



THE NETHERHALL ECHO



Welcome to the newsletter, bringing you up-to-date information about the School.

30th October – 10th November 2017



Netherhall School Remembers



The Dying Soldier

I write this letter to my mother and father
While I lay in the blood water and mud

I'm in my teens and things don't look good.
The guns are firing, my blood is draining and it's
raining.

The guns are now blazing and time is ticking,
Please don't mourn us we did our best and always us
in the past.

NEVER FORGET

By Ana Penman

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is like someone is in the wrong and they
say sorry and you say yes that is forgiveness

Like soldiers should forgive us because sometimes we
forget them and we should not because they died
so we should have a better life,

So remember forgiveness like soldiers so just
remember.

By Emily Jackson 7CH

Those we love
don't go away,
they walk beside us
everyday
unseen, unheard,
but always near.
Still loved,
still missed
and very near

By Luke McKnight

Forgiveness

There is an age old saying 'forgive and forget'
But that does not mean we cannot regret
The choices which we have made
And the prices we have paid
To protect what we hold dear
All of those both far and near
For help must be given to those in need
So we cannot show an ounce of greed
We must show love, compassion and kindness
For the sake of the future we must forgive the past
If we want our happiness to last
We must forgive all, especially ourselves
So that we never have to hear the toll of death bells
We are here on this day of remembrance
A day in which we hold in reverence
To thank the brave souls for their service
You make me proud to be British
So yes we must forgive
But never forget.

By Kelly Pearce

Remember, remember the 11th of November
Eternally grateful
Memories will stay forever
Every soldier was loved
Many families lost dads, husbands and brothers
Because they gave everything
End of world war
Rest in peace
Always in our hearts
Never forgotten
Courageous
England's heroes

By Tilly Joy 7AD



School Council

Every student has a voice and an opinion. To ensure that every student is able to get their view, concerns and opinions heard we have a Student Council. The Student Council is extensive with representatives nominated and voted for within their tutor group. These representatives will meet with other students within their year group and the head of year. This gives all students a voice within their year group.

Issues that arise from here, which are whole school related, are then brought to the full School Council where they are discussed across all year groups by representatives voted for by their peers.

School Council structure



All council representatives are expected to take this position of responsibility seriously and to help improve and drive the school forward acting as ambassadors within the school and the local community.

School Council



Positions of responsibility

Growing as an individual goes hand in hand with gaining good exam results. We encourage young people to take on roles of responsibility which allow them to grow as people and develop those personal skills that employers want and that will stand them in good stead long after they have left school. These include reliability, honesty, independence responsibility to name but a few.

To support the personal development of our students there are a range of positions available for them to take on across all year groups. These include sports prefects in Years 12 and 13, library assistants, school prefects, sports captains and representatives on the School Council.

All students that hold any of these positions have responsibilities associated to their specific roles. Underpinning this there are clear expectations for all those with responsibility, which are:

- Be a role model and display excellent behaviour.
- Take responsibility for my actions.
- Show consideration and respect for others.
- Abide by the school rules.
- Support school events, discharging any duties required

We have an amazing group of students at Netherhall and I am very sure that they will more than live up to the expectations of their roles and be great ambassadors for the school and role models both around school and within our community.

Library assistants



Sports Captains



Prefects



Morning Maths

All pupils in Years 10 and 11 have received mathematics revision guides and workbooks for use in registration at least 4 mornings per week. This will allow pupils to consolidate and extend their understanding of mathematical topics which they will be assessed on in their GCSE.

The extra 15 minutes of mathematics in the morning may not initially appear to be a significant amount of time, but if we do the maths...

At least 15 minutes per day extra:

= at least 60 minutes extra maths practice per week

= at least 1440 minutes (24 hours) extra maths practice before Year 11 pupils sit their GCSE

= at least 3000 minutes (50 hours) extra maths practice before Year 10 pupils sit their GCSE

This extra practice, along with independent revision at home will further enhance their mathematical understanding and give all pupils the opportunity to aim for higher grades in the challenging 9-1 mathematics GCSE.

Mr Bell
Assistant Headteacher



"Wobbly Words" ... Spelling Intervention Sessions Years 7-9

Winnie the Pooh has always been full of wise words - and none more so than his adage about spelling.

It can often be a barrier to success when writing in class and ultimately in exams, and is one of the biggest issues for those who find writing a challenge.

