



# NEWS

December 2013



**Mr Andy Cunningham**

Dear Parent/Carer

It gives me great pleasure to make my very first contribution to The Lakes School newsletter. I would like to begin by saying what a privilege it is to be joining the school as the Headteacher from

January 2014 and I am looking forward to working closely with all members of the community as The Lakes School continues its journey from good to outstanding in all areas.

During my first visit to The Lakes School in June 2013 I was struck by the feeling of warmth and respect which I believe to be the bedrock of a successful school and the platform upon which students can be challenged to be their best and fulfil their potential. On my most recent visit, Mr. Gallop and I visited many classrooms and I was impressed by the 'wide-eyed' enthusiasm of the students and their desire to learn; the sense of engagement and enjoyment in lessons was lovely to see. Around every corner I met polite and considerate young people who were only too pleased to greet me with a 'good morning' and take the time to stand and talk to me about their school, their lives and their ambitions.

The Lakes School has already established itself as a good school, as judged by Ofsted in 2011, and I am looking forward to building on all that is successful about the school during the coming years. I am particularly keen to ensure that the school maintains its distinctive ethos of being a caring, learning community - three key principles which are very close to my heart.

So, what will The Lakes School look like in the future? At its core will be the same principles and values that the students, parents, staff and Governors already hold dear - those based on respect and positive relationships. The Lakes School of the future will ensure that young people of **all** abilities are supported to achieve the challenging targets set for them across all subjects so that they leave with the skills, knowledge and understanding to live a prosperous and rewarding life. Along the way, they will learn the value of caring for each other and the importance of taking an active role in their community and valuing the unique contribution we can all make to society.

But, how do we get there? To secure the continued success of The Lakes School I will be working closely with the Governors and the staff to ensure that we are listening carefully to our students, parents and the community. We will be communicating with you regularly about the progress and achievements of your child and involving you in the ideas we have for improving the school. We will be improving teaching by developing all of our staff and establishing a reputation for excellence, care, high achievement and ambition.

During the school's open evening in September 2013, I met a parent who knew the school very well. She told me how much she valued The Lakes School and that it was a place where children flourish so that their dreams and ambitions come true. I can't honestly think of a better advert for The Lakes School.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and New Year and I look forward to meeting you at a number of events during the spring term when I hope you will take the opportunity to come and talk to me about both the history and the future of our school.

Kind regards  
**Andy Cunningham**  
Headteacher

## **A message from Mr Gallop ...**

The autumn term is the longest of the three school terms and as it comes to an end many students and staff arrive and leave in the dark. The mild weather has certainly helped with mock examinations in the sports hall this year.

The term has seen many changes in the assessment arrangements and regulations for students in key stages 4 and 5. I would like to thank our 6th form students, Year 11 students and their parents for working with us during these changes.

As we look forward to welcoming Mr Cunningham, as our new Headteacher, I must thank Mr Jeremy for his work as Deputy Headteacher this term. The school continues to make excellent progress because of the outstanding work of the whole staff team, the support of parents and the wider community and most importantly because of the enthusiasm and co-operation of our students.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Mr Gallop, Acting Headteacher**

## Holidays in Term Time

There has been a change in the government's position on holidays during term time. The school has lost its dispensation to authorise holidays up to 10 days during term time except under exceptional circumstances. Any absence of 10 days or more must be reported by school directly to the local authority.

The cost of holidays or the work rotas of parents cannot be considered exceptional circumstances. Neither can a return to a country of origin, as the government considers that this could be done in school holidays.

Requests for a leave of absence to further a child's gifts or talents in sport will continue to be considered.

Requests for leave of absence, during term time, should be put in writing for the attention of The Headteacher at The Lakes School. Holiday forms will no longer be used in response to government guidelines.

From September 2013, each individual request will be considered on its merits but, please do not be offended by a refusal as the school must adhere to the changes to the regulations concerning attendance.

## Attendance

Parents/carers should inform school of any sickness absences as soon as possible on the first day of illness. For all dental/hospital appointments, please could school be notified before the day of absence and wherever possible, arranged out of school hours. An appointment card would be helpful with this.

All messages regarding absences from school can be left with Mrs Sandra Britton on 015394 40810 ext.220 or email: [sandra.britton@lakes.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:sandra.britton@lakes.cumbria.sch.uk)

Letters can also be left at the school office marked for the attention of Mrs Britton.

The attendance figures for this term are:

Brathay	93.5%	Leven	95.8%	Rothay	95.8%
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### December Newsletter Response Slip

If you would like to ask about any of the items in the newsletter, make a suggestion or give us feedback on any other issues, please do so by e-mail to [admin@lakes.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lakes.cumbria.sch.uk) or by using this slip and returning it to the school office.

**Comment:**

**Name:**

**Contact details:**

# After School Clubs



## Card Making

Clover and Isobel worked with different fabrics to produce these beautiful personalised greetings cards which is an ideal way to display their new patchwork skills.



**Clover Hopwood (above) and Isobel Smith (right) showing their sewing skills at the textile card making after school club.**

This is a traditional form of patchwork design called Somerset Star and is made by using small pieces of fabric which are then folded to make triangles and when sewn together creates the distinctive star shape.

**Mrs P Corrie, Administrator**



## Textile Club

The textile clubs have been working hard all term on developing their skills by creating beautiful products to be sold at The Lakes

School Christmas fair.

The students designed and created make-up mirror bags, aprons, felt decorations and make-your-own felt decoration packs. The felt decoration packs contained all the equipment required to make your own decoration and a winning step-by-step guide by Joshua Fayers, Year 7.

