

Nelthorpe news

The newsletter of Sir John Nelthorpe School

December 2012



Merry Christmas from Mrs Hewlett-Parker

The autumn term began very well as the school celebrated its best ever GCSE results with 77% of Year 11 pupils achieving 5 or more A*-C grades including English and mathematics. I was very pleased to note that Sir John Nelthorpe School was again top of the league!

Year 11 pupils made an impressive start to the year by participating in a work experience week. It is highly motivating for pupils and initiates them to the realities of working life. I would like to thank local employers and parents for their support.

Although examination results are a high priority in school so is preparing pupils for their future as citizens. The range of experiences and activities they have the opportunity to participate in is impressive. You will get a flavour of this in this edition of the Nelthorpe News.



When in Rome!

Back in October a group of us Sixth Formers went on the trip of a lifetime to one of the world's most beautiful cities; Rome!

The trip began with a 2am start. There then followed a coach journey, a plane to Rome and a lot of snoring from Mr Grafton. For the next 3 days we set out to discover and enjoy all that Rome had to offer; including, of course, delicious pizza and the best ice-cream ever.

We also visited some of the most impressive sites, which included the Colosseum, the Trevi

Fountain, Vatican City and the Spanish Steps; not to mention three teachers who kept getting us lost! The sites were breath-taking, especially St Peter's Church at the Vatican. Those who had the head for it went up to the dome and they all agreed it was the most amazing view.

The best parts of the trip were not only the marvellous sites, but the wonderful company. Throughout our whole trip we all had such a laugh and created many more great memories. That is when we found out the true point of a trip to Rome; to have a great time.

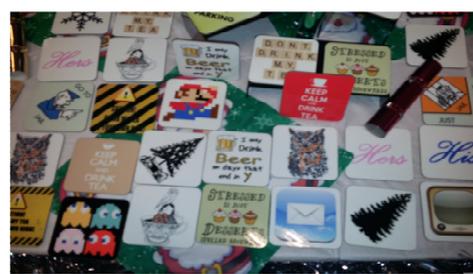
We certainly did that!

Richard Hall Y12

Young Enterprise

This year's Young Enterprise group, **1nitiative**, has made an excellent start by attending both Brigg and Scawby Primary Schools' Christmas Fairs. The year 12 and 13 students have decided to make and sell

coasters and mugs which have all been designed by the group. At the Christmas Fairs children designed their own coasters by drawing an image which could appear on their coaster. The group are aiming to attend at Meadowhall in February.



Winteringham Fields

We were delighted and excited that Colin McGurran (left), head chef of the outstanding Winteringham Fields could come and judge our round of *The 2012 Future Chef Competition*. Charlotte Beaumont was the eventual winner and will go on to the local finals, whilst Grace Mitchell will represent the school in the Rotary Competition. Budding chefs are (left to right) Harley Percy, Katy Havercroft, Charlotte Beaumont, Sophie Scutt, Eleanor Dobbs and Grace Mitchell.



Year 9 students sitting on the Greenwich Meridian Line

Year 9 Gifted & Talented Trip

October saw the annual visit to London for some of our Y9 students. The weekend was packed with events from start to finish. Staying 2 nights in a youth hostel beside the River Thames.

Students visited the Olympic Park to witness urban redevelopment and had a night at the theatre, watching the thoroughly entertaining Thirty Nine Steps. A Bengali cultural visit and Brick Lane curry night followed. Before returning home they just had time to visit the Natural History and Science museums. Phew!

Year 7 Places of Worship

Shown below is just one of a selection of the fantastic places of worship designed and built by our year 7 pupils. Mrs Francis was overwhelmed by the variety. "Our favourite was the totally edible one. Some even had electronic sound effects!", she said.



Booked In

In the last half-term all year seven classes have enjoyed a tour of the recently opened library in Brigg. The school has worked closely with North Lincolnshire Library service to ensure that as many pupils as possible become library members and have a chance to use the brilliant new facilities. The wide range of books was a big hit with year seven, but they were also able to explore the heritage centre upstairs and try the hands-on exhibits. The scheme saw over thirty pupils become members or have lost tickets replaced, and they are now able to access any library in North Lincolnshire, as well as a wealth of resources online.



Movember

A group of staff and a few pupils put razor blades aside for the month of

November in order to grow some stylish facial adornments. Raising awareness of men's health was the purpose and a whopping £450 was raised. Mr Rivron where were you?