Here at Netherhall, we are running regular spelling intervention sessions for targeted pupils to try and help. Pupils who have a spelling age that is significantly lower than their chronological age are attending short sessions, four times a week, to try and secure strategies to help with their spelling issues.

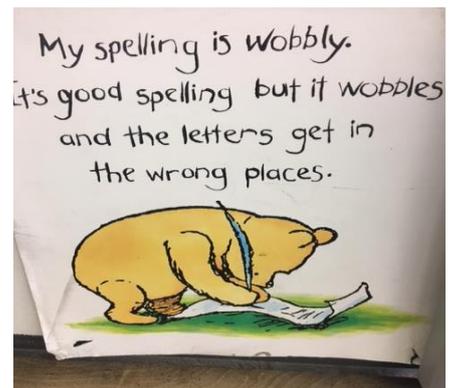
The aim is to create a forum outside the busy school day, where the sole focus is on improving spelling, and subsequently, increasing self-confidence when faced with the challenge of independent writing. Pupils attending the sessions said the following...

"I enjoy coming to these morning sessions. My spellings are getting a little bit better each day"

"I think it has helped me so much with my spelling cross all subjects"

"It's made me think about if the word looks right, and where I put the letters"

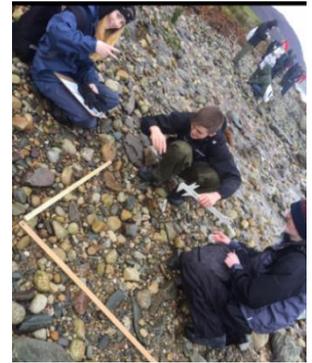
Winnie the Pooh would be proud!



Mrs Askew
English teacher/ Intervention co-ordinator

Year 12/13 Geography Trip – Isle of Arran

Our journey began on a rainy Monday morning, after lugging all our bags up to Sixth Form to say our dramatic farewells before we headed off on our three-day trip. With The storm brewing off the coast we set off rather swiftly in our mini bus which was crammed with pupils and bags stacked up like building blocks. The trip to the ferry took longer than expected due to certain bathroom breaks and by the time we got to boarding the ferry everyone was drained of all energy but there was still a glimmer of excitement as we waited to board... sadly we missed the ferry we were supposed to take because of some complications with the booking. So, flash forward a couple of hours, after a café stop in the nearby ASDA we were finally on the ferry. The ferry was freezing and the waves were oddly calm despite the storm, the wind however was a different story, but beside that the view was breath taking. After many photos and snacking we arrived on the Isle of Arran, and back on the mini bus it was. A short drive later we arrived at the research centre in Lochranza to a warm welcome. We all got settled into our rooms to get ready for the next few days...



Rising early to a made breakfast we prepared to go out on the beach between Lochranza and Catacol for the day. The weather was cold but suitable to still work in. We split into our groups after a demonstration from our guide Beth and began to work. Collecting data turned out to be more fun than expected, it was made all the better by the arrival of a seal bobbing in the rough sea glancing at us while we worked. After braving the chilling wind the longshore drift data was all written down and it was time for lunch! This however could not happen until we ventured up a fell to eat with a scenic view. This was made more amusing when Josh's Wagon Wheel served its round design well by rolling down the side of the fell. After a small walk back down to the beach for some more data it was time to head back to the field centre to write up what we had found and draw the graphs from our data. Everyone was soon eager to get warm and have dinner. We all got time to relax in the common room playing pool, darts and table tennis while music came through a speaker, it was a perfect end to the day.



The last day collecting data on the carbon cycle was made memorable by the sight of a stag grazing on the fell we were working on. A few hours later once the data was collected it was finally time to pack up our things for the journey back home, we said our goodbyes to the helpful staff at the centre and set off. Since we had a lot of time to spare until our ferry departed we stopped for drinks and snacks. The ferry home was pleasant and the mini bus was more lively the closer we got to home. Eventually, after a good few days we arrived safely back at school grateful to be sleeping in our own beds that night.



Emily Akehurst
Year 12 student

Terrific Tea Lights!

8 Christian have been hard at work making tea light holders from reclaimed timber and laser cut acrylic.

This was their first project of the year and all students have created a highly successful product.

If pupils want to get creative, Technology Club is on Thursdays 3pm -4pm in room 208

Ms Roche
Technology Department



Clip'n'Climb Reward Trip



As part of a reward for gaining the highest scoring achievement points in our year group, Adair tutor group got to attend Clip'n'Climb for the afternoon. We took part in different activities which included the 'cave' and climbing all the walls.

