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# MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### **Sponsored Walk**

Friday 23 September brought some heavy rain in the morning, clearing up after lunch for the start of the annual walk around the local fields and lanes. Despite the fact that it was muddy under foot and a change in route was needed due to some horses on a very long tether on the green lane, the students took part in the event with their usual good spirits. So far we have received donations of £4,397.77. Please could we now have all outstanding amounts as a matter of urgency. If the new Sports Hall scheme is given the go-ahead by Ryedale District Council this school year, then the money raised will be pledged to the project. Otherwise, the money raised will be used to improve sports provision in the school. We will keep you informed.

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all those who have contributed.

### **GOVERNORS**

Frank Wiggle has retired as a Governor of the school after 27 years of service, during which time he served as Chair of Governors, and latterly as Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committees. Frank's contribution to the school has been immense – his ability to lead in difficult decision making meetings, his solid support for school events, his clear enjoyment in the life of the school and the success of the young people in our care. We wish him well, and hope that we continue to see him and his wife at many future school events.

### **Election of Parent Governor**

There is one vacancy for a parent governor to serve for four years. All parents of pupils at Malton School are eligible to stand. If anyone is interested, please contact Mrs N Wise, Clerk to the Governors, at the School.

### **Platinum Plus Award**

Our apologies to Vicki Clarke and Peter Grayson who should have been mentioned in our previous newsletter, who also achieved Platinum Plus awards (120 points) at the final assembly of the summer term.

### **Kiwis In Concert**

Eighteen months ago the school was approached by a group of schools in Hawkes Bay, North Island New Zealand, with a view to them performing a concert at the school as part of a tour of the UK and USA. Mrs Kettlewell decided that Years 7 and 9 would benefit best from being in the audience as she wanted to stimulate interest in students so that they may choose to study the subject at GCSE. A most enjoyable, indeed 'awesome' concert was experienced by the audience of students and invited guests. The highlight for most was the traditional haka, experienced at close quarters by Year 7 students on the front row.

*Mr Ewing*

The 'Kiwis In Concert' was a brilliant spectacle – a truly amazing experience. Before the concert, Mr Ewing received a certificate from two members of the band and the conductor. At the start of the main concert, two men in bamboo skirts performed a dance called the haka. The band then struck up and played their first song. Next, some Scottish bagpipe players came down the hall in the middle of us all. Near the end of the concert, the band played the song YMCA and we all started singing it. There was also a girl singing a song she had written herself – she was a brilliant singer. I would recommend seeing the 'Kiwis In Concert' any day.

*Rachel Dring (Y7)*

## **Trips and Activities**

### **Ryedale – Countryside at War**

The History Department has joined forces with the Ryedale Folk Museum to work together on a project to research how World War II affected the countryside in Ryedale. With help from the BBC, Year 9 students are using drama and interviews with veterans to produce a film which premieres in the School Hall in December. It will then be put on permanent display at the Ryedale Folk Museum, in a Nissan hut to be custom built for the purpose.

Their research covers the land army girls, people who were evacuated to this area and the “wombie effect” – the impact the Canadian Air Force had on the locals while stationed at Wombleton Airfield.

“We had a workshop with Jane and Mike from BBC York who helped us with our interviewing skills. They taught us a lot, how to be confident when interviewing, what questions to ask and what to do in front of the camera.”

*Beth Young, Y9*

“We went to Wombleton Airfield to interview people who fought in the war and were stationed there. We interviewed two people from Canada via web cam. They had very interesting stories to tell us about the conditions during the war. The interviews were recorded by the BBC and put on Radio York.”

*Charlie Bulmer, Y9*

“The production team had a meeting with the film company to talk about how to make the story boards. We used the interviews from the researchers to choose ideas for our first few story boards. We decided that our favourite story board to make would be a cricket scene where an evacuee and his new friends used a water hydrant as stumps.” *Josh Dobson, Y9*

“Thanks to the History Department and to Ryedale Folk Museum for setting up the event.”

*Charlie Bulmer, Y9*

## **French Trip**

Un group de 35 élèves et 4 professeurs sont allés en Bretagne juste avant la mi-trimestre. On est partis le 17 octobre et en a voyagé en bateau et en car. Pendant le séjour on a visité Dinard, Dinan, Bayeux (où on a vu la tapisserie), Arromanches, le Mont St. Michel et St. Malo. Voici des opinions de certains élèves:

“J’ai surtout aimé le Mont St. Michel. Notre voyage scolaire était incroyable!” *Lucy*

“J’ai surtout aimé faire les magasins.” *Kathy*

“J’ai surtout aimé Dinan. C’était vraiment intéressant.” *Will*

“J’ai surtout aimé la tapisserie à Bayeux. C’était intéressant.” *Conor*

“J’ai surtout aimé manger une crêpe au chocolat! Notre voyage scolaire était fantastique!” *Florence*

## **Geography Field Trips**

It has been a busy Autumn Term for the Geography Department with our two annual fieldwork exercises taking place. Firstly, all of the Year 10 geographers have visited residential areas in York to assess quality of life and how it varies. Toby Holtby said, “It was great - we got to appreciate what different parts of York are like and collect valuable data on housing in our region”. Then between 17 and 19 October, Year 12 students took part in a residential field trip to Blenchatra Field Studies Centre in the Lake District. Ben Boothman said, “Smashing time! I learnt a lot because the work was fun and I was able to put the work done in theory in class into perspective. The food was good as well”. Laura Fargher commented, “It was definitely a worthwhile educational visit and I would recommend it for future years.”

