



HMS NEWSLETTER

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Latin

We are very excited to announce that Key Stage 2 pupils will soon be given the opportunity to learn Latin at HMS. Thanks to the generous support of the PTA, the Primary Latin Project, Classics for All and Mrs Jarvis, a parent and Latin trainer, we will soon be offering a lunchtime club to pupils in Years 5 and 6 who wish to experience ancient Roman culture and take their first steps in learning Latin. We will be following the Minimus scheme, which is a fantastic book studied in schools worldwide and set at nearby Vindolanda. We would be pleased to hear from any members of our school community who may be able to support this new venture either through knowledge of Latin or archaeology.

Water Safety Week - Year 8

Northumberland Fire and Rescue visited HMS to provide information, guidance and advice to pupils on how to stay safe near water. The crew attending the school brought with them a range of water rescue equipment, explaining the dangers of open water. Demonstrations were provided to year 8 pupils on the use of rescue equipment along with the personal protective equipment needed to keep fire and rescue officers safe. These included students attempting the launch of throw bags at targets to simulate an aspect of a live water rescue. Thank you to Northumberland Fire and Rescue for offering their time to come to speak to our year 8 pupils; living next a major river in our part of the country, we have to appreciate the power of water and how to respect it. One pupil said "I think after seeing this today I want to be a fire fighter and save lives!"

Newcastle University visit HMS

On Friday 20th April, Year 5 pupils welcomed Newcastle University to the Orchard block. They came to deliver an interactive workshop all about university life. Pupils learned about the many different courses they could study at undergraduate level, the fantastic range of clubs and societies that are available plus a little about student life.

World Book Day

After a snowy 1st March postponed proceedings, HMS pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day on 8th March. There were book-themed assemblies as well as quizzes, reading activities in lessons and even a fancy dress competition. Congratulations to our costume competition winners:

Year 5 - Anna F

Year 6 - Emily H

Year 7 - Katie M

Year 8 - Max W

KS2 Fundraising

Our generous pupils have been at it again, this time hosting an Easter Fayre. It was a huge success raising £374.92. This money will be donated to the Josie's Dragonfly Trust to pay for a 'wish day'. Well done to everyone for contributing to this but a special 'Thank you' needs to go to Libby's mum who very kindly donated a fabulous Easter cake, so that people could pay to guess the weight. We were all very jealous of Mr Armstrong who won it! Thank you again.

Mrs Cave.

Pupil Reports

Year 7 author visit

On Tuesday 13th March, some pupils from Year 7 took part in an author visit to see Frank Cottrell Boyce at Corbridge Middle School. The author gave a splendid performance and the audience were very entertained indeed! His books sound very intriguing as well. All together, we had a great afternoon!

Article by Amelia and Emily, Year 7.

Science week

In science week we experimented with different materials to make three parachutes for Eggbert, the chocolate egg. We got three eggs each and we dropped them off the stage in Fellside hall, if they broke we didn't get to eat the chocolate eggs but if they didn't break we did get to eat them. In science week we learnt a lot about gravity and forces. It was inspiring for all of us.

Article by Melissa and Abigail Year 5.

Sporting achievements

Ryan's ongoing success

There have been more fantastic canoeing performances from Ryan Dodds (Year 8). He has secured a double promotion with another clear win and has raced his way into division 2 with only 4 races. Ryan also entered division 4 C1 and with the fastest time he gained promotion into division 3 C1. To add to his success, his coach and C2 partner Chloe, took 4th place in the C2 and the pair are now ranking 3rd in the country! Ryan is making outstanding progress in the sport and we wish him all the best in Division 2.

Year 5 football

Our Year 5 team were extremely successful in a recent football tournament, winning both of their games. The scores were 2.0 and 5.0 with a number of players getting on the scoresheet. The team must be commended for their defensive solidarity and the players' confidence in each other. Although all players performed very well indeed, the player of the tournament was Aidan S who was a driving force behind the team.

Year 8 Girl's Cricket

The year 8 girls entered into a district indoor cricket competition on the 8th March. The team performed brilliantly in the group stages to make it into the semi-finals. Unfortunately, HMS was beaten by a very good Ovingham team. Player of the tournament for HMS was Grace M, who bowled fantastically throughout the day and took some very important wickets.

Year 6 and Year 8 Netball

HMS was invited to play in an outdoor competition at Haydon Bridge. The year 8 girls performed valiantly in their first match against a tough Highfield team and drew 2-2. HMS and Highfield won the remainder of their matches to finish the tournament level on points. However, Highfield came out with a better goal difference to advance through to the school games final. The year 6 team played against some great competition and unfortunately the results did not go HMS' way; but the girls demonstrated great spirit and came off the pitch with a smile on their faces.

Players of the tournament:

Year 8: Daisy D

Year 6: Isabelle C

Year 5 and Year 6 Boys' Football

A team of year 5 and year 6 boys participated in a 7-a-side football tournament at Ovingham. The year 6's started off well and won their first match comfortably. The next two matches were against Highfield and Ovingham, which the year 6 team knew would be tough competition. HMS played some lovely football in the middle of the pitch and created some good chances but were just unable to find the finishing touch and lost both matches to finish third in the group. Player of the tournament: Hugh B

Sport Relief

On Friday 23rd of March, HMS students participated in numerous sporting events throughout the day. Every year group ran the sport relief mile during one lesson of the day. Break time saw a selection of students participate in a danceathon in Fellside Hall; we think Mr Barry still has some room for improvement! During lunchtime there was an inter-house space hopper relay race on Fellside field. Coquet came out on top with 28 points. The afternoon saw the year 8 participate in a skipathon on Beaumont yard, the students soon became creative with their skipping with some students showing some skipping skills which would not look out of place in a 'Rocky' montage. Overall, it was a fantastic day which raised a vast amount of money for both Sport Relief and WECAN.

Tynedale U13s celebrate county cup double

TYNEDALE U13s entered two teams to compete in a 'waterfall' cup, held at Northern RFC on Sunday.

Both teams came top of their pools to win a place in their respective semi-finals, only to wipe out the oppositions and face a Tynedale Vs Tynedale final. In the friendly spirit of the festival, the organisers agreed that the two equally balanced teams should forego a head-on challenge, allowing the full Tynedale squad to unite in the overall victory.

Coach Mark Souter said: "After eight years nurturing our group of players, we have yet again had an outstanding season with this year's Tynedale U13s. We have had the pleasure of coaching a 36-strong squad of players who have performed admirably throughout their fixtures. With numerous matches against both local and touring sides, every single one of our very talented players have always given 110 per cent in every area of the game, together with strong commitment and attendance of weekend and newly introduced midweek training sessions. They should all be extremely proud of their team and individual performances this season."

The season culminates at the Harrogate Festival on Saturday, after which the boys will spend a well-deserved day at a theme park. Well done boys!

Upcoming dates for diaries:

Year 8 Careers Day – Friday 4th May

Year 6 SATs – w/c 14th May

KS2 Kingswood Residential – Friday 18th-Sunday 20th May

House Totals

Wansbeck	Aln	Coquet	Tweed
61	55	50	39

Attendance

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
97%	96.4%	96.2%	94.7%