Each activity was optional and most people attended. We all had a fantastic afternoon and are hoping to gain as many achievement points again this half term!

Nweve Mossop and Angela Reynolds
Year 9AD students



As a reward for getting the most achievement points in Year 7, our tutor group got to go to Clip n Climb and the Cave at the Wave Centre. We really enjoyed it because we got to test our bravery and climbing abilities. It was made even better because gaining the achievement points was a group effort so we got to celebrate together.

From Abbie and Alyssa 8CH

Duke of Edinburgh

DofE planning season has now started! Currently we have two groups planning for both the Bronze Award and Silver Award. It is always a pleasurable part of the award as the students start to realise the impact that they can have with volunteering. For example, we have a large group of students this year who have opted to help out with reading classes for younger students, as well as prefect duties and library duties. In addition to this I always get an insight into how active our students are out of school. A lot of students are using rugby, football and gym sessions to complete the physical section of the award. But, as always, there are a lot of opportunities in Netherhall School for our students to complete each section of the award.

Next to start this year is our Gold Award. This will be our second group through the award. They, like last year, will get to paddle the Great Glen in Canoes. If it is anything like last year it will be a great adventure for them. Last year's Gold group will get to finish their award this year with their final expedition which will take them along one of Scotland's greatest touring rivers. So, as you can see, there is a lot to look forward to.

Richard Horton
Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator



CHANGING ROOMS



Last week saw the Year 7 area get a makeover from our very own site team. As you can see it's been transformed from a dingy, dull and dark uninviting area into a bright, warm and welcoming space. As you can tell by the smiles on the students faces we all love it!

students out of it.

The only trouble now will be getting the

Thanks to the site team from all of us in Year 7.

Mrs McKenzie
Head of Year 7



Sixth Form Update

"Big Pink Day"

On Friday, 20th October we took part in a "Big Pink Day" to raise money for breast cancer research. Netherhall students could wear an item of pink alongside their uniform and donated £1 for doing so. Sixth Form students also organised a variety of games such as guess the name of the bear and guess how many sweets are in the jar to support the fund raising. Well done to staff member Kath Armstrong who correctly guessed the closest number of sweets in the jar and to Jessica Henderson in Year 7 for guessing the name of our penguin (Percy).



Niamh Mossop, Dora Crossland, Leah McArdle and Lauren Pape Year 13



We also organised a raffle and would like to thank Workington B&M and everyone else who donated prizes to raise funds for breast cancer research. We are proud to say that together the school raised a total of £340. Thank you to everyone who took part in the day and helped us to achieve this fantastic sum of money.

Lauren Pape, Dora Crossland, Shellby Towers, Niamh Mossop, Katie McAvoy, Chloe Steele Year 13

Mr Bailey

Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

Cambridge University

Congratulations to Megan Almond in Year 12 for securing a place on the Fitzwilliam College Shadowing Scheme 2017 at Cambridge University. Megan was selected from hundreds of applicants to take part in the course which will run from the 16th-18th November. Megan will attend lectures and seminars at Fitzwilliam College and stay at the university's halls of residence. The scheme is designed to give Sixth Form students a realistic taste of life at Cambridge University ahead of UCAS applications that students will complete in Year 13. We very much hope that Megan has a great experience at Cambridge University and look forward to hearing all about her experiences at one of the world's elite universities.



Megan Almond Year 12

Mr Bailey

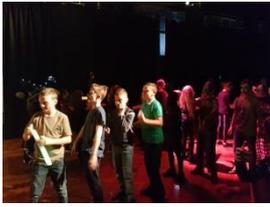
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

Gone Fishin'

Netherhall student, Declan Burns is an avid fly fisherman and has quickly learned the art of presenting the right type of fly, at the right depth and in the right place to catch a trout. Here he is pictured with a huge brown trout estimated at the impressive weight of 5 kilogrammes, which he landed at Gilcrux Springs Trout Fishery. It took him some considerable time to get the leviathan of the deep into a net and safely wrestled onto the bank. After a quick photo opportunity for the trout to get his picture with Declan the trout returned to the water and swam off, happy!



**D Tromans
Head Teacher**



Halloween Party Year 7 & 8

Thank you to all of the Year 7 & Year 8 students, staff and volunteer students from Years 8,9,10 and 11 who made our Halloween Party a 'spooktacular' evening!

