back to the centre to have tea. After playing on the field, it was time for bed.

The next day was our last and we all had a brilliant time. We went to see the tallest skyscraper in Paris, the Montparnasse tower. We went

all the way up to the 59th floor then walked to the top, from where we had a fantastic view of Paris. We then went to



the Dali museum to see the works of Salvador Dali after that we ate our sandwiches in the park area. From there, we walked up the stairs to the white church of Sacré Coeur, which was very beautiful. We had some free time to go all around the artist square and some of us had a picture painted.

In the evening, we were given snails to eat, which was interesting! It was an amazing adventure around Paris and we all had a great time.

**Emily Sissons Y8**

## German Exchange

Staff and pupils outside our twin school in Handrup, Germany.



## News from the “Let’s Get Cooking” club

The Let’s Get Cooking club has had another successful year of cooking ending in July with holding two events with local primary schools. On the afternoon of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Grace Mitchell, Jasmin Overton, Chloe Richardson, Ben Matthews and Tegan Lowery took their cooking skills into **Wrawby Primary School**. They led a cooking session with 20 Class 6 pupils making a bread dough pizza. Jasmin commented that she was amazed how quickly once shown what to do the children actively became involved in the task and were so excited about what they were doing. However she did note that they were not so keen in clearing up!! All the children made a pizza each to take home and at the end of the session joined together to have refreshments and of course to sample a slice of pizza!



## Why not join the “SJM Let’s Get Cooking Club”

The aim of our club is to teach young people and their families about healthy eating and cooking skills. During the session children and adults take part in lots of practical cooking, creating dishes which they can take home to share with their family. The club is open to children, parents and other family members. You do not need to be a great cook to attend! The club runs on a Monday after school from 3.30pm – 5.00pm.

Further details are available from Mrs. Golland.



A group of SJM Cooking buddies were keen at the end of the year to show off their skills to a local primary school. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July members of the school Let’s Get Cooking Club and the Fit for Life Club took part in a morning cooking session with 20 class 2 pupils from **Kelsey Primary School**. The primary school children arrived at 9.30am and were greeted by the cooking buddies, who ran the whole session. The pupils took part in a quiz and were instructed upon the key safety and hygiene rules, prior to watching a demonstration on the dishes they were to prepare. A busy, fun session followed with all the children preparing dishes.





*Year 11 students pictured here before setting off to the prom in their unique form of transport.*

## Y11 Prom

Year 11 ended their GCSE examinations with an evening at Forest Pines. The whole event had been planned by the students and was a formal dress occasion. Prom dresses and suits were styled, as the students aimed to impress. For once all shirts were tucked in and ties done up without asking!

A 3 course meal followed by a disco had all the pupils and even some staff on the dance floor.

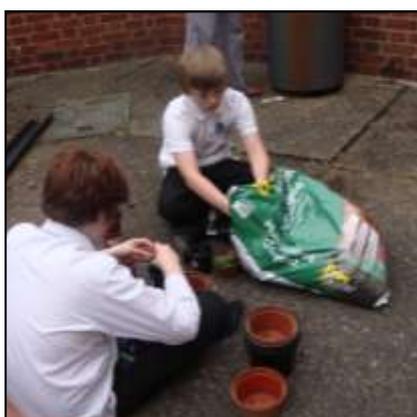
However as always, choice of transport drew in the crowds. With Ferraris, motorbikes, scooters and limos dropping the pupils off.

## Green Fingers!



The summer term will be remembered by some pupils as the term they got their hands dirty! The Green Fingers club spent many happy hours growing tomatoes, rhubarb, and the hot favourite, radishes (ask Miss Parsonage about those!).

Weeding was a weekly chore but we all agreed that the garden



always looked better when it was done. Watering was also a constant problem, as much as we enjoyed the sun, rain was needed to help it all to grow!

The club will continue this term on a Tuesday lunch time (weather permitting).



