

Our Remembrance events have continued this week with Mr Gill's assemblies to all year groups, and Mrs Allsop's trip to The Green Howard's Museum in Richmond (see below). Students from Services families spoke in assembly about their experiences, and presented a film they had made of staff's thoughts. We will add the assembly onto the school website, along with the video, for parents to see. It has been really special to hear our students speak so honestly about what it means to be part of the forces community, and a reminder of just how much it means to them.

Trip to The Green Howard's Museum

Mrs Allsop writes:

Students visited The Green Howard's Museum in Richmond today to admire the artefacts as well as take the two minute silence. They have been working creatively to complete a banner for VC William Short, whose medals are on show in the museum. He was a local boy from Middlesbrough who received the VC for his bravery during The Somme.

It was a pleasure to take the students and even better to have a guided tour from Mr Carl Watts. The opportunity to visit the museum and learn about our brave soldiers was really well received by our students. I would like to offer a huge thank-you to Green Howard's - we had a fantastic day and your poppy cakes were delicious!

Our banner is proudly on display in the school foyer where you can read William Short's personal story, we hope many enjoy it, but most of all that we remember the sacrifice those soldiers made for us today.

Presentation Evening

We had a lovely evening on Tuesday as students (past and present) gathered with their families to celebrate achievements from last year. There was a wide range of awards (academic excellence, subject specific awards, effort and contribution to school, sporting/music/drama achievements and courage in the face of adversity to name a few). Our guest speaker, Andrew Keeble (Managing Director of Heck Foods) is a former pupil and it was fantastic to have a 'live' example of someone who has left the school to go on and achieve such success. He entertained us all with some very honest and amusing memories of the school and I hope that we can continue to build our links with his organisation as we move forward.

Most of all though, this occasion is always such a powerful reminder of the many qualities that define our students. I said on the night that without them, our core values of courage, commitment and compassion are just words on a page. But when you see what they have done to earn these accolades, you understand that many of them show these values on a day to day basis. They are a credit to the school and a credit to you, their parents, who support them through so many challenges as they grow up. Thank you to those of you who attended, and to all those who assisted with the organisation beforehand, and on the night.

Bedale Skate Park Development

This week students have had the chance to meet with Bedale Town Clerk, Nick Reed, to discuss the ongoing development of the new skate park in town. Skater fans and representatives from the student leadership team and council met with him to consult on designs and the facilities they would like to see, both in the skate park and the play area beside it. Nick is really keen to ensure that as many local young people as possible have the

opportunity to feedback their thoughts and ideas. With this in mind, I am once again sharing the link below to a short survey that will help to gather these suggestions:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y6KQB5L>

Nick is also happy to be contacted via email at:

clerk@bedale-tc.gov.uk

Sporting Update

Miss Temple writes:

This week we had 45 students from year 7, 8 and 9 attend the area cross country championships in Northallerton. We had some excellent individual results:

Josh Hammet - 1st year 9 boy

Alistair Banks - 3rd year 9 boy

Sam Ogier - 4th year 7 boy

Jess Pattison - 6th year 9 girl

Bella Spencer - 10th year 8 girl

Jake Banks - 10th year 9 boy.

However, the day was actually a team event with the first 4 finishers from each school combining to give a team score for that race. Our Year 9 boys put in an outstanding performance and finished in first place out of all the schools in the area - well done to Josh H, Alistair, Josh G and Charlie who made up their team score. Our Year 8 girls' team also put in a very strong performance and finished 3rd in the area, well done to Bella, Georgina, Annie and Emma who made up that team.

Following the success of the boys' rugby coaching after school on a Monday ran by Rob from the RFU, we are now opening this up to girls as well starting this coming Monday (18th November). This is open to all girls and will be run by external rugby coaches. We have lots of festivals coming up before Christmas for students to get involved in so it would be great to see lots of girls coming along to the after school session.

Today we have also hosted the Y5/6 cluster primary girls' football competition. There were 6 schools from across the area attending and the event was run by our fabulous sports leaders from years 7, 8 and 9. Well done for making it such a fun afternoon for our future clientele!

Children In Need and Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Miss Bradbury writes:

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. We will be sending 31 boxes in total to this very worthwhile cause. A special thank you to Phoebe, Ellie-Kaye, Harriet and Elodie for all their wrapping!

The 'Guess the Teacher' quiz has caused much excitement and has been a lot of fun. More importantly it raised £84.08 for Children in Need today. Thanks to Jacob, Robbie, Lily and Tasha for their help in compiling the quiz.

Breakfast

A reminder that our school kitchen is open from 8.15am every morning for students to purchase breakfast. Toast, toasted teacakes, croissants, cereals, bacon and sausage baps are all available to get the day off to a good start.

Upcoming Events To Be Aware Of (before Christmas):

- W/C 18.11.19: **Yr 11 PPE exams** begin. Revision lessons start next week, but please encourage your son/daughter to be organised and thorough in their independent revision too.
- 21.11.19: **Yr 11 GCSE Information Evening**. A copy of the letter to parents is attached again here. The format is a brief presentation in the hall, followed by a carousel of workshops aimed to help you support Yr 11 students as they come to terms with revision and heavy workloads. A really worthwhile evening, even if you've already been through it before! Please ensure you have returned the reply slip.
- 22.11.19: **Reports sent home for Year 7-10 students**, reflecting feedback from the first term so far.
- 28.11.19: **Homework Support Evening for parents of Year 7 students**. An informal evening - advice and guidance on how we can work together to support students.
- 3.12.19: **BHS Christmas Showcase Evening: Music and Drama** (info to follow in the coming weeks)
- 11.12.19: **Yr 7 Parent Evening**

Reminder: Drinks in School

In the last couple of weeks we have seen an increase in the number of students bringing fizzy drinks into school, and more worryingly, the number of energy drinks being consumed. Please can I remind parents that students are allowed to bring in still water, squash and fruit juice, but no fizzy drinks and no energy drinks are allowed in school. In lessons, the only drink allowed is still water. The link between fizzy drinks, sugary foods etc and unsettled behaviour/lack of concentration is a genuine concern for us. Our behaviour data shows that although there is a very strong trend of overall improvement over recent years, period 4 (straight after lunch) remains the lesson where (proportionally) more incidents occur. Please can you support us in this message by reminding students not to purchase these items before school, and not to bring them in as part of a packed lunch. Thank you for your assistance in this.



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