

ESKDALE NEWS

A place of belonging, a place of inspiration



It has been a great start to 2020 here at Eskdale in our first half term. The Ski Trip to Austria was a huge success, and our students were stretched and encouraged during our annual trip to Bewerley Park. It has been wonderful to see how much our young people have been engaging in learning opportunities, and we are delighted to celebrate their successes with you. I wish everyone a great holiday and look forward to seeing you all with fresh energy after half term.

Mr Fyfe



Notices

- Year 9 Vaccinations will be taking place on the first Wednesday back after half term (February 26th). If you have yet filled out the online forms, please ensure you do so as soon as possible. The information letter can be found at the end of this newsletter.
- Year 10 Parents evening will be held on Thursday 27th February, the first Thursday back after half term, from 4pm until 6:30pm. Letters have been sent home with all Year 10 students with details. Please remember to return the slips attached to these letters after half term.
- The visit to London will be taking place from Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th March. Students will be given more detailed information after half term. If your child is enrolled on this trip, please make sure you are up to date on payments as soon as possible after the holiday.

Bewerley Park Trip 2020

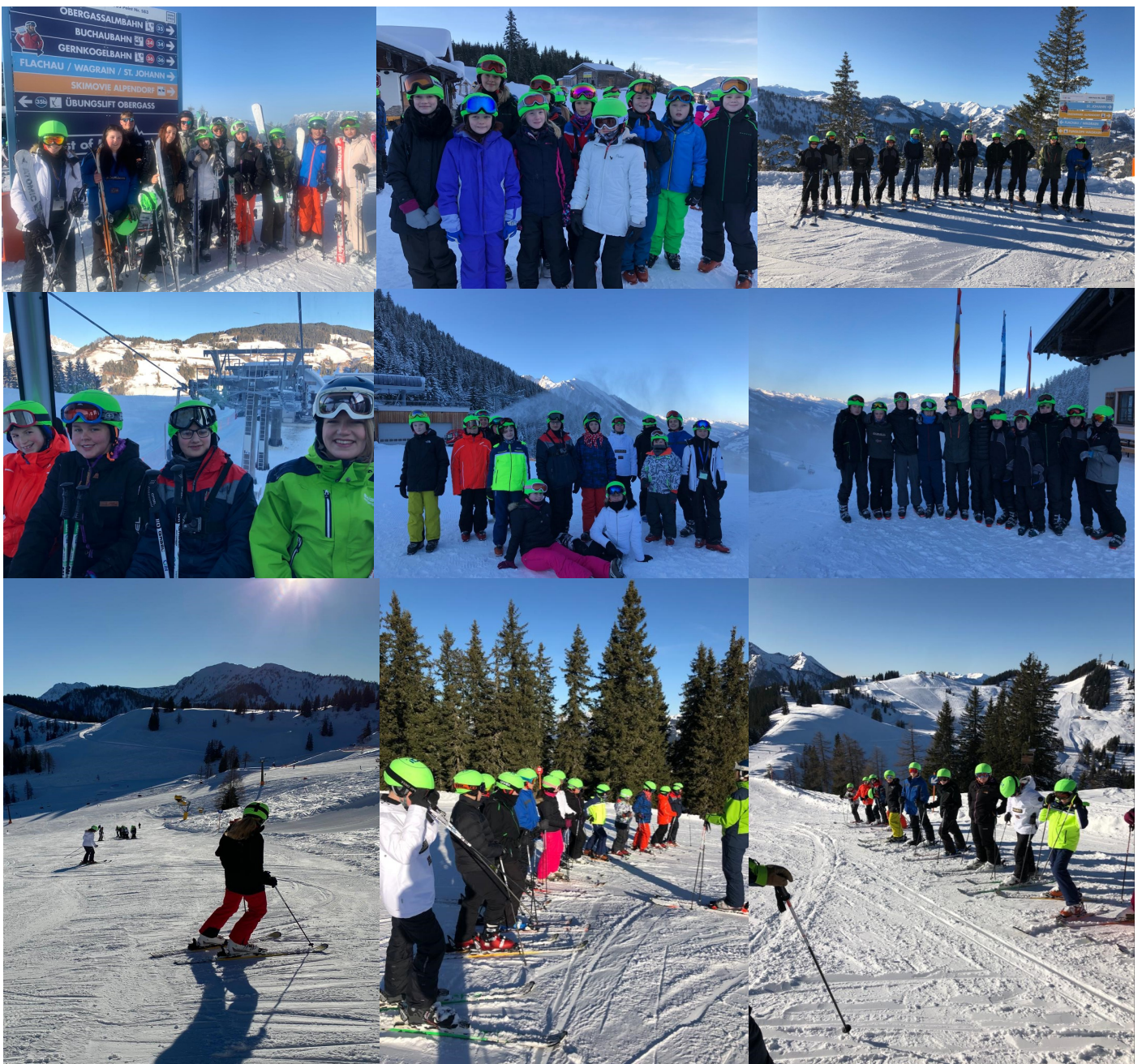
'Bewerley Park was an amazing experience and I would do anything to go back. We got to spend a week with our friends and getting to know other people and the teachers whilst doing fantastica activities like caving, canoeing and all sorts of other hard but exciting activities. The nights were really good and everyone was happy. From night walks to fashion everything was a good laugh and lots of excitement. When we were in the dorms, there were so many jokes and fun. One minute we were all just chilling around stuffing our faces with sweets and crisps and the next everybody was scared to death from Miss Head's ghost story. My favourite activity was caving which happened to be the most scary activity to me, but I got to face my fear and try lots of new things. It was very cold and deep, but we got to learn about stalagmites and stalagtites. We never had to do anything we didn't want to, but the leaders were extremely kind and persuasive and made everything really good fun. We all enjoyed and appreciated the chance and experience. The food was delicious, and we all enjoyed something warm and nice after very cold, wet days.'