*Mr Cook*

## School meals

This week saw a further development in school lunches. As part of the drive to promote healthy living food is now offered as a full course (roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, potatoes and vegetable or curry, rice and popadum, for example). Sandwiches and sweets are also available but the days of double chips and gravy on their own have gone!

This change takes us further along the way to bringing back the nutritional and balanced value of school meals of twenty years ago – though with a much greater variety of recipes and cultures represented.

## Sports Hall

Attached to this Newsletter is a petition form. Please would all families consider supporting it. Please ask neighbours and friends to support it as long as they have not already signed a similar petition. Please return signed petitions to either school office as soon as possible. A swift return within a week rather than waiting longer to fill ten or more lines would be really helpful. The aim is to show Councillors that the project has support in Malton and Norton **and also in the many villages in the area.**

## Snow and School Closure

Snow and ice seem a long way off at the moment but a reminder now may save problems later! All information about school closure for bad weather is passed to BBC Radio York and to Minster fm. PLEASE listen to the radio and PLEASE do not phone school to see if we are open or about to close. When the weather is bad we need to keep our phone lines clear for contacting school transport and helping individual students who might have difficulty getting home. Thank you.

Decisions on closure are taken on best advice available from the weather forecasts and the state of roads locally.

## Staff News

We welcome two new member of staff – Mr J Cook, who has been appointed as Learning Supervisor, and Mrs G. Harrison, who joins the office team, taking responsibility in reprographics and the school shop.

Our congratulations to Mr Langley and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Emily.

## Head lice

We have received several reports of head lice in the school. Could parents please check their children's heads as soon as possible.

*Mrs P Lovegrove*

**Malton School PTA**

**Years 7, 8 and 9  
come and celebrate  
the end of term!**

**Christmas Disco with  
SJ Squeezer**

**Monday 19 December 7.30-9.30pm  
West Wing Hall, Malton School  
Tickets £1.50**

**Refreshments available on the night**

**All Welcome**

*Head: David J Roberts*

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## AUTUMN TERM 2005

### November

<b>Th</b>	10	19:30	Celebration Eve
<b>F</b>	11		Y13 Assessments to Parents
<b>M</b>	21	17:00	Y13 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
<b>Th</b>	24	19:30	6 <sup>th</sup> form Information Evening for Y11 students and parents
<b>F</b>	25		School closed to pupils (Staff Training)
<b>M</b>	28	19:00	Governors' Annual Meeting with Parents, Music Centre
<b>M</b>	28		Y12 Assessments to Parents

### December

<b>Th</b>	1	19:00	6 <sup>th</sup> form Information evening at Norton College Y11 examinations begin (no study leave)
<b>Th</b>	8	17:00	Y12 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
<b>F</b>	9		Y7 Assessments to Parents
<b>T</b>	13		Christmas Lunch
<b>W</b>	14	19:30	Christmas Concert
<b>Th</b>	15		Senior Citizens' Party
<b>M</b>	19	19:30	Key Stage 3 Disco
<b>T</b>	20	15:35	<b>End of term</b>

## SPRING TERM 2006

### January

<b>T</b>	3		School closed
<b>W</b>	4		School closed to students (Staff Training)
<b>Th</b>	5	09:00	<b>Spring Term begins (Wk 1)</b>
<b>Th</b>	12	17:00	Y7 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
<b>Th</b>	19		Y10 Assessments to Parents
<b>T</b>	24		Y9 SAT mocks
<b>T</b>	31	19:00	Introduction to 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Evening

### February

<b>M</b>	6	17:00	Y10 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
<b>T</b>	7		Y11 Reports → home
<b>M</b>	13		Y12 examinations begin
<b>F</b>	17	13:35	<b>End of half-term</b>
<b>M</b>	27	09:00	Spring Term continues (Wk 2)

### March

<b>Th</b>	2		Y8 Assessments to Parents
<b>M</b>	6		Y13 examinations begin
<b>Th</b>	9	17:00	Y8 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
<b>F</b>	17		Y9 Reports to Parents
<b>W</b>	21		Y12 Reports to Parents
		17:00	Y9 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
<b>Th</b>	30	19:30	Y9 Information Evening

### April

<b>T</b>	4		Y13 Reports to Parents
<b>W</b>	5	17:30	Easter Concert
<b>Th</b>	6	17:30	Easter Concert
			<b>End of term</b>
<b>F</b>	7		School closed to students (Staff Training)

*(Please note that dates for Year 9 reports and options evenings may alter – more information in the next bulletin)*

## DATES OF TERMS 2006-2007

<u>First Day</u>	<u>Last Day</u>	<u>Day Closures</u>
M 04 September	F 20 October	M 04 September
M 30 October	F 15 December	F 24 November
T 02 January	F 9 February	T 02 + W03 January
M 19 February	F 30 March	F 30 March
M 16 April	F 25 May	M 07 May
M 04 June	T 24 July	

The dates for day closures are provisional and may change.

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PETITION

## Sports Hall for Central Ryedale

We urge the elected members of Ryedale District Council to support the proposal to build a Sports Hall for all the people of Central Ryedale. We note that the site preferred by the Council is at Malton School.

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Please return petitions to Malton School.