The students not only created their products but also worked hard selling them. The money raised is going towards buying materials for a new project starting next term.

**Reminder:** the textile club runs Wednesday lunch for Year 7 and afterschool on a Wednesday for all years.

**Miss G Anderson, Textiles**

## Gardening Club

Gardening club takes place on a Wednesday after school from 3.15pm - 4.30pm or there about. The club is open to all year groups no matter how much or how little gardening experience. We currently manage the greenhouse the grounds at the front of school and the allotment patches. We are also looking after the wildlife areas and trying to encourage more wildlife to visit the school grounds.



We have already achieved the planting of over 200 spring bulbs including daffodils, tulips and bluebells. We have made the greenhouse ready for use and have taken cuttings to help aid the science department and also planted various herb and

flower seeds. The cherry tree branch that was cracking the greenhouse roof has been removed and work is underway to install a water butt.

Over winter we are planning to work indoors covering construction projects such as making bird houses and wildlife habitats as well as potentially preparing for the new vegetable gardens for community and school use. Many thanks for all the Morrison's Let's Grow vouchers which we have used for various wildlife habitats and new seeds for spring. We have applied for 450 trees from the Woodland Trust and will find out if we have been successful in February/March time.

As Christmas approaches we will be looking to produce festive products such as wreaths, twig-and-willow decorations plus bird -cake feeders.



We would also like to paint the benches and as spring approaches we will be getting back out and about in the school grounds. We would greatly appreciate any donations of outdoor paint, garden tools, seeds, cuttings or grow bags that you are able to spare.

Finally a reminder that the club is open to all and new members are always welcome. Tea and coffee is also provided for all participants!

**Miss C Pearson, History**

## Camera Club

Keen photographers in Year 7 and 8 are invited to sign up for the next Camera Club. This will be held in the first half term after Christmas on Friday lunchtimes. The sessions give students a beginner's insight into using the camera correctly and editing functions on the computer. Please sign up on the board in Room 29 – be quick as it's sure to fill up fast!

**Mrs L Black, Art**



# ART DESIGN PHOTO- GRAPHY

## A Level Art, Music, Photography and Theatre Studies visit to London

Staff and students left at school were rightly jealous as a good portion of the upper and lower VIth decamped to London for two days of culture. Students really made the best of their time with an itinerary that was unbelievably busy and varied covering trips to Covent Garden to see the street theatre, visits to Tate Modern, The Serpentine Gallery and others plus various photographic excursions to the East End, theatre performances not to mention the requisite pre-Christmas visit to Oxford Street!

### Listen to what our students said:

"It was great to get the opportunity to photograph BIG architecture (in Trafalgar Square)" - **Roisin Jelley, AS Photography**

"The Saatchi Gallery was the most interesting gallery we visited. The art was unique and clever, particularly the work made entirely from paper" - **Abi Storey, AS Art**

"I most enjoyed the set design and costumes for the Lion King musical we saw" - **Esme Harrop, AS Art and Photography**

## Art Enterprise



The Lakes School Christmas Fair provided an excellent opportunity for our new enterprise to produce our first range of products to design and sell. A small but dedicated team were involved: Lucy Prescott Y7, Shearna James Y7, Kirsty Laverack Y7, Clover Hopwood Y10, Isobel Fayers Y10 and Aidan Macdonald Y12. We were very lucky to have additional support from Sara Charlesworth and Sally Toms. Sally is a local practising artist and mum of Lucy Prescott.



We made lots of drawings using familiar Christmas motifs as our starting point. These were then combined to form three designs. The students learned the process of screenprinting and worked together to print cards, wrapping and gift tags. The paper stock and inks we used are 100% eco-friendly and the results are really beautiful. But don't just take our word for it... come and have a look! We have now installed a pop-up shop in the foyer of the main entrance where pupils, parents, staff and visitors can purchase items. We are also looking to establish links with local businesses to stock and sell our products. With the kind help of Sally we went on to make more sales at the Hawkshead Craft fair which was fantastic news.

### Year 7 Students manning the Art Enterprise stall at the Christmas Fair.

Students involved are learning all sorts of valuable skills and the initial response from the public about our venture has been very positive. Please do support and encourage pupils, staff or visitors to make a purchase. This can be done at the school office during breaks or at lunchtime. Every penny is going back in to grow the business, get more students involved and hopefully long term turn profits into valuable funding for the school.

**Price List:** Set of 3 mixed wrap (robin/traditional/polar bear) £3, set of 3 mixed cards (robin/traditional/polar bear) £5, single cards £2 and 10 gift tags £1.

We will be running a new project in January so if any pupils would like to find out more or get involved come and see Mrs Black in the Art Department.

**Mr R Hardy, Head of Art**



## Turner Prize—Derry—Londonderry

One of our VIth Form Art and Photography students recently gained a unique opportunity to work with Turner Prize winning artist Laure Prouvost. Here's how it all came about:



Earlier this year the youth club in Coniston which is run by Grizedale Arts were lucky enough to assist Laure Prouvost to make a work of art for the Tate Britain. Following on from this Laure was selected as a finalist for The Turner Prize 2013. The youth club helped by making teapots, teacups, tea towels and uniforms for The Turner Prize Exhibition.

My younger brother and I were lucky enough to go to Londonderry on 29 November for the weekend with Grizedale Arts to take part in Laure's performance outside the exhibition space. We were involved in preparing materials during a printing workshop that we then used during the performance as part of Laure's 'Wantee' installation. To top off the weekend, on Monday night Laure Prouvost was awarded The Turner Prize 2013. Her installation - a homage to artist Kurt Schwitters who lived and worked in Ambleside in the last years of his life - will be coming to The Ruskin Museum in Coniston on 24 January.