Highlights of the evening included Courtney Heaton (Year 11) and her dance troupe's performance of 'Thriller' - ghoulishly thrilling! In Year 7 Rafal Asboth wowed us when he slipped his arm into 15 ltrs of 'Frankenstein's Brains' (green custard) to retrieve 12 spiders! Jodie Ismay (Year 8) created amazing zombie make up for the partygoers, as did other volunteer students and we cannot forget Daniel Chilton's (Year 7) enchanting dance routine to 'Gangnam Style'.

Well done to everyone involved - we raised £80 for Rock Challenge and had a 'fangtastic' night!

Miss Lawson
English/Drama Departments



World Challenge

Netherhall has been given the fantastic opportunity to work in partnership with World Challenge. We are excited to be organising an expedition travelling to **India Uttarakhand** in **2019** for Years 9-12.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that will set students apart, empowering them to stand strong in front of employers and universities.

www.world-challenge.co.uk

Mrs. Bishop has more details





Managing Medication Procedures - Important information for parents/carers



We recognise that from time to time students may require medication within the school day. However, we do have to adhere to guidelines to ensure the safety of our students. With this in mind, we would like to point out some procedures that we must follow:

- Some students may need to take prescribed medicines during their time in school. This will usually only be for a short time period, e.g. to finish a course of antibiotics. Parents/guardians must come into school and arrange this with reception.
- Children should not be sent to school with their own medicine (prescribed or non-prescribed) as this poses a health and safety risk to other children.
- Staff will not administer non-prescribed medication i.e. paracetamol, unless there are exceptional circumstances and where there is specific prior written permission from a parent/guardian.
- If a child suffers regularly from frequent or acute pain parents should refer the matter to their child's GP.

Parents/guardians have the prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide the school with timely, complete information about their child's medical condition. If your child has a medical condition that we do not know about, please contact the school, your child's Head of Year or Mrs C Savage (Assistant SENCO).

KEY TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2017

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 4 September	Friday 15 December	Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October

EVENTS, TRIPS AND VISITS	
Monday 4 December	Christmas Drama Production
Wednesday 6 December	Year 10 & 11 Career Fair
Thursday 14 December	Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 15 December	Carol Service at St Mary's

Exam Information

Summer 2017 Examinations

Certificates for examinations taken in May/June 2017 will be available for collection week commencing 13th November 2017 from Netherhall School reception 8.30 – 16.00

Autumn Term 2017 Examinations

Year 10 – Internal Examinations 13th – 17th November

Year 11 – Internal Examinations 17th – 24th November (Art & Photography Internal Examination 4th November)

Spring Term 2018 Examinations External 9th – 11th January 2018 inclusive

Year 11 BTEC Construction

Year 11 Media Re-sit

Year 13 H&SC Units 2 and 3

Applicable students will be issued with timetables week commencing 27th November 2017

Results November 2017 GCSE Re-sit Exams

Results for students re-sitting GCSE English & Maths will be available on Thursday 11th January 2018 from Tutors.

Spring Term 2018 Examinations Internal

Year 9 – Internal Examinations week commencing 8th January

Year 11 External Examinations (BTEC Construction plus Media Re-sits) 9th – 11th January inclusive

Year 12 – Internal Examinations week commencing 15th January

Year 13 – Internal Examinations week commencing 15th January

Year 11 – Internal Examinations week commencing 29th January

Year 10 – English Literature internal examination week commencing 5th February

Year 8 – Internal Examinations week commencing 19th February

Year 11 – English Language internal examination week commencing 5th March

Internal examinations are very important to students and staff to highlight any areas that may need further support.

Clothes Collection

IN AID OF WORLD CHALLENGE AT NETHERHALL SCHOOL

Good quality items for re-use are accepted:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, hats and bags
- Scarves, ties and jewellery
- Lingerie, socks, and belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains and
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

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SPORTS NEWS



NETHERHALL V ST JOSEPHS

We had a fantastic result on Wednesday, 1 November 2017 when St Josephs came to Netherhall for our netball fixture. We had 5 games and ended up with 4 convincing wins and one draw! The Year 7A team won 11-0 and there were exceptional performances from Lilly Douglas, Caitlin Elsam, Evie Houghton and superb shooting skills from Mia Southwell and Megan Hine. The Year 7B team also won 3-0 and wouldn't have been able to do it without Sophie Anderson who led the team round the court with ease. The Year 8's won 8-3 and the star players were Kate Ivison, Katie Dixon and Holly Goodger. We also had a mixed Year 8 & 9 team who played and they came away with a draw. The Year 9 and 10 team won 14-0 and 9-5. Our remaining fixtures are against Beacon Hill, Solway and Workington Academy.