Layarna Brion, 8R



Ski Trip January 2020

This year's Ski Trip was a huge success! Students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to stretch themselves and have fun on the slopes, persevering through the challenges and enjoying the experience immensely. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip, and thank everyone who attended for making the trip a memorable one.



Eco Club Update

We are very pleased to announce that last term our school achieved a Bronze Eco-School Award. Students from all years have been helping to achieve the Award making our school more eco-friendly.

So far this year, we have introduced more recycling points from mixed recycling to crisp packets, continually raising money for the World Land Trust to help prevent mass extinction through loss of habitat; reducing the amount of plastic entering our oceans by making eco-bricks and increasing awareness with products like bees wax wraps and bee bombs.

Last week Eco Club spent their Friday lunchtime creating bird feeders and Christmas labels out of re-used material such as toilet roll tubes and cards. We are looking forward to becoming more creative in the garden as spring begins.

Written by Imogen Callaghan, Amy Hutchinson, Milly Lonsdale Marr and Mrs Aldous

Eco Tip/Fact of the week: Did you know that over 1 million cards are sold every year in the UK for Christmas? Maybe next year only send to those loved ones you don't see, or perhaps eco-cards might be the way forward.



Rotary Club Junior Writing Competition

Eskdale Winners!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our students have won 8 out of a possible 9 prizes in the Whitby District Rotary Young Writer's Competition! The winners are:

11-13 Age Group

Ellie Jackson-Fishpool, 9K
Adam Hodgson, 9F
Greg Walsh, 8K
Layarna Brion, 8R

14-17 Age Group

Reece Brion, 10K
Alfie Harrison, 10B
Isabelle Waller, 10B
Anna-Jane Coates, 10B

Congratulations to all our winners! We are very proud of the talented writers we have the privilege of teaching!

Maths at Eskdale

Last Thursday, 60 of our students took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge for students up to and including Year 11. We will find out our results in 6-8 weeks. Whatever the outcome, we are proud of the time and effort the students have put in to this competition.

The month of March is Maths Month, and includes several fun events and opportunities for our students. On Friday March 6th, four year 10 students will be attending a 'Maths Feast' in Scarborough. On Friday March 13th there will be guest speakers in school for Year 7 and 8 students. Finally, on Tuesday March 24th a team from Eskdale will be taking part in the UKMT Team Challenge. Last year we won the regional heat in this challenge and competed in the final in London, so we have high hopes for success.

We look forward to seeing students learn more about how fun Maths can be!

Mrs Hurworth

Maths Department

The Sports Review

Key Steps Gymnastics Events

Over the past two weeks, Eskdale Sports leaders have helped to host, deliver and judge three events for 48 teams from 12 different local primary schools in gymnastics. Students ranging from as young as 6 years old right through to 11 years of age have demonstrated their outstanding gymnastic skills here at Eskdale School.

Eskdale School Sports Leaders provided fun, active and enjoyable skills based gymnastics tasks such as body management, floor routines and vaults. It was a pleasure to see so many happy faces on the children competing, who gave it their maximum effort and enthusiasm. They had an amazing time, which was credit to the warmth and motivation displayed by their older peers. The gym was electric with excitement and the Sports leaders conduct was exemplary. Well done to all the leaders, the PE Department could not be prouder of you all.