This experience has given me an insight into pursuing a creative career in the future - before this experience I did not know how important The Turner Prize was, and since working with Grizedale Arts and Laure Prouvost I am looking forward to next years exhibition!

**Rosina Hosking, Year 12**



**Year 10 artists getting hands on at Sprint Mill**

### Year 10 Art visit to Sprint Mill

Sprint Mill was originally a water powered corn mill and now is something more unusual – our students were invited to spend the day there drawing from the amazing array of objects and artefacts the owners have gathered and to settle into the Sprint Mill way of life; namely exploring the local area and responding to what they saw by drawing, frottage (rubblings), photography and environmental art/installation. This trip was made possible by the organization Natural England who support access for community groups to rural experiences literally off the beaten track.



**Wren Brammall working on Andy Goldsworthy inspired land art near Sprint Mill**

Our students made a great impression and have been invited back, both individually and as a school.

**Mr R Hardy, Head of Art**

**SEE A SELECTION OF OUR ADVANCED LEVEL ARTISTS' / PHOTOGRAPHERS' WORK ON: [pinterest.com/thelakesartdept](https://www.pinterest.com/thelakesartdept)**

**Coming Soon!**

## 'Miss Saigon - school edition'

**The Lakes School's next production will be Miss Saigon - November 2014.**



Christmas is coming and exams are

looming - what did you get in the mocks?

Oh no, you should

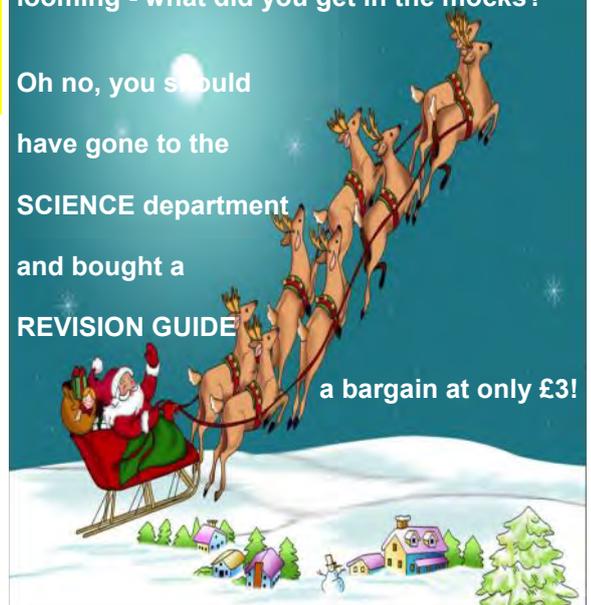
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SCIENCE department

and bought a

REVISION GUIDE

a bargain at only £3!



## BRATHAY HOUSE

### Will Clark – Simply an Inspiration

On the morning of 7 July 2012, local fell runner Will Clark (aged 27) had just completed a charity swim in Grasmere when he and three friends set off to cycle around Thirlmere. It was a beautiful calm morning but somehow a stick caught in his front wheel and he fell from his bike. Tragically, as a result of this very simple accident Will sustained very severe neck and spinal injuries and is now paralysed from the shoulders down.



**Will and his Dad with members of the PE Department, (left to right) Mrs Musetti, Mr Field and Ms Jeffrey.**

Will was invited into school for the final assembly in July and this proved to be a wonderful way to end the academic year. The first thing he told the students to do was remove their ties as it was so hot - this was met with a big cheer. He then spoke to the school on making the most of every day and valuing family and friends.

We in Brathay House have used Will as an INSPIRATION. He never uses the word can't and is facing his life-changing accident with dignity and real determination, giving something back to the local primary school and trying new activities.



**Zuwase**



**Nicole**



**Keelan**



**Caitlin**

### Brathay House Team Leaders

After impressive letters of application last term Zuwase Mwale, Nicole Fallowfield and Keelan Hardy were appointed Team Leaders of Brathay House with Caitlin Storey looking after the charity work within the house.

### Data

I am pleased to report that from this time last year attendance is up, the number merits is also up and there is a huge reduction in CFC's.

## Magic Moment

Just before October half term there were two "Magic Moment Certificates" handed to Andrew Clempson for his all round positiveness (in and out of school) and Tom Lassey for outstanding work.

### Tutor Time

A big thank you to all the Brathay tutors for quality tutor time. The variety in engaging activities stretches from Making the News to form quizzes. Student planners, along with uniform, are regularly checked to ensure that high standards are maintained.

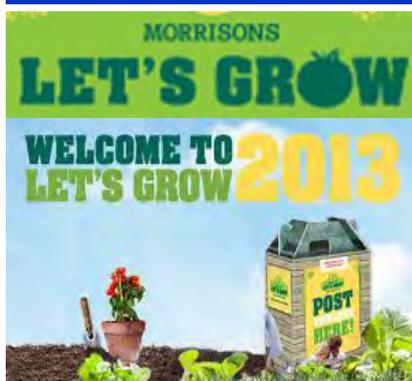
**Mr S Field, Director of Progress for Brathay**



**Andrew**



**Tom**



### Morrisons Let's Grow

Thank you for donating all your Morrisons 'Lets Grow' vouchers. This term we have been lucky enough to be able to order, one hedgehog house, two bee houses, three nesting boxes and a variety of seeds which our Gardening Club students will use.

The Let's Grow programme is now in its 6th year and it aims to help schools capture the imagination of the nation's children by inspiring them to grow their own fruit and vegetables in the school grounds.

We thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs P Corrie, Administration**



### November

The month of November has been and gone with the 3 amigos once again sprouting some growth on the top lip to support Movember. A cheque has been sent off to the charity with the students having a chance to be a Mo brother/sister for the day. When Mr Gallop was asked to grow a moustache for 4 weeks he said that it would make him look too old. Older than what we all said! Mr Busbridge was also asked but he declined saying that he would need longer than 4 weeks to make an impression on his lip!



So we were left with Field, Revell and The Dr to again lead the cause. The main aim was to educate the students and make them aware of what Movember was supporting and in my PHSE lessons I was pleasantly surprised that virtually all the Year 9 students knew that Movember was supporting the prostate cancer charity.

On behalf of the 3 staff can I thank the students for being involved and to our better halves for putting up with us over the last few weeks; we are all now back on speaking terms!

**Dr L Dickinson, Mr P Revell and Mr S Field**



Thanks to all the parents that helped to support the 'Boxes of Hope' shoebox appeal, a Cumbrian based charity which sends gift-filled shoe boxes to deprived communities in Romania. Our school community has donated 99 boxes this year.

Congratulations to Rothay 4 for collecting 19 boxes and well done to all involved.

**Mr R Griffiths, Director of Progress for Rothay (pictured above with some students)**

## Christmas Craft Fair



The Lakes School Christmas Craft Fair took place on Saturday 30 November between 10.00am and 2.00pm with an array of very assorted crafts. It was well attended and everyone had a good day with some very positive feedback. The total raised was £1935.37 with some money still to be collected which will help go towards further developing the 6<sup>th</sup> form area. We thank Miriam our Catering Manager for supplying a wonderful supply of drinks, hot sandwiches, soup and cakes. We would like to thank everyone who supported us and helped us in the preparations and look forward to another successful event in 2014!

Our PTA raised £46.00 on their stall for naming the bear. Siska from Windermere guessed the correct bear's name - Winston.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Donna, Sharon, Angie, Michelle, Hayley and Helen.**

# Modern Foreign Languages

## GCSE and A Level trip to Belgium and France

Just before the half term holiday a group of 54 students and 5 staff took part in a combined History and French trip to the Belgian battlefields and historic sites and Paris.

The first night of the journey was spent on the thankfully smooth and delay-free overnight ferry from Hull to Zbrugge. Arriving wide awake and well-fed from the breakfast buffet enabled us to spend a full day visiting and comparing British and German trenches. We also visited Tyne Cot, the biggest allied cemetery in Belgium and several smaller cemeteries where some students were able to visit and pay respects to relatives who were buried there.



That evening we visited Ypres where we spent some time at leisure to sample and buy Belgian chocolates. We enjoyed a lovely meal together in a local restaurant before moving on to the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. This was an extremely poignant and moving service, especially as our students were able to be involved in the ceremony and lay a wreath of poppies from The Lakes School to commemorate those who died.



After a good night's sleep in Albert, the next day we arrived in Canada (well, a tiny part of Canada in Belgium) to visit Vimy Ridge, an incredible Canadian open museum and monument commemorating their involvement in the war. We were given tours by Canadian students and really got a sense of how life must have been for the Canadian soldiers. Interestingly, a large area of Vimy Ridge is fenced off, yet covered in sheep. When we asked why this was we were told that it was because there is still a real danger of unexploded shells in that area, and it is safer for the sheep to mow the lawn than a man with a lawn mower!



That afternoon we made our way to Paris. Once we had driven past the Stade de France and played 'who can spot the Eiffel Tower first' we were ready for our first Parisien adventure: the Bateau-Mouche. We embarked the Bateau-Mouche in bright sunshine, and typically within five minutes we were caught in a torrential downpour that sent all but the hardest Cumbrians and one hardy Parisienne teacher fleeing for cover downstairs. As a positive result of this however, we were treated to a stunning



rainbow arching over the Eiffel Tower which made for some excellent photographic opportunities.

Once settled into our hostel (one of the few remaining tudor-style buildings in Paris) we left to explore the Latin Quarter area of Paris to sample delights such as crêpes and gaufres. Some students were able to visit 'La Sorbonne', the oldest university in Paris.



The next day we spent the morning exploring the Eiffel Tower, around half of the group opted to take the lift to the top, whereas the other half opted to climb the 2681 steps. The views from the top were fantastic although it was a little windy! Once we were all safely on terra firma we continued our exploration of Paris with a visit to the Moulin Rouge for a photo opportunity, followed by yet more climbing up to Montmartre to visit 'the village of Paris' and have some lunch and free time to look at the artists stalls and visit the Sacré Coeur. This was followed by a visit to the Champs Elysées where we were able to see and visit attractions such as Place de la Concorde, L'Élysée,

Le Grand Palais, Le Petit Palais and L'Arc de Triomphe (as well as Louis Vuitton and Cartier for some students!)

The next day was the start of our mammoth journey home, and after 22 hours and the roughest ferry journey many of us have ever experienced we arrived back to school, eager to organize the next trip!

Thank you very much to everyone, staff and students, who made the trip such a success.

**Miss R Nelson, Head of Modern Foreign Languages**

## GCSE German trip to Manchester German Markets



The GCSE German students were lucky enough to be taken to Manchester German Markets in order to experience some Germanic Christmas customs and to put their language skills to use in a real life setting.

We are lucky enough to have a student in this group whose aunty is one of the market managers and she had organized a few surprises for us. Firstly we met some of the first German Market traders who have been coming over to Manchester from Bremen for the past seven years. They were incredibly friendly and welcoming and showered us with treats like 'Kinder Glühwein', hot chocolate, sugared nuts and sweets.



