

Fantasia Sells Out

This week 500 people were treated to a fabulous evening of dance as Fantasia took to the stage. It was wonderful to see so many talented dancers of all ages come together for a true celebration of the amazing dance talent currently in our schools. It was also wonderful to see this year's Fantasia logo which was designed by Eva Rose from Staveley School who won our design a logo competition. Here's Eva pictured with her winning entry.



Year 5 Taster Day

A huge thank you to all of the Year 5 children who visited The Lakes School this week for a taster day. Enthusiastic and smiling, the students gathered in the hall at the start of the day before heading off with a team of our Year 7 Global Leaders who looked after the Year 5s as they experienced a range of different lessons. We look forward to receiving postcards back from the Year 5s telling us about their day.

One Million Words! Wow!

Huge congratulations must go to six of our Year 7 students who have read one million words as part of a scheme that is helping us improving the reading and comprehension skills of our students. Pictured below are Matthew Tyson, Reece Hammond, Mikaela Razon, Abigail McGraw, Kirsty Laverack and Harry Williams who are proudly displaying their certificates.

During assembly this week, we have also given prizes to the winners of our Accelerated Reader Book Review Competition organised by our librarian, Mrs Clarke. Celebrating first place was Isaac Hodgson and our two runners up were Leah Aughpin and Abbie Morris. The students were asked to create a review to promote a book they had recently enjoyed and to use any media they wished. The students were asked to review the story and importantly contain their own personal message about what they had read. You can view a display of the entries on our Accelerated Reader display board outside the library. Feel free to come and visit us for a look!



The Accelerated Reader programme at The Lakes School has really taken off since it was introduced in November 2013 to our Year 7 students who access regular lessons in their timetable where they read and exchange their books in the library. Reading plays such a significant role in improving English skills which support progress in all subjects and so we are pleased to say that the Accelerated Reader programme will be carrying on for the new Year 6 students coming in September and we are even looking at how we can encourage our current students to carry on their good habits when they move in to Year 8.

More Sporting Success

Our Under 15 cricket team held their heads high against a very good Queen Elizabeth School team recently. Dan Sykes played a captain's innings, opening the innings and scoring 44 not out in a team innings of 67 for 6.

As Queen Elizabeth School scored quickly in their reply, Tom Blenkarn and Luke Chapman took wickets which, along with a sharp run out, put pressure on the opposition who finally won by 7 wickets. Our cricket team continue to build confidence and this week recovered well after the early loss of five wickets.

Sandwich Bar Lift Off

This week, we are launching our new sandwich bar in the dining room which will enable students and staff to pre-order rolls and sandwiches, with a variety of fillings, so that they can be collected at break or lunchtime.

The idea for the pre-order sandwich bar came from the students through the School Council who first thought of the idea of a Subway type facility to help students 'grab' their lunch quickly if they were attending a club or on their way to a working lunch. The School Council also designed the order form. We're expecting the sandwich bar to become quite a popular choice for many students and staff.



UK Wide Big First Aid Lesson

Last week, our Year 7 students took part in a UK wide First Aid lesson organised by St John Ambulance. Broadcast live across the internet on the afternoon of Friday 19th June 2014, the lesson demonstrated first response skills and the meaning of DRABC in carrying out a Primary Survey. As you can see from the photo below, the Year 7 students were engrossed in the hour long lesson.



Caring for Life

A huge thank you to Mrs Wadmore, our First Aider at The Lakes School, for organising the event.

St John Ambulance rely heavily on donations and, should you wish to make a donation, you can do so here by following this link <http://www.sja.org.uk/sja/support-us/donate-now.aspx>.

We hope our Year 7s will never have to use their first aid skills but it's nice to know they are prepared just in case.



Andy Cunningham

News of our Head Boy and Head Girl

Many congratulations to Josh Hext and Natasha Blezard who have recently taken up the posts of Head Boy and Head Girl at The Lakes School. Congratulations also to our newly appointed Deputy Head Boy Ollie Benjamin and Deputy Head Girl Kelly Graves. They will all play a key role in helping the school improve and will meet regularly with staff and the School Council to talk about their ideas.

Junior Masterchef into the last 100

Lucy Hill, a Year 7 student at The Lakes School, has made it through to the last 100 in the national Junior Masterchef competition. Lucy travelled to Manchester recently to cook up a restaurant quality meal for the judges. Lucy is keeping her fingers crossed that she makes it through to the next round, "I really enjoyed cooking for the judges. I made an asparagus quiche, cheese tart and an Italian salad. The judges said that my pastry was perfect! I just hope they liked it enough to put me through to the next round."

Next week we will be launching our own Masterchef competition in a search for the best Lakes School chef!



MasterChef

Caleb's County Success

Congratulations to Caleb Macdonald who this week was one of five Lakes School athletes to compete in the county athletics championships. Caleb is well known in Year 7 for his ability in throwing events and we are pleased to announce that he achieved second place in the county wide shot put event. Well done, Caleb.

Showcasing the work of our Students

Every year, our students produce some amazing work across the full range of creative subjects. Next week, we will be installing an exhibition of this work in the main hall and we would like to invite you to come and take a look.

There will be a huge range of work on display from areas like art, resistant materials, textiles, photography and many others. Our students will be taken on a tour of the work so they can gain some inspiration and we would welcome any parents who might like to look around the displays.

Please feel free to contact the school if you would like to make arrangements to look at the displays which will be ready for viewing during the week beginning July 7th.