

# THiS Week



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*Education as it should be*

## CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 18 November, our whole school came together to raise money for the incredible charity, Children in Need.



Our Prep School children had great fun raising money for Children in Need. Nursery pupils were very excited to bring a teddy from home to join them for the day and set up their own picnic.

The children counted the plates and cups carefully as well as the cutlery to make sure there was enough for everyone before choosing what the bears would like to eat.

The fun continued in PE when they discovered Pudsey's spots had fallen off his bandage onto the parachute. The children worked together as a team to see if they could catch the spots and even put their bears through their paces with some exercising!



Our Senior School and Sixth Form students took part in a range of exciting activities. From leg waxing to penalty shoot outs, bake sales to tug of wars, all our staff and students had the opportunity to get involved and raise money.

Across the full school, we raised a grand total of £1,311.81! A huge well done goes to Holly in Year 9 who raised £400 of this total individually through a Strictly Come Dancing sweepstake.

Thank you all for your generosity!

**Miss Hall and Miss Connor**





# WELCOME

With only three weeks left in the autumn term, the build up to Christmas is well under way!

On Tuesday 15 November, our creative students received an interesting workshop and Tea-Time Talk from published illustrator, Liz Million. Liz spoke about how she became an illustrator, what it was like to study Art at university in London and guided our students with their drawings during the session. Thank you for such a great insight into the creative industry!

Last Thursday saw our Upper Prep pupils travelling to The Northwood Trail near York. Despite the rain, they had an excellent day, examining all of the different sustainable landmarks and finishing the day with a treasure trail. Our Year 8 students travelled back in time to experience life in Industrial Britain at the Workhouse Museum, Ripon. Thank you to our staff who organise these trips, giving our students a broader experience of the school curriculum.

As you can see from our front cover, we once again supported Children in Need last Friday. It makes me very proud every year to see how all of our staff and students come together to raise money for this incredible cause.

Tuesday saw our Senior students rehearsing for the upcoming performance of Jason and the Argonauts on Tuesday 29 November at 5.00pm. Tickets for this event can be purchased through the link on our Facebook page.

Today we held our annual Senior School Speech Day with guest speaker, Colin Maclachlan. On a day when we recognise and celebrate academic, sporting and musical successes, it was fantastic to be joined by so many parents and guests including governors and former members of staff. It was also wonderful to welcome back former students now enjoying the next stages of their education or career. We saw prizes and trophies awarded alongside GCSE and A-level certificates following years of hard work and dedication to studies.

I am now looking forward to all of the festive celebrations we have coming up. Our Christmas Market is tomorrow, followed by our Festive Family Forest School, our Winter Music Concert, well deserved end of term celebrations and much, much more!

I hope you enjoy reading our latest newsletter.

**Mrs K Mackenzie, Head**



## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Last Sunday, the last of our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh cohorts started their expedition training.

They took to the Cleveland Hills to complete the Captain Cooks Monument to Roseberry Topping walk. The groups impressed us with their navigation skills and enthusiasm.

All of our Duke of Edinburgh groups will now continue to work on their Skill, Physical and Volunteering sections and pick up their expedition training in March.

Well Done to all involved!

**Miss Hopkins**



## Girls' Football Enrichment

Our girls' Football team has been in full swing since the start of the autumn term!

The club created a lot of interest and the girls have enjoyed learning the rules of the game and putting their skills to the test on the pitch.

Well done to Roxie in Year 7 who has been selected to join the Stockton

District School girls team!

Good luck to our older girls as they have their trials coming up soon.

Keep up the great work!

**Miss Connor**



## U13 and U14 Girls' Netball

Our girls' Netball teams were out in full force competing against some strong opposition in the last fortnight!

Our U13B team and U14 team competed in excellent fashion against Ian Ramsey Academy. Our U13B team won 13-7 (Player of the Match - Bethea) and our U14 team won 15-7

(Player of the Match - Ivy).

Then it was our U13A team in action who drew 5-5 against Red House School. The game was end-to-end and we were in the lead with minutes to go. A player injury in the dying minutes meant Red House School could capitalise and equalise (Player

of the Match - Anisa).