We were then given a tour of the market by Kendra (market manager) and booklets to keep as mementos. On the tour we were taken to Albert Square where the biggest section of the market is, where we were able to climb up to the highest point of the market where the 'Weihnachtspyramide' is (the large 'windmill' traditionally used as a Christmas decoration in Germany).

The rest of the day was spend exploring the rest of the market area and stocking up on Christmas gifts for loved ones (or was that sweets for the journey home...?). A fantastic time was had by all.

Frohe Weihnachten.

Miss R Nelson, Head of MFL

## GCSE Textiles



GCSE students went on a trip to Farfield Mill at Sedbergh. The trip was a fantastic opportunity to not only see a variety of Textile work by contemporary and local designers/makers but also to speak face to face with them!



Jodie Lloyd and Mitchell Holliday (above) - weaving, Ellie Williamson (left) and Lace making (right).

The students got to experiment with a variety of textile techniques; weaving, lace making and knitting.



Miss G Anderson, Textiles



### The John Muir Award

The Lakes School is offering all students a new, exciting opportunity; to be involved in completing the John Muir Award.

This award challenges people to: Discover a Wild Place, Explore it, Do something to Conserve it and Share their Experiences. The overall aim of this award is to encourage awareness and responsibility for the natural environment in a spirit of fun and adventure. It is non-competitive and encourages people to enjoy and care for the planet's wild places which don't have to be out on the surrounding hills of the Lake District or Scotland, Wales or Yorkshire. It can be a back garden, parkland or the school field.

Here at The Lakes School though, all Year 7 students will be automatically enrolled onto the award. Through schemes already in place such as the Easedale Tarn visit, Year 7 Independent Journey day and the outdoor days run by Mr Tomes all aspects of the award will be covered apart from the sharing of experiences. This task will be decided upon nearer the end of the school year, but projects such as news sheets, photo boards and small discussion groups are all likely to form this section of the award.

Students who are a part of Gardening Club with Miss Pearson and Mrs Storton will also be automatically enrolled onto the award.

Other groups that should be able to effortlessly achieve the award are the Duke of Edinburgh students and the outdoor Young Apprentice students.

For more information about this exciting award please see Mr Tomes or Mrs Storton and take a look at the John Muir Award website <http://www.jmt.org/>

**Mr M Tomes, Outdoor Education and Mrs M Storton, School Games Organiser**

# English Department News

## Rotary Youth Speaks

**RIBI**  
**YOUTH**  
**SPEAKS** COMPETITION

We entered the Rotary Youth Speaks competition for the third year running, but this year we took two teams and both were successful.



One team consisted of Tom Gardner, Scott Love, Sam Cropper (above) and they talked about whether footballers deserve the enormous pay packets they take home. Their talk was lively and thought provoking and Tom Gardner came away with the prize for the best chair person on the night.

However, our second team won the competition with a passionate presentation on the modern obsession with body image. They were (below) Abi Whitney, Tasha Blezard and Josh Hext and they will go into the next round.



It was a proud evening as our students showed themselves to be confident, eloquent and charming in front of an unfamiliar audience. Please wish them luck for the district finals in February.

**Mrs J Dixon, Head of English**



## Year 7 visit to Dove Cottage

On the 21, 22 and 23 of November Year 7 went to Dove Cottage in Grasmere. The whole year group went on the trip but in their classes on different days. We went because we were



studying the topic of poems and Dove Cottage is the home of William Wordsworth, a famous Lakes poet.

We went on the public bus and got off at Grasmere and headed to the visitor centre where we were taken into a small room and the class was split up in to two groups. The first group did some work about William Wordsworth's poems while my group went into his house. Inside the house we were taken round and told what life was like for the Wordsworths who had to live without all of the modern things we have like electric lights. This got us in the mood and we then wrote draft poems about the house.

After we had finished in the house we had a break and then swapped over so that the other group went into the house and did the poems and then my group went in the museum and did the poetry workshop.

Then we had lunch, went in the shop and got on the bus to get back to school. It was a great day.

**Saffy Duckworth, Year 7**

**Educating**  
**RITA**

## Yr 12 Lit trip: "Educating Rita"

Back in October, the Yr 12 Literature group travelled to the Lowry Theatre in Manchester to see a production of Willy Russell's "Educating Rita".

The evening started with some excitement as the theatre had to be evacuated when a fire alarm went off, but we had soon resumed our seats and the play began.

It was wonderful to see the play that we are studying as the characters came to life and the girls couldn't resist singing along to the 1980s music played during scene changes.

## Yr 13 Lit trip: "Othello"

The National Theatre's production of Shakespeare's "Othello" was beamed into Ambleside in September. As it is the A2 set text, it was a great opportunity for Yr 13 to see the play.

The play was brought up to date and Rory Kinnear was a sinister Iago against the proud, but naïve Othello, played by Adrian Lester. The production was exciting and full of action and watching it helped the students to uncover some of the more subtle layers of meaning in the play.

**Mrs J Dixon, Head of English**

# Library & Learning Resources

## Lakes School Students Meet Laureate Author Malorie Blackman

When award winning author **Malorie Blackman** made her sole appearance in the North West for 2013, a party of 16 Lakes School students joined secondary schools from all over the area and welcomed her at Kendal Leisure Centre.

Author of over 50 best selling books for young people, Malorie is the Laureate for 2013-15. She was interviewed on the stage by the head girl and boy of Kirkbie Kendal School and described her early life and aspiration to become a writer. A general question and answer session followed and the event concluded with every student being offered the opportunity to have purchased books personally dedicated and signed by Malorie.