We would like to thank Mr Hopper and Mrs Raw from CCW for their invaluable help! Eskdale School PE Department will look forward to seeing many of the children return as our new year 7 cohort next academic year.

Mr McGovern and Mrs Scales
PE Department



The Sports Review Continued ...

U13 Indoor 8 a side Cricket

Eskdale U13s travelled to Lady Lumley's last week to play in the Whitby/Ryedale indoor 8 a side softball tournament. Eskdale's first game was against close rivals Caedmon College. Some excellent bowling by Finlay Raine and Joey Kelley restricted Eskdale to 49 runs. Top scorer was Alfie Jackson with 11.

Jim Pierson and Robbie Hogarth bowled tight but Caedmon (F.Raine, 15no) won in the 7 over giving Eskdale 1 point from the loss. The next fixture was against table toppers Ryedale who had 4 district players in the squad. Eskdale bowled first and managed to restrict Ryedale to 84, a reachable total especially indoors with 4's and 6's counting from the surrounding walls.

A couple of early wickets allowed Alfie Jackson and Aaron Locker in to bat and both boys tried to push the 3's and hit the 6's when given the chance. A real push in the 6 over meant Eskdale needed 31 from the last. Locker and Jackson both retired on 15 giving Tommy Jackson chance to swing the bat. Sadly Eskdale fell 19 runs short but the lads played superbly against a very good side.

The last two games were against Lady Lumley's, the first to complete the league draw and the second to complete a 3rd place play off. Eskdale managed a comfortable victory in the first game reaching 88 runs and bowling Lumley's out for 37. The second was a tighter affair with all Eskdale players bowling 1 over and Lumley's reaching a total of 75. Eskdale altered the batting order to try something different but it nearly worked as Locker, Jackson and Hogarth all retired leaving Elliott to push towards the total with 6 balls left.

It wasn't to be and Eskdale fell short by 4 but the boys were superb and Mr Raw thoroughly enjoyed his hot chocolate kindly supplied by the 6th form team at Lumley's.

Cricket nets start after Easter for all students at Eskdale, the more the merrier.

Mr Raw

PE Department

The Sports Review Continued ...

U15 District Hockey Trials

Girls from Y10 attended these trials during recent months, and I am delighted that the following four have been selected: Janaya Jay; Carla Brown; Eve Nock and Anna Willison. The girls have continued to show commitment towards the sport since starting secondary school and their attendance at the local hockey club has definitely helped to nurture and develop their talents. Best of luck in your up and coming district fixtures.

Mrs Scales

PE Department



Janaya Jay; Carla Brown and Eve Nock

Y9 Whitby/Ryedale Netball Tournament

It was clear from the enthusiasm and team spirit that the girls displayed last week that they thoroughly enjoyed their opportunity to both play a sport they enjoy and represent the school. The girls faced opposition from Ryedale, Malton and Lady Lumley students and at times linked some great passing shots resulting in a number of goals. Overall winners from the afternoon were Ryedale A Team. I would like to congratulate Jorja, Emily, Maddy, Ellie, Sophie, Belle, Alisha and Kelsie for their efforts and continued commitment towards the department.

Mrs Scales

PE Department



World Book Day!!

Eskdale School's World Book Day will be held this year on **Friday 6th March 2020**. We appreciate that this is a day later than normal, but we already have a very exciting KS4 event in school on Thursday 5th (details to follow).

As has become an Eskdale school tradition, we will hold a range of exciting activities to mark this very special day. We would appreciate a **donation of £1 for students to wear non-uniform** for the day, but the English department would be especially thrilled to see students **dress up as characters from their favourite stories and make a donation of just 50p**. There will be prizes for the best, most imaginative costumes. We will also hold a **staff costume competition!**

We will have a **cake sale** at break time in the hall. This is always a very well supported event and we would be **very grateful for any kind donations of cakes/baked goods**. Please bring them to the hall on the morning of Friday 6th. Cakes can then be purchased for 50p, with all money raised going towards literary resources for the students.

At dinner time, we will hold our annual **Book Swap** event. This is a free event, where we ask students to bring a book they have finished reading and swap it for a book they haven't tried yet. This is always a very popular event and donations of books would be gratefully received—please hand these in to your English teacher.

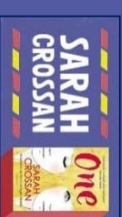
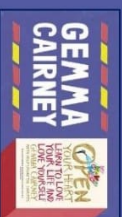
Finally, we are asking **every Eskdale student to talk to their families about stories they love!** This could be family favourites, books you loved from your time at school, a special bedtime story you used to read together, or even a spoken word story about something that happened in real life! We would be grateful if you could please fill out the Grass Roots Stories sheet and send it back in to school, so we can talk about the stories that shape our family and community identities.