The U13B team were also locked in an end-to-end battle with Red House School's B team, but managed to pull away at the end, winning 8-4 (Player of the Match - Bethea).

**Mrs Chapman**



## Silver Duke of Edinburgh

On Sunday 13 November, our Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups started their expedition training.

They took to the Yorkshire Dales where they developed their skills on walking on a bearing and pacing.

The groups worked exceptionally well despite challenging visibility. Well done, all! I am looking forward to working with you in the future.

**Miss Hopkins**



# Year 2 letters to Santa

The children have been working hard in English to learn about letters, in particular persuasive letters.

We thought at this time of the year, who better to write persuasive letters to than Santa himself!

The children have worked hard to be able to write expanded noun phrases, so that Santa is very clear on the presents they would like, adverbs, so that they can explain all of the ways and reasons as to why they should be on the good list and conjunctions, so that they could justify their gift requests and add further detail.

Some of the children even managed a rhetorical question, just to help Santa think and realise how much they

deserved their presents.

The children also thought of a wish for others and appreciated that some people are not as fortunate as themselves at this time of year.

Having written their letters, the children excitedly took their letters along to see Miss Mackenzie who helped them to put their envelopes through the franking machine before sending them off to the North Pole.

We hope that Santa enjoys reading our letters and hope that he agrees that we have been good boys and girls this year!

Mrs Kennedy



## Building dens

Pre-Prep pupils have been building dens for their mini george figure in their Forest School lessons.

They really enjoyed exploring the woodland to find different materials that they could go on to use for their mini figures and test how stable they are.

Miss Hopkins



## I'm Alive

Pre-Prep children have had a exciting start to their new IPC unit, *I'm Alive*.

They designed and created their own miniature gardens. The children collected items during a walk in the school grounds and along with some extra resources began to create their landscapes.

They thought carefully about the spaces they wanted to create and planted lettuce and cress seeds.

The children have now taken their gardens home and are nurturing them carefully. They are looking forward to the seeds growing!

Mrs Hannah



# Nursery Rhyme Week

Nursery have had a very exciting week as they have taken part in World Nursery Rhyme Week.

Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. They boost vocabulary and language development, help develop literacy skills, provide a fun way to support early mathematics skills and help children develop social, emotional and physical skills.

The week began with the children excitedly sharing their Busy Book task from the weekend which was for them to try and choose their favourite Nursery Rhyme before enjoying lots of rhymes in Nursery. From *5 Little Speckled Frogs* and *Humpty Dumpty* to *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* and *Miss Polly had a Dolly*, the week has been filled with singing and a huge variety of related activities.

For example, the children have transformed paper plates into speckled frogs whilst practising their cutting skills, developing their subitising

and number recognition skills when counting stars and matching to the correct number and even put Humpty Dumpty back together again with plasters. A selection of the children's wonderful work is now proudly on display in the corridor outside Nursery and the children were delighted to be awarded a certificate in recognition of their hard work.

Miss Hall



## Anti-Bullying Week

As part of their work during Anti-Bullying Week, Nursery pupils set up a friendship bracelet making station.

The children all discussed how important it is to be a kind friend

and ways in which we can be kind to people and help them.

They then started making a vast array of bracelets to share with their friends and families.

Picking up the little sequins proved an excellent way of the children developing the muscles in their hands as they become writers of the future.

Mathematics skills were also used as the children counted the sequins and talked about the different patterns



## Forest School

Reception children have thoroughly been enjoying their Forest School lessons.

They have been focusing on wildlife and their habitats and have created some imaginative safe spaces for the small creatures that live on our school site.

They have also enjoyed cooking up some wonderful creations in the mud kitchen.

I am very impressed Reception, keep up the great work!

Miss Hopkins



they could make.

The final task was of course making sure the bracelets were all the correct size so their measuring skills were also required.