**Mrs D Clarke, Librarian**



'When I was invited to visit Malorie Blackman in Kendal I was excited as I enjoy listening to writers talk about their experiences and how they came to start writing novels. Malorie was a delight to listen to in the interview part of the event as she was always smiling and got into lots of details about her books and what inspired her to start writing and this helped me with the books I am presently writing. After the interview was over and the Q&A from the audience started there were lots of good questions and that gave me an opportunity to ask my question: "Once you have started writing a book, do you ask your friends for their opinion?" She responded with a short answer of "yes, but only once I have finished it." Later on I bought her latest book – Noble Conflict and had it signed by Malorie to keep as a memory of that day. It was all very exciting and everyone enjoyed it. I just wish it had lasted longer...'

**Keelan Hardy, Year 11**

## Accelerated Reading



This week saw the launch of our Year 7 accelerated reading program. This is where students are given additional time on the curriculum to concentrate on developing their reading skills. Students complete on-line quizzes after they have completed each book. The response has been incredibly positive with over 50% of Year 7 completing quizzes within the first 4 days! In addition to this, 5 students have already gained their 'Ready Reader' certificates.

The winners of the bookmark competition have also been announced with a joint first place going to Shearna James and Lucy Prescott. Well done to all as it was incredibly hard to pick a winner out of such high quality competition.

**Mr D Samson, Director of Learning for Rothay**

## Global Links



The Lakes School welcomed two teachers from Ghana recently. Ebenezer and Agnes were here on a visit to study 'Global Literacy' and as part of our 'Global Links' programme we were extremely pleased to welcome them to our school and invite them to meet students and take part in some of our lessons. Whilst Agnes spent time in Geography; Ebenezer delivered a lecture on environmental issues resulting from industrialisation in Ghana to our 6th Form Product Design Students.

**Mr M Crook, Psychology and RS**

## Planetarium Visit



We were delighted to have a visiting planetarium in school recently. The planetarium is a massive dome with a light show inside, covering everything from the constellations to the solar system.

Students were taken on a journey round the solar system and beyond.

**Dr L Dickinson, Physics**

## A LEVEL MEDIA + PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP



Our annual visit to The National Media Museum in Bradford took place in November in which Media and Photography students undertake a skills learning day on a movie trailer workshop with an industry professional to guide them. The level of work the students produce in such a short space of time never ceases to amaze us and to have the opportunity to watch them work as a team to direct, frame shots, shoot scenes, edit and add music is fantastic. The photography students work alongside media students to help them think about their lighting and framing when shooting the scenes before leaving the media group to edit whilst they go to undertake some photography work with Mrs Black. Here's what the students thought of the day.

### Bradford trip review

On the Monday 11 of November, Mrs Harper and Mrs Black with the Year 12 media and photography classes took their annual visit to the Bradford National Media Museum, leaving school very early in the morning whilst it was still dark! (7.30am ish)



Once there, we were introduced to our industry professional and put into groups of 4 or 5 before being given a brief to film and edit our own super hero movie trailers. After viewing and discussing the elements to include we were then left to film our ideas in different areas around the museum. Our task was to create a thrilling and action packed spoof horror trailer full of iconic elements whilst including all of the codes and conventions to fit the genre. However most groups chose to make a highly entertaining spoof about superheroes. Either way all of us managed to edit our clips using Apple Mac software. As many of the students have never experienced using the software this was a new but exciting challenge as we now know how to edit and develop our own movie trailers.

This trip proved to be independent and highly enjoyable. The skills we have acquired will help us and contribute towards our coursework later on in the year. We look forward to applying our skills and being able to use them later on in the course.

**Abby Hindle and Kelly Graves, Year 12**

## Media Studies News

Our first group of GCSE Media students seem to be fully enjoying their new course and have already produced storyboards for film openings and a full campaign for a new magazine aimed at a teenage audience. In January they will begin planning their first full production piece.

By the time you read this, the Year 12 Media Competition 2013 will be all over and the winning group will be celebrating the end of what promises to be an extremely hectic week in which students have to plan, research, direct, film, create, publish and edit an infomercial campaign. On top of all that they will have impressed the judges with their presentation and persuasive techniques in an Apprentice-style pitch to be crowned worthy 2013 champions. More on this in the next newsletter.

**Mrs A Harper, Media Studies and English**

# EXAM RESULTS

### Examination Certificates

Summer 2013 GCSE and AS/A Level certificates are available for collection from the main school office.

Mrs C Houlihan, Examinations Officer

# Vocational News

## Business, Travel & Tourism and Finance

The Vocational department decided that it was too good an opportunity to miss when Mr Crook decided to take his Psychology students on a visit to Chester Zoo and he kindly agreed to them jumping on board too.

The Year 12 and 13 Travel and Tourism students and Mrs Howson found that Chester is an interesting destination from the point of view of the history of the city itself and the proximity of significant visitor attractions.



Having arrived by coach, the first couple of hours were spent taking a self-guided tour of the zoo which is a delightful place. Huge efforts have clearly been made to create realistic habitats for the numerous animals from all corners of the globe. It was interesting to see how the zoo successfully caters for so many different visitor markets and, from a business angle, increases its income from the huge range of products and seasonal activities on offer. (There are even weddings held within the zoo in the beautiful Cheshire red brick heritage building).

From here we tested out the public transport system and found the bus service to be reliable and punctual taking us directly from the main gates of the zoo into the heart of the city centre. The destinations on the buses at the main bus station showed us how this part of Cheshire clearly has its act together in running a well-co-ordinated transport network providing good access for both tourists and commuters between towns and cities in the area and to the major visitor attractions.



