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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2012. As we approach our half term break I wanted to share with you some of the events which have gone on so far this year and draw some future dates to your attention.



Fencing – last week in assembly we saw sisters Tori and Melie Hide fencing. They told the school about how they became interested in the sport, demonstrated a match with all their equipment and answered questions from pupils and staff.

We were privileged to see two young women who are going to Poland to represent England at the Under 15's European Tournament in March. We wish them well.

Year 8 Character Project

Year 8 students have been inspired by the work of Jon Burgerman and the soft toy characters featured in the Vauxhall Corsa advert to create their own masterpieces. The standard has been high this year with students demonstrating skills in areas such as design, sourcing materials and producing for textile outcomes. Traditional sewing skills have allowed the students to create their crazy critters; from bees to superman, owls to Christmas elves and much more! The Year 8 students have worked hard and much of the work has been completed independently at Art Club or at home. The results are excellent so the time has paid off! Well done!



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Careers Convention – help required please!

The school is having a careers event for Year 8 and 9 students on Wednesday 14th March 2012 from 5pm to 7pm.

We want to offer information on a range of occupations and would really appreciate help for the following areas:-

Animal Care/Veterinary
Travel and Tourism
Catering and Hospitality
Construction Trades
Health Related Careers

Agriculture
Law
Art and Design
Retail
Care

If you think that you would be able to help or know anyone else who can, then contact the school office with details. If you have any queries about what the role would involve, please contact Mrs Flo Sawyer.

The Christmas Concert was a great success with many outstanding performances from our musicians. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement with their practice at home.

Our next major event is our production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' on March 20th, 21st and 22nd. Rehearsals are well under way at lunchtimes and Tuesdays after school. There will be a dress rehearsal on Sunday 18th March from 1pm until 6pm so please keep that date free if at all possible. To create the 'flower shop' we are in need of many artificial flowers/plants. Any contributions would be gratefully received.

The Eskdale Festival takes place from Monday 12th March until Friday 16th March, so all instrumentalists and singers should be working towards those performances.

Cashless Catering

Please remind your son/daughter to keep a check on their dinner money account. We have a number of students who continue to forget to 'top up' their account. The 'loan' facility we operate is really there for the 'one-off' time a student forgets their dinner money. Parents will be notified by text or e-mail if a debt is not repaid. Thank you for your co-operation.

Stamps

The school supports the Royal National Institute for Blind People through the collection of used postage stamps. Please send your used stamps to the school office. They should be cut with approximately ½ to 1 cm of envelope surrounding the stamp. Thank you.



Secondhand Uniform Sale During the coming year we are planning to have sales of second hand school uniform. If you have any uniform that no longer fits your child, that is in good clean condition and you are happy to donate it to school, then please send it in. Any money raised by

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the sale of uniform will be put to good use in school. Suitable items are; PE kit, sweatshirts, polo shirts, trousers, skirts and coats. Items can be given to Mrs. Westwood. Many thanks for your support.

Misuse of laser pens/pointers. – Information from our Community Police

Although there have been no reported incidents of permanent injury in the UK, there have been reports of incidents concerning the misuse of pens/pointers by persons deliberately targeting people such as footballers, bus, taxi drivers and fire fighters.

Misuse of laser pointers, whether intentional or reckless, can lead to serious and potentially fatal consequences with criminal prosecutions of offenders ranging from common assault to more serious charges if the incident results in permanent injury to eyesight or a serious or indeed fatal motoring accident.

PTA – after the successful Bingo evening there will be another PTA event before Easter, we will let you know the details early next half term.



Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament at Eskdale School

Four Primary Schools took part in a Basketball Tournament at Eskdale School on Thursday the 26th of January. The Tournament was run by the Eskdale School Year 9 Sport Leaders.

Year 5 and 6 pupils from the following schools competed: Danby, Airy Hill (who entered 2 teams), Stakesby and Ruswarp.

The pupils played a 5 on 5 game of Basketball, which was officiated by the Eskdale Leaders. The Leaders did a superb job running the Tournament, which went very smoothly. Their responsibilities on the day included:- refereeing; announcing; time keeping; scoring and presenting awards.

There were some excellent skills on display from all the Primary Schools. In third place was Airy Hill, Danby came second, with Ruswarp taking first place and the trophy.

The top 3 teams have been invited to represent Whitby in the School Sport Partnership Final at Lady Lumley's in Pickering, on the 8th of March. Congratulations and well done to everyone that took part in the event

Gymnastics

The annual Key Stage 1 gymnastics festivals were recently held at Eskdale School for local Primary School children. Over 120 local youngsters participated in the events organized by the School Sport Partnership. Children from Stakesby, Danby, Fylingdales, Castleton, Lythe, Sleights, Airy Hill, Goathland, St Heddas, East Whitby, West Cliff, Egton and Ruswarp took part. Year 7, 8 and 9 students from Eskdale School developed their own leadership skills by running the event and coaching the youngsters in body management, floor, vault and beam skills. The Eskdale students did a fantastic job running the event, working really well with the much younger children who thoroughly enjoyed their afternoons.

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PE Department The Year 7 girls have made an exciting start to their netballing careers by winning the Partnership Tournament held at Lady Lumley's School. They played against 6 teams, winning all 6 games. The squad showed fantastic team spirit and supported one another throughout.

Cross Country – The County Round

Held on 21st January 2012 at Caedmon School, 12 of our athletes went onto represent Scarborough & District at the next stage of the cross country season against runners from Hambleton & District, Harrogate & Craven and York & Selby. Under difficult conditions they all completed the course and demonstrated tremendous talent and determination. As a result of this Maddalena Mastrolonardo (Yr 7) who came 3rd and Frazer Clacherty (Yr9) who came 8th have been selected to represent North Yorkshire on Saturday 4th February at the Inter County race in Cumbria. They should all be full of pride for their exceptional achievements. We wish Frazer and Maddalena every success.



Ski Trip 2013

The proposed 8 day trip to Austria is planned for 26th January 2013. The total cost for the trip is £656. There has been great interest shown so far and if anyone else would like to take up this opportunity please contact Mrs Scales by Wednesday 8th February.

Holidays – after February I will not be authorising holidays in term time. I know that for many families this will be difficult, but I am having to bring the school into line with the other senior schools in Whitby who have this policy. If you wish to discuss special circumstances please contact me at school.

School finishes for half term at 3.25pm on Friday 10th February and re-opens on Monday 20th February at 8.55am.

Thank you,

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