



THE NETHERHALL ECHO



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

27th November – 15th December 2017

Nativity Festival Mural – All Soul's Church

This year, the art department was asked to create a mural as part of All Soul's Church Nativity Festival. We were given the first part of the nativity story to illustrate in any way we wished and I handed over the design to three very talented Sixth Form students, Amber Butler, Emily Allsopp and Madison Fisher. They led the art club to create a stunning representation and I am very proud of them for their dedication, hard work and for what they achieved in a relatively short time scale. The final mural looked excellent and they should be delighted with the results!

The Visitation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary based on the Bible passage Luke 1:26-35

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"^[d]

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born^[e] will be called holy—the Son of God."



Netherhall School Christmas Choir



The Netherhall School Christmas Choir has taken their carols on tour, visiting all of the elderly persons' residential homes in Maryport with a special performance for friends and family at the Wave Centre and Mill Race Lonning.



The Christmas Choir have brought a huge amount of delight and enjoyment to many people over the festive period, well done to all those children involved, and a big thank you to Mrs McKenzie, Head of Year 7 for organising the performances at the Dales, Parkside, Riverside and Solway House residential homes, Wave Centre and Mill Race Lonning.

Mr D W Tromans
Head Teacher

Maryport Schools' Carol Service, Christmas, 2017



The Rotary Club of Maryport, once more kindly organised the Maryport Schools' Carol Service, held at St Mary's Church on Wednesday, 6th of December at 6.00pm. The choir sang 'Little Donkey' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'. A huge thank you to former Netherhall School Deputy Headteacher, Mr Peter Clinning, for organising the event and to Mrs Irving for leading the school choir.

Mr D W Tromans,
Headteacher

Netherhall's Drama Department's Christmas Production 2017

'A Christmas Carol'

Script adapted from the novel by Charles Dickens,
written by Miss Lawson, Head of Drama.

On Monday, 4th December, thirty of our students from across the key stages performed a matinee to our elderly community, as well as to a full house on the same evening.

It was a wonderful celebration of classic literature and Christmas combined - all of our students worked incredibly hard for months, demonstrating true passion and commitment.

An amazing first production for our Drama Department and only one of the many performances planned for the upcoming academic year.

All of our cast & crew were shining stars!

A huge thank you to staff, students (especially our Year 7 choir), parents and friends of Netherhall who supported the production



The Netherhall Choir singing 'Silent Night'



The cast & crew of 'A Christmas Carol'



Maryport Christmas Tree Festival

Once again we were invited to take part in the Maryport Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church.

Beginning back in September, Stephen McCallig, Mark Rodger and Matthew Walby, with some creative direction from Mrs Birkett, have been planning and making decorations for our tree.

This year our theme was "Alice in Wonderland."

In school reading is very important and lots of students take part in Paired Reading and Accelerated Reader to help improve their reading and understanding. So the boys decided that Alice in Wonderland is a story which explores the idea of enjoying reading so much that "you get lost in the book."

On the 29th November, along with representatives from other schools, we walked to the church and decorated our tree.

We are all really proud of it and hope lots of people who attended the festival during 1st -3rd December and anyone who visits St Mary's over the festive period will enjoy seeing our amazing tree.

We have all got our thinking caps on ready for next year.

Mrs Johnstone
(SENCO)

Food Bank Christmas Collection

Over the past week students and staff at Netherhall have been generously donating food, toiletries and baby goods to support the North Lakes Food Bank. This is a project that came out of a School Council meeting a little while ago.

I can honestly say that the generosity of our students and families is humbling. During the past month we have received a huge amount of goods, so that others in less fortunate positions can benefit and hopefully their lives, at a difficult time, can be made that little bit easier.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all those within the Netherhall community who have supported us with this project, and look forward to your support with other projects run by the School Council and students at Netherhall in the future.

Lee Wassell
Pastoral Lead Teacher



SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Dream Placement Scheme

The Dream Placement Scheme gives an insight into the world of work with leading Cumbrian employers. Students will have the unique opportunity to see how senior teams and leaders of industry go about dealing with the challenges they face. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain first class work experience to boost their applications for future employment. I am delighted to inform you that four of our Sixth Form students have been shortlisted from hundreds of applicants to attend a selection event with host companies at Energus in Workington on Thursday, 7th December. Year 13 students are Holli Coulthard and Laura Haig while from Year 12 Owen Scott and Jamie-Lea Wright have been selected. We wish them good luck for the event and hope they go on to secure first class opportunities for the placement week which will be held during the February half term.