Our visit into the beautiful red sandstone cathedral was further enhanced by the many graduates from the University of Chester dressed in their gowns wandering about awaiting their graduation ceremony in the afternoon. We were again impressed by the wide range of activities and learning opportunities provided within the cathedral as well as the stunning refectory restaurant formerly used by monks. We left feeling that this is not only a place of worship but an important heritage building which is 'alive' and hospitable, responding to the current day needs of both the local community and the numerous tourists of all nationalities who visit it annually.

We enjoyed walking along The Rows, peering into the shop windows and seeing the famous clock and, of course, having lunch in the city centre.



From here we hopped back onto the very reliable No 1 bus service and 25 minutes later were deposited in the middle of Cheshire Oaks Retail Park. There were bargains for all to be had here and a further opportunity for us to see how such a popular shopping destination provides adequate transport links, parking and catering for large numbers.

We joined the others on the coach for the journey home having spent a very enjoyable day experiencing a popular tourist area which is very different from the one in which we live.

Mrs M Howson, Vocational Studies

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Year 7 Rugby

Year 7 recently brought their first term of rugby to a close at the 'Emerging Schools' tournament held at Cockermouth RUFC. A very committed core of players has kept the rugby tradition going in this year group and if a few more boys could be drafted in, this could be a good rugby year.



At the festival, the team were a bit outgunned by the experience of the lads from those parts of the county where rugby league holds sway over soccer, but kept their heads up from start to finish. They grew in confidence as the day progressed and managed to run in 6 tries, with James Willington as top scorer. Around the contact areas, Caleb MacDonald was outstanding and led the pack to ruck the opposition off the ball more often than not. In the backs, Matt Thornley stood out with his tackling, which was a joy to see. In the many years that I have spent around rugby clubs as both player and coach, I have rarely seen a more naturally gifted tackler and I hope to see more of him in the future.



Looking ahead, I would like to see this side building, as there is some real talent here. So come on boys - bring a friend along next season and let's see if we can get a full squad of about 18 - 20 players training together.

**Mr P Revell, Head of ICT**

## Rugby

Back in September the Year 10 Rugby team went to John Ruskin School to play in the first of four games in The Westmorland Series involving Dallam, Cartmel and John Ruskin. The school lost all the games and played some disappointing rugby. The boys could have hung up their boots and not played again but they turned up to games less than the following week determined to give a better showing in their next fixture. This they did winning one of their games.

The series culminated in a final showdown at Ambleside RUFC under floodlights and Lakes produced some fantastic rugby proving what hard work and self belief can do. They won all their games ending with the trophy being presented by Garry Holmes - Cumbria RUFC Development Officer and Darren Todd - Westmorland Barbarians. Over the series 24 boys played for school with 9 students signing for the local Barbarians. In a great team effort special mention should go to Sam Harrison and Beck Naylor for their outstanding leadership both on and off the field.



Both the Year 9 and Year 10 teams played in The County Emerging Schools Festival that was hosted by The Lakes School. Both teams competed well but were beaten by some powerful schools from the north of the county. The Year 9 boys have been fantastic to teach and have played rugby full of commitment and skill with all the boys making huge improvement over the term.

**Mr S Field, PE Department**

## Netball



Congratulations to Amy Wood (left) who has impressed county selectors and has played for Cumbria in netball at Under 14 level.



Well done also to Hannah Durkin (left) and Jordan Buckley (right) who have attended South Lakes District Coaching.



**Ms A Jeffrey, Head of PE**

# SPORTS NEWS

## County Cup Football 2013/14

Once again this has been a busy season for all of our teams. The U18's have displayed a sufficiently high level of skill as a squad that they warranted entry into the English Schools Cup competition as well as the County Cup this year.

The U16 County Cup always includes all schools within the county at this age whereas for the U15 and U13 teams, due to the size of the school, there are only 16 schools in each respective competition.

## U18 English Schools Cup

The first round saw this team compete effectively against a very strong Kirkbie Kendal side who did create more chances than us, and after the subsequent extra-time ended without breaking the deadlock it came down to the inevitable penalties. Who said that English footballers cannot score penalties! Our boys scored all 5 and unfortunately Kirkbie missed their fifth!

In the next round we played Ulverston School away. They were very good technically, however, they were not to realize the Miss Munslow factor. Many of the boys in her form were playing and she kindly saw it fit to come and support the team and this was to have a devastating effect upon the opposition. We won 4 - 0 and, in the absence of our captian, Josh Graham!

The third round took us to Brampton and William Howard School. This match was a scrappy affair and in near darkness we lost 1 - 0 in extra-time. Our boys hit the post and the crossbar, but, unfortunately, the 'Munslow' factor did not work this time!

## U18 County Cup

In the first round we welcomed our neighbours, Windermere School, whom we beat comfortably 4 - 1.

The draw would bring our old enemy Queen Katherine School and for many of our boys there was a familiarity about this fixture as many of these boys play each other at the weekend. I suppose it was always going to be a close affair and so it proved with 'Queenies' taking the spoils 1 - 0 after a closely fought and enjoyable, at least for the spectators, battle.

Many thanks to all of the boys for their efforts this year and particularly captain Josh Graham (pictured left).



## U16 County Cup

The first round took this team to Cartmel School where our boys ran out to be comfortable winners at 2 - 0.

The next round draw meant a visit to Millom. This match proved to be a battle of discipline during a

squalid affair which, in my view, was poorly refereed. This had the consequence of a perception of, and perhaps justifiably so, injustice, which led to the dismissal of our captain followed by the inevitable defeat.