Thank you, as ever, for all of your support

The English Department



~CAKE SALE! – COSTUMES! – BOOK SWAP!~



Eskdale School's World Book Day

Friday 6th March 2020

READING IS POWER
READ UP, SPEAK UP, CHANGE THE WORLD

£1 non-uniform, or just 50p if you come dressed as a character from a book.

Please bring donations of cakes to the hall on Friday morning.

Cakes on sale at break time.





Dear parent/guardian,

We recently came into one of Eskdale School assemblies to tell your teen all about NCS. Hopefully, they'll fill you in, but here's a little overview of who we are and what we're about...

NCS is an experience specially designed for 16-17 year olds. We give young people a few weeks out over the summer holiday to meet new people, try new things and cover new ground. We're all about helping teenagers realise their potential, by giving them a taste for independence and loading them up with new skills so they can go on to smash their future goals.

As a national youth programme, NCS is made up of lots of regional providers – and that's where we come in. (Hello!) We're Flying Futures and we're your local NCS provider. Last year we took students away from Eskdale School and this year is your teens turn!

Technically a spot on our three-week programme costs around £1,500 but because we're government-funded, we only ask for a contribution. The most you'll pay is £50, and we also offer bursaries – so *everyone* can do NCS.

This summer, we've got a few dates you can choose from:

- Wave 1** (29th June 2020) NCS Fest
- Wave 2** (06th July 2020) NCS Fest or The Lakes
- Wave 3** (13th July 2020) NCS Fest or The Lakes
- Wave 4** (20th July 2020) NCS Fest or The Lakes
- Wave 5** (27th July 2020) NCS Fest or The Lakes
- Wave 6** (03rd August 2020) NCS Fest

Want to find out more? Head to: **wearencs.com**, and you can also sign up to confirm your place here too. Alternatively, if you have any questions or don't think these dates will work with your summer plans, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out: **0800 197 8010**

Kind regards,

Jack Barnes

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February 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Protecting Your Children Against Meningitis and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio

Your child is being offered two vaccines in Year 9. These are the MenACWY vaccine which helps to protect against **Meningitis** and **Septicaemia**, and the DTP booster which helps to protect against **Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio**.

How do I give my consent?

Go to www.hdft.nhs.uk/year9form

Enter the School Code **121668** and click “**Find School**”.

Complete the form with your child’s information and parent/guardian contact information*.

Click the **green “Submit” button**.

*Once submitted, if you provide a valid email address, you will receive an automatic confirmation email. We will also email you to let you know that your child has been vaccinated in school. If your child has specific medical requirements, one of our nurses may need to get in touch before we are due to visit school. We routinely share your child’s vaccination information with your registered GP surgery.

The deadline for online consents is 23rd February 2020

Why is the Meningitis vaccine being offered?

The **MenACWY vaccination** helps to protect your child against four types of meningococcal bacteria (groups A, C, W and Y) that can cause **meningitis** (inflammation of the lining of the brain) and **septicaemia** (blood poisoning). These diseases are very serious and can **kill**, especially if not diagnosed early. Cases of meningococcal W disease (“MenW”) in England have **increased significantly** in recent years, and it is in response to this rise in cases that this vaccine was introduced. Last year in North Yorkshire most Year 9 children had this vaccine in school.



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Why is the Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccine being offered?

The **3-in-1 DTP booster vaccine** helps protect your child against three severe diseases; **diphtheria, tetanus** and **polio**.

Diphtheria is a serious disease that can **damage the heart and nervous system**, and in severe cases, it can **kill**.

Tetanus is a painful disease affecting the nervous system which can lead to **muscle spasms, breathing problems** and can **kill**.

Polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system which can cause **permanent paralysis of muscles**. If it affects the chest muscles or the brain, polio can **kill**. Last year in North Yorkshire most Year 9 children had this vaccine in school.

Where can I find out more?

We hope that the information provided addresses any concerns you or your child might have about these vaccinations. By having these vaccines your child will be protecting themselves and others from very serious diseases. It is important that this letter is shared with your child.

For more information regarding the **MenACWY** vaccination please visit this website:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine

For more information regarding the **DTP booster** vaccination please visit this website:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster

For more information about **our service** please visit: www.hdft.nhs.uk/immconsent

If you have any questions regarding this programme, or you believe your child's vaccination status is not up to date **please contact the Childhood Immunisation Team** by emailing childhood.immunisations@hdft.nhs.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Lois Alderson
Clinical Lead for Childhood Immunisations for North Yorkshire and City of York



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