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The newsletter of Sir John Nelthorpe School

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A Welcome from the Headteacher

Having arrived as the new Headteacher at Sir John Nelthorpe School only 4 weeks ago, I wanted to take this opportunity to write to pupils, parents and stakeholders. It has been a fast-paced start to the new term and I am sure for many of us the school summer holidays are now a dim and distant memory! If it helps, at the time of writing this article, there are only 284 days until the next summer holiday!... but what a lot will happen between now and then...

It seems appropriate that I share with you the thoughts I have about Sir John Nelthorpe School so far. I have observed many very positive and encouraging examples of what it is that makes Sir John Nelthorpe School such a wonderful school in which to work, both for pupils and for staff. We have had yet another highly successful summer of outstanding GCSE results (placing this school head and shoulders above all other schools in North Lincolnshire, and beyond) and excellent A Level results. We have also led the way in our sporting engagements with our Y10 boys Rugby team winning all their games convincingly to claim the title of Scunthorpe RUFC's North Lincs. Schools Champions.

Looking forward to the year ahead, there will be many exciting opportunities for pupils to engage in extra-curricular activities, including sports, the performing arts, music and drama, Duke of Edinburgh's award and World Challenge, Skiing in Italy, a trip to France, the First World War centenary commemoration events, and a wide variety of clubs. Being a pupil or 6th Form student at Sir John Nelthorpe School means putting in as much as you take from the school; the school community only works as well as it does because of your input and support. Work hard in your subjects and strive to do your very best in your tests and examinations and in everything you do, seeking opportunities to get involved in the wider life of the school. By upholding our school motto 'Fortis et Fidelis' which has underpinned the ethos of the school for over 300 years, I can assure you, you will achieve great things here.

I look forward to meeting parents and carers at the various events we hold during the year, but of course, if there is anything you wish to discuss or if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school so that we can help you.

With best wishes for the school-year ahead!

Mr. Biglands



Make and Do 2014 - Y5's get creative!

In July 2014 we organised 2 days of creative activities for our local Y5 pupils. We were delighted to welcome classes from Brigg Primary School, Scawby and Hibaldstow Academies. They made the most of a range of activities from being Zombies in Drama to 'laser' torches in Electronics, planting poppy seeds in History to collages based on our new Commemorative Mural in remembrance of World War 1. The pupils enjoyed eating their pack ups in the canteen and exploring a range of settings around the school.

We are really hoping that the torches are still being put to good use and that the pupils will be able to recognise their collage work now forming part of the display in the Crush Hall at Lower School. Thanks to all the staff, Sixth Formers and Student Subject Leaders who made the workshops possible and we look forward to welcoming the primary pupils back to Sir John Nelthorpe School very soon.



Year 5 pupils enjoy a French breakfast

"Students are keen to learn, are cooperative and supportive of each other"

...OFSTED 2013

Y7 Annual French Trip

On 19th July, 40 Year 7 (now Year 8) pupils went on a coach to Paris. We set off on Friday at 5am and our first stop was the services at Cambridge. Then we made it to Dover and the port. We boarded the ferry to France. The journey to Calais took an hour and a half. When we arrived the weather was amazing. After a few hours travel we were nearly there but we then got caught up in a queue. The temperature was 43°C. We arrived at the centre where we would be staying. It was in a place called Ozoir la Ferriere. We then had tea.

On the Saturday we first went for a tour of Paris in the bus. We then went to the Eiffel Tower for photographs and then walked to the River Seine for an hour and a half boat tour. After that, we went to the Place de la Concorde to have dinner. We then walked around the Louvre museum and went shopping in the Carrousel du Louvre before going to the Champs Elysees to do some shopping. Then we walked up to the top of the Arc de Triomphe and finally we went back to the centre. On Sunday we first went to the Montparnasse Tower which is the tallest building in Paris. We then went to Notre Dame Cathedral and afterwards ate our dinner outside. We then went to the Sacré-Cœur church and went round into the artists quarter of Paris, Montmartre. We returned to the centre and we left on the Monday morning and got back to school at about 6pm. The trip was *très bien!*

Byron Stewart Y8



World Challenge take on India!