Miss Hall



# The Northwood Trail

On Thursday 17 November, the children in Upper Prep 1 and Upper Prep 2 braved the torrential rain to visit The Northwood Trail, England's Fairy Sanctuary near York.

This trip supports our work in our IPC unit, *Going Global*, by considering the idea of eco-tourism. The owners of the trail have converted a simple area of woodland into a fairy sanctuary using sustainable materials. The site is off grid, relying on solar panels for their electricity supply. They also treat their own water and use ethically sourced products in their café. Christian from the trail explained the advantages and challenges faced by running such an attraction, weighing up the benefits and



advantages of treading more lightly on the environment with the expectations of their visitors and the practicalities of running such a business in 2022. Following this talk, the children were able to explore the trail and see first hand how the attraction, including the maze and seating areas had been created using natural materials.

After lunch, the children were able to complete a treasure trail which helped them to focus more closely on how the visitor attraction had been created. It was also lovely to see how many of the children used this as a stimulus to fuel their own imagination.

Back in school, the children will be considering more carefully the impact of tourism on the environment and creating their own promise charter for their own eco-tourist resort. They will be able to draw on their learning from the trip to support this task.

**Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Leck**



## Peri Music lessons

In Upper Prep, the children have been developing their percussion playing skills through forming a samba group as part of their Peri Music lessons.

The main groove of the music is

intersected with varying breaks and they are working hard to structure it all together as one piece.

**Mr Wing**

## Bushcraft Club

In Bushcraft Club, our pupils were thrilled when they walked into the woodland and found the new fire pit that our wonderful site team had built for them.

They enjoyed using the flint and steel to create the fire, they then learnt how to maintain it.

I was very impressed with their fire making skills and also how they made sure to follow all of the safety rules when handling fires.

Great work, Bushcraft Club!

**Miss Hopkins**



## Primary Mathematics Challenge

On Wednesday 16 November, Year 6 along with Lyla and Corey from Year 5 took part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge.

They worked hard to complete some complicated mathematics problems within a time limit.

We are proud of all of the children who took part. We were particularly

impressed with Grayson and Florence B's scores of 17/25 - just one mark away from Gold!

**Miss Lockerbie**

## Lower Prep Choir practice

In Lower Prep, the children have been working hard to develop their voices and sing together as a choir.

After a successful performance for the Remembrance Day service, we are now hard at work learning songs for the schools Winter Music Concert (Thursday 8 December) and Carol Service (Friday 16 December).

You all sounded amazing!

**Mr Wing**



## Feel the Force

Lower Prep have had an exciting and energetic start to their new topic, *Feel the Force*.

They took part in some games of tug

of war and had to consider which team would win and why.

They will use this activity to inform their knowledge harvest all about

forces later in the week.

Fantastic work, Lower Prep!

**Miss Lockerbie**







# Liz Million

On Tuesday 15 November, AG&T students from across both Prep and Senior Schools took part in a very special workshop with published illustrator, Liz Million.

Working in a very distinctive way, Liz's illustrations bring simple characters to life so their vivid outlines really tell the story. She showed students that with just small adjustments, their characters could go from happy to sad, worried to surprised. Students worked hard to create their own sketches and designs and learned such a lot from Liz's infectious, enthusiastic teaching.

Liz followed the afternoon with a lively and fully interactive Tea-Time Talk. Everyone was drawing - students, parents, grandparents and staff! It was fascinating to see the different illustrations that appeared

on everyone's paper even though the instructions and stimulus were the same. Liz spoke about how she became an illustrator, what it was like to study Art at university in London and the strange requests she often gets from publishers she draws for!

The competition is now on to see who can create a new illustration mascot for their House. Using Liz's techniques, can you create a new Victoria, Cleveland or Woodside House mascot? You could win some of Liz's original illustrations from the workshop! See Mrs Shevels or Mrs Machan for more details.

**Mrs Shevels**



## Year 9 and 10

### Astronomy

### lessons

Astronomy is offered by our Physics Department as an initiative for our AG&T students in Years 9 and 10.

They have to be able to recognise constellations and asterisms in the celestial sphere as part of the GCSE specification.