Now the plea!! If anyone has any old garden equipment, packets of seeds, hosepipe, tool store (lockable) that is no longer needed, please would you consider donating it to the club? Also, if anyone has any time to spare and would like to help with the garden, please contact:

**Mrs Bennett on 01652 656551.**

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## District athletics

This year was SJN'S turn to organise the event and due to the work taking place at Quibell Park we made the decision to host the event at the Costello stadium in Hull. We chose one of the hottest days of the year but took a strong Boys and Girls team. There were notable performances from Jamie Jickells (year 11), Ryan Johnson (year 11), Grace Mitchell (year 11), Lucy Chrost (year 10) and Nathaneal Stanfield (year 9) to name a few. SJN are in the top division and although we did not win this year we all enjoyed our day. The winners this year were TSLA. I must thank a number of helpers such as Bill Eldridge and his wife (a former student and exceptional athlete), Bryan Taylor (The PE governor and Timekeeper) and a number of 6th form helpers.

## European Day 25.9.13.

Brigg Primary pupils enjoyed a French breakfast in the canteen.



## Lower 6th Success

This time last year we reported on Ben Jowett's GCSE success and that he was 'staying on' at SJN to continue his studies. Ben, now Deputy Head Boy, took AS Levels in Chemistry, Physics and Maths and was delighted to find out on results' day in August that he attained grade A's in all 3 subjects. Great news for Ben, as he wants to study Medicine and become a doctor. This highly competitive course requires straight A's and Ben has built excellent foundations on which to realise his goal. Now the hard work starts with applications and interviews but Ben can be assured that he will be given all the support necessary. Good luck Ben!



**Year 13 Ben Jowett, is aiming to study medicine**

## Quad Kids



On the 12th July 2013, 8 pupils participated in Quad Kids. Quad kids includes the four core disciplines of running, throwing, jumping and sprinting.



## Year 6 Transition Day

All Year 6 pupils have help in making the transition to our school easier. This starts with a visit to their school from their Head of Year to be, Mr Howe. In July pupils have a visit to SJN where they explore the site, have taster lessons and best of all get to eat a school lunch.

## My first week at SJN by Owen Dunderdale 7AMA

Well where can I start? School is great! Everybody is really friendly and if you need any help or directions you just need to ask. I have already made lots of new friends. My new favourite subject is science with Mr Hawley. I am already taking part in some after school clubs including badminton and I have been picked to play in the team for my favourite sport, football. Hopefully, I will be able to join many more clubs. Overall, I have enjoyed the move up to secondary school and am now loving every single minute of being here!



**Owen, pictured here on school photo day, came from Brigg Primary School**



## Year 8 R.E. Stewardship

In the summer term Year 8 were studying 'Our Planet and Stewardship'. We looked at how Jesus taught us to care for our planet through stories. We wrote our own stories on how to care for the planet and took them to class 2&3 at St.Mary's Academy. The primary pupils enjoyed reading them during their reading time.

## Year 8 Choclatiers

During last term some year 8 pupils were lucky enough to spend time with parent and choclatier Mrs Sciolti of '**Sciolti Botanical Chocolates**'. She visited our school and we enjoyed making strawberry creams. It was a fantastic day and delicious!



## Another successful term of sports at SJN



**Sports Day Year 8 100m final**



**Jamie Jickells Y10 Long Jump**

**Individual cup winners** included Toby Traviss (year 7), Jodie Steadman (year 7), Ben Botham and Nathaneal Stanfield (year 8), Lottie Almey (year 8), Lewis Bontoft, George Thomas, Luke Jollands, Lucy Chrost and Fran Coupland (year 9)



and Luke Boden, Jamie Jickells (sprints and long jump) Zane Heafield, Ryan Johnson (distance) Cara Wallace, Corrin Manaley, Angelica Hughes and Grace Mitchell (year 10). **Sports Day winning house captains Ryan Johnson and Corrin Manaley representing Eccles House, are presented with the shield from Mrs Cresswell former P.E. teacher.**

### Badminton

Badminton club is once again running every Thursday night at the Leisure Centre. All are welcome and Richard Traviss (Badminton England) is present to give extra coaching. The cost is £2 and it runs from 4.00 until 5.00. We will shortly be picking teams for the Centre Parks national tournament where we are always placed highly.



### Y10 Sport Leaders

Some of the pupils who became sport leaders at Hibaldstow Primary.



**Year 10 House Tennis**



**Year 11 visited Wimbledon**



**A rare opportunity to meet Hull's Luke Campbell, Olympic boxing gold medallist at bantamweight**

### Rugby

4 students have been nominated for the Lincolnshire County teams. They are Archie Swain, Ben Botham and Matthew Boden (year 9) and Matthew Eagles (year 10). The boys have already received NLD training and we wish them every success.



**Y8 Girls rounders champions**

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