We had been building up for this day for 2 years. The 5th of July finally came and it was time to say goodbye to our loved ones and start our expedition of a lifetime. It was very emotional, but we knew in a months time, we would be back telling our families, the great stories. The journey was a challenge in itself. India, as we discovered was a long way away!



Finally, we arrived in New Delhi airport at 2:45 in the morning, where we met our expedition leader Sally. We travelled in a taxi to the train station. Very different to English taxis though, the first thing I picked up on, was the fact they didn't have any seatbelts. I was in India now, what was I expecting? The train station was very dirty and there were a lot of homeless people begging for food. The culture shock hit us, and from that day I will never underestimate England!

6th Form Organise Coffee Morning

Students Poppy Mallett, Courtney Wilson, Charlotte Beadle and Frankie Noton with the help of Mrs Golland prepared a veritable feast of cakes to delight all. Both staff and students were not disappointed (I myself had 2 cup cakes!) Raising well over £100 taking part in the **World's Biggest Coffee Morning** in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.



Author Visits

Last term SJN students were able to learn the skills of writing from two well-known authors. Year nine met Charlie Higson, writer of the young James Bond series, who spoke about zombies, comedy and giving his children nightmares. Soon afterwards year seven were treated to an audience with Eoin Colfer whose Artemis Fowl novels are favourites in the library.

Our World War I Memorial

After the first memorial had been created Mrs Gillies realised she had enough money for a second memorial. This one had to be smaller but by no means less important. She came to us for help because she thought our work was some of the best. So Lucy, Lauren, Phoebe, Rachel and I set to work on the memorial that had to be completed by first period next morning. We were on a pretty tight schedule; we got the rest of the day off to work on it. The memorial was to be for the soldiers in World War One that came from this school. Mr Waite gave us a lot of



background information for each soldier, along with names and faces.

At the start of the day, ideas of what to do were scarce, probably because of a slight pressure for it to look good because we were told it would be there for quite a long time. But as we talked and cut bits of info out, a plan was formulated. All in all it took us 3 attempts to finally decide what to do but by that time we only had a few hours of the day left. It was very important it was completed, since relatives of some of the soldiers were coming to observe the piece once it was unveiled in a few weeks time. When we got our design we had to transfer it on to a 50 x 50 cm sheet of card, (1/5th scale of the actual size). This involved quite a bit of running about getting equipment and a few trips to the photocopier room. Finally with the knowledge from Mr Waite and the artistic input of Mrs Gillies and Mrs Frejszyn-Hanson, we completed the Memorial in 7 hours. We were all very pleased with the outcome and quite nervous of what people would think of it (especially the relatives). However now it's up and everyone can see it and everybody seems happy with it, so we have nothing to worry about. We had great fun making it and we are grateful for this opportunity.

By Daisy Smith Y10

World War One Re-enactment

On Wednesday the 25th of June 2014, in order to commemorate the centenary of WW1 the school had a special visitor. Our guest, Stuart (a WW1 re-enactor), brought with him many items and clothing that would be found in a typical war time trench. He visited Mr McCabe's GCSE history group and demonstrated the many artefacts he brought with him, items such as; the typical WW1 army uniform, a day sack, rations and weapons. We even discovered that the toothpaste they used was powder, but was still minty fresh! Students Oliver McWilliam and Lauren Goodson dressed up in these uniforms and experienced; the weight of the clothing, how heavy the day sacks were and the amount of equipment they had to carry, there were even model grenades! This made us imagine how hard it would have been in those situations back then. There was even a real 1918 Lee Enfield edition rifle which we got to handle and realise how heavy these guns were for the men to carry. We all found this a really interesting addition to the school's WW1 project.



By Lauren Goodson and Rebecca Hopper Y10

Lest We Forget



A selection of sports from last term at SJN



Year 10 GCSE P.E. Leaders who take sports to our local primary schools



Year 8 Sports day relay



Year 10 100m final starts...



District athletics in Hull



Year 7 cricket festival team



Scrum half Archie Swain receives North Lincs. & District trophy



Year 9 Rugby champions



A rewards trip to Wimbledon



Y8 Outwardbound in The Lakes