Sport is life and sometimes life is unfair!

## U15 County Cup

The first round was both a fantastic match to referee and to observe mainly because the two teams were so even for a large part of the game resulting in a 2 - 0 victory for The Lakes boys, which was well deserved!

It was time to hit the road again with a visit to Kirkby Stephen School whom we beat comfortably 4 - 0. This game I would describe a bit like the journey - the boys were cruising!

Next we arrive at the semi-final stage of the competition which meant a home fixture against Southfields School from Workington. Once again the sum of their by now fine parts did their 'stuff' proving too strong, particularly in the second half where we ran out winners at 5 - 0.

The cup final in 2014 awaits!

Thanks to all of the boys and Sam Harrison (pictured right) for his outstanding leadership!



## U13 County Cup

Receiving a 'bye' in the first round gained us a visit to Cartmel Priory School where we ran out comfortable winners at 4 - 0.



The next match was a semi-final versus Southfield School, Workington at home. After a tentative start, we began to settle and play very well with Alex Harris (pictured left) and Tom Hibbitt (pictured below right) both in dominant form.



The inevitable final winning score of 6 - 1 gives the appearance of total domination but it was a more a case of taking your chances.



Well done to George Feeny (pictured left) for captaining a good side with a good attitude.

**Mr P Robinson, PE Department**

# SPORTS NEWS



## Cross-Country

Forty of our students travelled to the South Lakes district schools' cross-country running trials held at Sedbergh School in November. As a result, four Lakes School students have been selected to represent the district in January's Cumbria County Championships at Cockermouth.

Many congratulations to: Lucy Hill (minor age group), Amy Wood & Luke Bowen (junior age group) and Jake Walker (senior). We wish them very well in the next round!!

Luke has already had the honour of representing Cumbria this term in an inter-county invitation event which took place in the midlands - he finished in a very impressive 15th place. Luke is determined this year to perform well enough in January to earn selection for the county squad which will enable him to compete in the English schools national finals in March - his performances so far this term bode well ....keep on running and good luck!

**Ms A Jeffrey, Head of PE**



**The Champions**

## Champions of Cumbria

Our Year 8 girls' hockey team was victorious at the county under 13 girls' mini hockey finals played at Penrith. They will now go on to represent Cumbria at the North West county finals to be played in Manchester in March.

The squad of 11 girls had an eventful journey to the finals having first played in the South Cumbria tournament at the end of November at Kirkby Stephen School. They played magnificently beating Kirkbie Kendal, Dallam, QES and Sedbergh schools along the way, followed by a narrow defeat in the final by QKS. However as both top teams qualified for the final, The Lakes went through as runners up, along with Queen Katherine School, to represent South Cumbria. Together with the two winning teams from the north of the county (Nelson Thomlinson School from Wigton and QEGS Penrith) a round robin competition was played.

The Lakes beat QEGS convincingly in the first match, after some beautiful hockey by the Harrison twins (Sally and Katie) and solid defending from Sammy Hayton and Rebecca Maloney. They then had a tough evenly fought match against QKS where Lucy Hill (Year 7) played with gusto and narrowly missed the goal on several occasions; final score 0 - 0.

Our final match was against a very well drilled Nelson Thomlinson. Zoe Shirra was outstanding in goal and saved 4 sure shots saving us from defeat. Great attacking work from Lucy Staniek and Sally Harrison led to a penalty corner and a fantastic goal from Katie Harrison sealed victory. We all had an unbelievable day with The Lakes coming out as overall winners of the tournament. Well done to all 11 girls involved.

**Mrs C Musetti, PE Department**



# Duke of Edinburgh

## Bushcraft Skills for Year 7



Jamie McFee, who is a senior lecturer on the undergraduate programme for Outdoor Studies at Cumbria University, offered our Year 7 students an opportunity to get involved in learning bushcraft skills.

This occasion involved twenty or so second year students, some of whom role played several of the

activities using 'bushcraft' skills designed to engage students in order that they might reflect upon the impact of 'global rubbish' and its casual disposal, upon the environment.

It is hoped that the University students will come back next year and deliver the same programme to the remaining Year 7's!



## Y11 Outdoor Education voluntary work with the National Trust

For the fifth year running I thought it entirely appropriate for the Year 11 Outdoor Education students to undertake voluntary work for the National Trust.



This involved spending the entire day planting 200 hundred Juniper trees on National trust owned land above High Wray.



Well done to all the students involved as it was hard work and quite cold!

Mr P Robinson, Outdoor Education

# Outdoor Education



**Year 12 and Year 13  
Outdoor Education  
students are active in  
the Scottish  
Highlands again...**



# Outdoor Education



David Johnson, Year 12 - Isle of Lismore, Scotland - November 2013

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A corkboard with a brown wooden frame. At the top center, the words "NOTICE BOARD" are written in a dark, textured font. On the left side, a yellow sticky note is pinned with a blue pushpin. The note contains the text "Dates for your diary" in blue. The main content of the board is a white rectangular area containing a calendar for 2014.

**Dates for your diary**

**2014**

06 January	Return to school
21 January	Year 11 Parents' Evening
30 January	Year 9 Options Evening
04 February	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening
12 February	Year 10 data reports issued
14 February	Break up for half term
24 February	Return to school
05 March	Year 7 full reports issued
10 March	Year 9 data reports issued
20 March	Year 10 Parents' Evening
20 March	Year 8 data reports issued
27 March	Year 11 full reports issued
08 April	Year 12/13 data reports issued
09 April	Break up for Easter holidays
23 April	Return to school