Mrs Holliday
PE Department

English Schools FA Cup – Second Round vs QEGS, Penrith

I am delighted to inform you that the Sixth Form 1st XI football team have progressed to the third round of the English Schools FA Cup where they will meet Nelson Thomlinson School of Wigton in an away fixture. Following a tense first round victory on penalties over the West Lakes Academy, Egremont, the Sixth Form boys were in action again on Wednesday, 1st November. Heavy rain in Penrith saw the QEGS pitch unplayable and so the game was switched to the home of Penrith FC at Frenchfield Park. The boys performed magnificently and ran out comfortable 3-0 winners with goals from Arran Moralee, Jack Pears and a bullet header from Cameron Shaw-Hughes which sealed the game with 10 minutes remaining. There were fantastic performances across the pitch with Matthew Ridley unbeatable in the Netherhall goal, Matthew Bell imperious upon his return to central defence following injury, Cameron Harker orchestrating play from the midfield while the front pairing of David Ousby and Jack Pears threatened the QEGS goal throughout. The boys should be proud of their performance and we are all very much looking forward to the next round of the cup in December.



Back row - Ewan Laverty, Matthew Ridley, Arran Moralee, Daniel Bell, Josh Taylor, Cameron Shaw-Hughes, David Ousby, Jay Quayle, Greg Brough

Front row – Jordan Bragg, Cameron Harker, Jack Pears, Matthew Bell, Kieran Dixon, Lewis McDowell

Mr Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

Rugby

Our U15 team were invited to play at Workington Zebras RFC against a team made up of Workington Academy and St Josephs School on Wednesday, 1st November. The idea of the match was to encourage pupils to join and be involved in their local clubs. Our U15 team was supported by Netherhall Rugby Club. It was a fantastic match and both sides played exceptionally well right up to the final whistle. The final result was Netherhall 34 – 13 Workington Zebras.



After the match all players and teachers were provided with refreshments, hotdogs and chips, courtesy of the Rugby club which was well appreciated by all.



The Year 7 Emerging Schools Competition, that was cancelled on the 20th October, has now been rearranged. It will now take place on Friday, 1st December at Keswick.

Football

U16 – Year 11

They played Cockermouth under the floodlights on Thursday, 2nd November in the County Cup. It proved to be a fantastic game for our Year 11 team who won 9-1. They will now go through to the next round of the County Cup and play against Nelson Thomlinson School.

In the English Schools competition the U16s played William Howard School away on Tuesday, 7th November. William Howard were 2-0 up when Taylor Charters scored two goals to equalise. Unfortunately, we gave away a penalty and were unable to get a 3rd goal to pull the game back. Final score William Howard 3-2 Netherhall.

U14 – Year 9

Well done to all the boys for a fantastic effort coming second in the Allerdale Schools Competition.

The Under 14's played Nelson Thomlinson in the Allerdale Cup final on Monday, 6th November. At half time Netherhall were trailing by three goals, however, in the first 10 minutes of the second half we came back to score 2 goals. Sadly, the boys could not get a third goal. The game finished Nelson Thomlinson 3 – 2 Netherhall.

Year 7 Boys Football



The Year 7 boys have had a great start to the year by winning the U12's Allerdale Cup. They started off by beating Nelson Thomlinson in very difficult conditions, and showing great resilience to maintain their advantage. They then played Workington Academy and beat them with a very strong performance. In the final they played Keswick School, it was a close game with both teams showing good technical ability. The game finished Netherhall 5 – 2 Keswick School. Congratulations to the whole squad. Also, a special mention to all the goal scorers; Zane Alderson, Rhys Booty, Civan Cakmak, Aran Fitzpatrick, Deacon Martin, Lewis Moore and Ashtyn Skillen.

Allerdale Cross Country

The Allerdale Schools Cross Country Competition is to be held at Cockermouth School on Wednesday, 29th November. We will be taking pupils from Years 8-11 to compete. Interested pupils please speak to Mr Fulton, Mrs Holliday or Mr Holliday.