Young Female Sports Achiever 2012

Congratulations to Keyleigh Blackbourn who was awarded 2nd place in this year's competition. She enjoyed an evening out with her grandparents at The Baths Hall. Nominated by Mrs Bennett.





Remembering The Fallen

More than 75 former pupils and teachers of Brigg Grammar School lost their lives in the two World Wars, and on the Friday before November 11th a group of year 11 pupils laid a wreath at the Brigg war memorial to remember them.

This was the first time in recent years that SJN pupils had joined those from Brigg Primary and St Mary's school in the ceremony, which also saw poppy crosses placed to remember each of the names listed on the memorial.

Before the service the students found out a little information about the men listed on the memorial, some of whom were only 18 when they died. Teacher Mr Waite said, "The pupils who took part did us proud. At times like this it is important to think about not just those who lost their lives, but also the many who served their country and survived."

By Mr Waite



Wear it Pink

Staff and students took part in the 'Wear it Pink' day to raise money for breast cancer support. In total we managed to raise £380. Well done to all those who contributed.



Mr Staff's extensive wardrobe

European Day of Languages

To celebrate European Day of Languages, on Friday 21st September, all Y7 students and the Y6 pupils from Brigg Primary enjoyed a French breakfast in the SJN canteen. Whilst everyone was eating there was a quiz where they had to match up the languages with the word for "Hello" in that language.



STEM Smart Futures

Four pupils from year 8 took part in a wind turbine design and build competition at Reed's Hotel in Barton. Seen here they are presenting their ideas to all the other schools taking part. Finishing 2nd they now go into the 2nd round where they get the chance to name one of the North Sea wind farms. At time of printing one of the favourite names was an old school motto 'Fortitudine'.

Supporting Primary Science

During this half-term year 5&6 pupils from Hibaldstow Primary School have been using the science laboratories at SJN. Their topic of study has been about methods of separation. Pupils have tried out chromatography, distillation, filtration and evaporation. Future scientists were definitely challenged and asked some deep questions.



Sports Reports

U14 Girls' Netball team (shown below), were runners up in the district tournament, losing the final to Fred Gough 8-6. As they were runners up, this then qualified them to go to the regional rounds which took place in Lincoln on Saturday 10th November, the girls played outstandingly as a team, playing 5 matches in total. They won one, drew two, and lost two. A fantastic result against the strongest teams from across the whole of Lincolnshire.

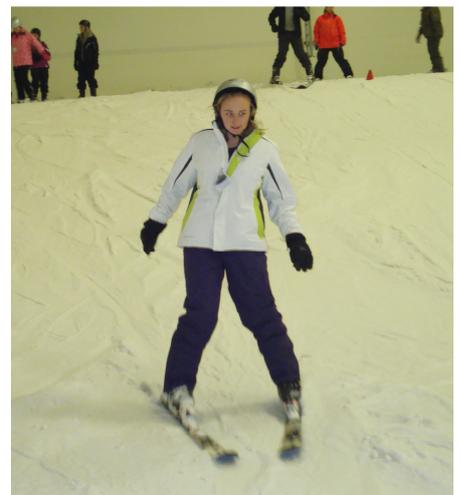


School Cross Country day - a great day with a fantastic turn out from all years. I think there were less than 10 pupils in total excused from participating, it was approached with determination and good spirits. A big thank you to our 6th Form helpers.



National Badminton

Key Stage 3 pupils haven't taken part in a regional round of a national badminton competition. Finishing runners-up they qualified for the North Lincolnshire Schools final.



A Ski trip to Xscape - took place on Tuesday 27th November - to prepare children for the trip to Austria in February - a good night was had by all.

District Cross Country Results

Year 7 Girls 4th out of 14 teams, 3 girls selected to represent North Lincolnshire. **Year 8 & 9 Girls** 2nd out of 145 teams, 2 girls were selected to represent North Lincolnshire. **Year 10 & 11 Girls** 1st out of 11 teams, 4 girls were selected to represent North Lincolnshire. **Year 7 Boys** 12th out of 14 teams. **Year 8 & 9 Boys** 7th out of 14 teams. **Year 10 & 11 Boys** 4th overall, 2 boys selected to represent North Lincolnshire. County cross country is in February.



The **year 7 girls' soccer** team which have been coached this term by Miss Kenney.

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