Jamie-Lea Wright and Owen Scott from Year 12 with Laura Haig and Holli Coulthard from Year 13

Durham University Supported Progression Scheme

The Durham University Supported Progression Scheme is specifically targeted to provide an opportunity for students who have the potential to study at a university like Durham. The scheme provides study weeks at Durham during school holidays and students who pass their summer school assessments are guaranteed to receive a conditional offer to begin their undergraduate studies at Durham following their A-Level studies, typically 3 grades below the standard offer made to other students. Current Year 13 student Kelly Pearce has already benefitted from this scheme and intends to begin reading for her degree in bioscience in the autumn of 2018. I am pleased to inform you that four of our current Year 12 students - Amber Butler, Brad King, Ryan Moore and Esme Rowe have applied for this year's scheme and we wish them every success with this.



Brad King, Esme Rowe, Ryan Moore and Amber Butler from Year 12

Iggesund Work Experience Placement

As part of our ongoing drive to provide all students with a range of relevant and rewarding experiences to boost their future chances of success in their university and apprenticeship applications, I would like to thank local businesses for giving freely of their time to support our students in their future career aims. One of our Year 13 students, Holli Coulthard, has been extremely fortunate in this respect over the course of this term in having a first class opportunity with Iggesund:

"From September I have been undergoing work experience at Iggesund Paperboard Ltd, Workington, in the projects department. During this time, I have been able to shadow project engineers which has enabled me to gain a deeper insight into project management which is the career I wish to pursue in the future. I have really enjoyed this experience as it will set me up for interviews and jobs in the future." Holli Coulthard



Holli Coulthard – Year 13

The PreMed Course – Imperial College, London. Saturday, 2nd December 2017

Current Year 12 student, Ewan Laverty, attended the PreMed Course which intends to educate and inform gifted students who are considering a career in medicine, ensuring they are aware of the demands and challenges ahead. Topics covered on the course include application procedures, interviews, university curricula, careers and workshops. 93% of attendees on last year's PreMed course are now studying medicine and the course provided a great taster as Ewan reports:



Ewan Laverty - Year 12 at Imperial College London.

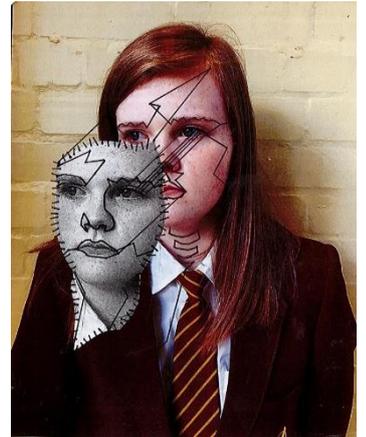
"During my time on the PreMed course I believe that my overall understanding of medicine has improved and also in terms of my understanding of the application process into medical school. On the course I learned about how to read basic X-Ray images, how to read electrocardiographs and how to recognise a heart attack. I also learned how to suture a wound and how to communicate with someone who has undergone an injury. A final thing I learned was the process of applying to medical school and what it entails to be a junior doctor. I found the course to be a very worthwhile experience ahead of my UCAS applications next year." Ewan Laverty

Mr Bailey
Deputy Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

Artist of the Fortnight

Olivia Southward – Year 11

For her mock exam, Olivia has been working on the theme of 'Order and Disorder'. As part of her preparation she has created a number of experiments investigating the work of Manny Robertson and the theme of mental illness. The work she has created combines photography and stitch showing high levels of maturity and confidence.



Year 5 English Workshop

On Tuesday, 5th December we had the pleasure of having a number of Year 5 students from Maryport Church of England Junior School, Ewanrigg Junior School and Dearham Primary School. All the students had come to write a news article about what has been happening within their school this term. The students were very ably assisted by a few of our own Year 13 A Level English students and Mrs Askew.

It is very clear from what the students wrote that they have had a very busy term. Some of the articles included, Ewanrigg's Got Talent, Dearham attending an athletics competition and Maryport Juniors trip to Trotters.