Here are our students researching, then making models of Cygnus, Cassiopeia, Orion, the Plough and Crux!

**Ms Goodman**



# Introducing our Senior Prefects

We are delighted to introduce our Senior School Prefect team who took up their positions in September and have enjoyed a term of responsibilities.

This has included lunchtime duties, meeting and greeting at events and ensuring visitors are well looked after whenever in school.

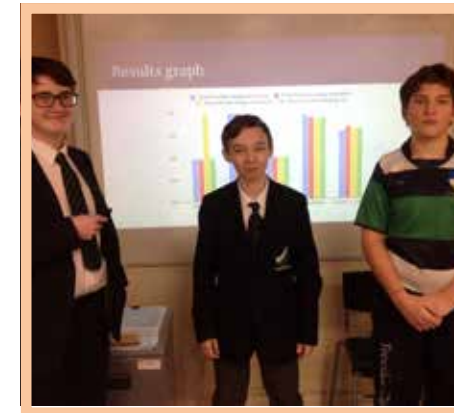
Following a rigorous selection process including a letter of application against a job description and interviews with our Deputy Head and Head student team, the group then underwent training to help them develop their

leadership style and skills which they will continue with next term.

We are really enjoying working with the team who are demonstrating responsibility, commitment and resilience in the challenges they face.

Senior Prefects are: Joseph, Ben, David, Ruby, Holly, Alexa, Emmeline and Elisa.

**Miss Stephens**



## Science projects

Last week in Science Enrichment Club, students presented their findings from their research projects. This week they investigated which materials were best at slowing down the speed of cars!

**Mrs Jackson**



## Workhouse Museum

On Thursday 17 November, Year 8 students stepped back in time to experience life in Industrial Britain at the Workhouse Museum, Ripon.

Our morning was based around crime and punishment. Students got into character to act out the arrest and sentencing of the notorious Sinkler brothers followed by the punishment trail where they found out the gruesome details of the awful punishments inflicted on those in Ripon's Liberty Prison.

Then it was off to the courthouse where students had to get into character once again as they acted out a historic trial. In the afternoon,

we visited the Workhouse!

After a look around, the students had to put themselves into the shoes of the Guardians of the Workhouse to



differentiate between the deserving poor and the idle! Well done to all students who were involved and made the day such a brilliant experience!

**Miss O'Byrne**



# Charity Shoebox Appeal

This year, we carried out another Shoebox Appeal led by Freya in Year 13 for the amazing charity, Link to Hope.

The boxes will be delivered to children, families and older people in Eastern Europe who otherwise would not receive anything this Christmas. We are delighted to share that we received an incredible total of 116 shoeboxes! This beat last year's total by 72 additional shoeboxes!

to everyone who helped reach this fantastic total, you have helped make someones Christmas very special! A shoutout goes to a generous parent who made a thoughtful cash donation to go towards our appeal. Well done, Freya, for organising another fantastic appeal. We are very proud of you!

We would like to say a huge thank you **Miss Connor**



## Work experience wanted!

Could you offer to share your job expertise with a THS Sixth Form student? We already have a wide range of employers, from florists and photographers to GPs and solicitors on our work experience database, and we are always looking for ways to enlarge what we can offer and to reflect the needs of future employers.

Anything from a day's shadowing you in your workplace, to a telephone call about your career path is always hugely appreciated by our aspiring workforce. Please contact [jbird@teessidehigh.co.uk](mailto:jbird@teessidehigh.co.uk) if you feel able to volunteer your expertise.

**Miss Bird**



## Jason and the Argonauts

We shall recall the glorious deeds of men and women long ago. Deeds of Jason and his Argonauts, who propelled their ship the Argo over the vast sea. The most exciting and adventurous expedition of all ages...

And, if that isn't enough to whet your appetite, the show starts at 5.00pm and ends by 6.15pm so you will still have time to watch the England vs Wales World Cup match!

Please visit our Facebook page where you can find a link to purchase your tickets for next Tuesdays performace!

**Mr Coates**



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