I was very impressed by the quality of the articles produced by the Year 5 students and I am not sure who enjoyed the afternoon the most, the Year 5 students or our Sixth Formers.



Mrs Askew
Literacy and Intervention



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		
SPRING TERM 2018		
STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Thursday 4 January	Thursday 29 March	Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February
EVENTS, TRIPS AND VISITS THIS HALF TERM		
8 to 12 January	Year 13 New York Trip	
15 to 19 January	Careers Week	
Thursday 18 January	Year 11 Parents Evening	
Monday 22 January	Year 8 Option Evening	
Thursday 8 February	Year 9 Parents Evening	

Exam Information

Summer 2017 Examinations

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

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

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 12 – Mock Examinations week commencing 15th January
Year 13 – Mock Examinations week commencing 15th January
Year 11 – Mock 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 – Mock examinations week commencing 5th March

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



SPORTS NEWS



Young Netball Organisers

Netherhall's qualified Young Netball Organisers officiated at the Allerdale Schools High 5 Netball final on 21 November 2017 and are seen here with the winning and runner up teams, Beckstone Primary from Workington & Thomlinson Junior School from Wigton. The girls first opportunity to umpire took place at the Netherhall School cluster competition on the 11 October 2017 prior to the final.

To date they have umpired over 15 matches between them and made a lasting impression on our visitors with their display of professionalism throughout the tournament. So much so that we have been asked if they can umpire at the Workington High 5 competition in 2018!



Year 10

Libby Oglanby
Abbi Langley
Paige Johnstone
Abigail Jackson
Louise Humphrey
Beth Relph

Year 12/13

Lauren Gorge
Yasmin Dixon
Emily Southwell
Chloe Wilkinson

Well done girls!

Linda Borthwick
SG & Partnership Manager (Allerdale)

Sports Leaders

Netherhall School currently has 35 Year 12 & 13 students enrolled on the Level 2 Sports Leadership Qualification & 50 Year 7 & 8 students enrolled on the Level 1 Sports Leadership Award.

In January 2018 another 110 Netherhall students will begin working towards the Young Leaders Award.

These students are instrumental in the delivery of the primary competitions calendar, hundreds of primary aged children from the Maryport Cluster attend each year. Competitions this term include Gymnastics, High Five Netball, Quick Sticks Hockey, Multi-Skill & Sports Hall Athletics.

Well done to Matthew Ridley, Lauren Pape, Chloe Wilkinson, Kelly Pearce & Roseanne McSharry who have completed the Level 1 Swimming Teacher Qualification.

Girls Football

The Year 7/8 Girls have been training weekly since the start of the academic year and have begun to take part in fixtures, they have played against St Benedict's & Workington Academy to date.

Fixtures

29th January v Beacon Hill
5th February v St Benedict's

Training every Tuesday 3-4pm

Swimming Awards

Well done to Nathan Hadley who has completed his Gold Rookie Lifeguard.

Tennis - Chatsworth Carlisle 12th December 2017

Thirteen members of the Netherhall School tennis team spent the day training at Chatsworth indoor tennis courts in Carlisle. This gave the students the opportunity to spend a full day developing their tennis skills with an expert coach in preparation for the new season in 2018. The students were coached by Daneika Borthwick who is a former Florida State tennis player and is now the assistant women's tennis coach at Columbia University (USA).



The day was organised by Linda Borthwick and funded by the Allerdale School Sport Partnership. The students found the day very beneficial and enjoyable, on the journey home they asked if they could attend another training day at Chatsworth very soon. The students involved were excellent representatives of Netherhall School. A big thank you to everyone involved.



Jack Bell was awarded 'Male Player of the Day' and Caitlin Elsam was named 'Female Player of the Day'. Well done!

SPORTS CENTRE NEWS

The up and coming events happening at the Sports Centre during the Holidays.



Childrens Swimming Lessons



We now have beginners places on the following days:

Monday 5.00-5.30pm

Wednesday 5.00-5.30pm

Friday 5.00-5.30pm

CHILDREN MUST BE 4+ YEARS

Please ask at reception for more details.



Netherhall Community Sports Centre



Children's swimming lessons



We now have places available in our beginners swimming lessons starting in September:

Monday 5.00-5.30pm

Tuesday 5.00-5.30pm

Children must be 4+ years

For more information please contact us on
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