

I know it sounds like we always have busy weeks – but this one will take some beating. However, before I get onto all that, I think I better start once again by updating you on the approach we are taking to the ever-changing Coronavirus situation...

ALL PARENTS: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Please read the attached letter that outlines our current approach and guidance. Crucially, it also asks you to ensure that we have the most up to date information in terms of your contact numbers, email and address. This will be vital should we need to send any blanket messages and will ensure that we can keep you fully up to date with any developments.

ASSEMBLIES

Thanks to Mrs McGuinness who has delivered assemblies to all year groups this week. Her theme was British Science Week and she was encouraging students to explore potential careers and interests within the STEM arena (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths), using a range of former students as examples of young people who are prospering in exciting careers or further education through following this route.

COLOUR RUN – POSTPONED

Last week I informed you about our plans to launch a Colour Run as a community event and fundraiser for school. Given the recent developments around the Coronavirus, we have taken the decision to postpone this for the moment. It would be so disappointing if we had to cancel it after all the time and effort that will go into it. We are committed to doing it, and we hope to be able to move it to the summer term, or even next autumn if needed, but for the moment we will see how the situation develops.

WELL DONE TO...(WHAT AN AMAZING LIST THIS WEEK – GENUINE EMBODIMENT OF OUR THREE CORE VALUES: COURAGE, COMMITMENT, COMPASSION)

Alicia Jones – Last Saturday saw Alicia compete in the Go Kan Ryu (GKR) Karate Regional Championships in Cannock, Staffordshire. She went through 4 rounds unbeaten to get to the final and won fighting off 13 girls all aged 12-13 in the 3rd Kyu and up (brown belt up to black division)! Incredibly, back in June 2019 Alicia also became World Champion defeating 16 girls in her division. This was a major event for all involved and everyone had to qualify to compete. Once again she was unbeaten out of 60 girls who were all competing for a chance to represent the U.K. She then went on to win again unbeaten from all the lucky girls who fought their way into representing their individual countries - USA, New Zealand, UK and Australia! A truly outstanding achievement Alicia – Well Done! See FB for photos.

The students who participated in the Rotary Technology tournament at Catterick Garrison...and brought back some silverware! Mrs Childe writes:

On Tuesday I took 12 students to take part in the Rotary Technology tournament at Catterick Garrison. 3 teams took part. The challenge was to design and make a vehicle that could travel as far as possible up an incline by designing a mechanical system incorporating pulleys and weight. Once designed the vehicles were tested and assessed on how far they travelled up the test ramp. The foundation team consisting of **Hannah Stead, Hazel Ng, Kieran Gallears and Matthew Simpson** from Year 8 worked really hard to complete the task. Unfortunately, despite their amazing efforts their vehicle didn't move far enough to beat other teams in their category.

Two intermediate teams took part in the same challenge which was made trickier with a steeper incline on the test ramp. These teams showed amazing problem solving and Design Technology skills by constantly testing and modifying their vehicle until it travelled the furthest possible distance.

Bedale High School stole the show by taking both 1st and 2nd prize in this category. An amazing achievement! The winning team consisted of **Matthew Fryatt, Abbie Pocklington, Ivan Ng and Rufus Cockburn**. The 2nd place team was **George Nicholson, George Bramley, Charlie Lancaster and Guy Rendall**.

Ben Loughlin: After being involved in the re-design of our school rugby kit as part of a national competition, Ben was invited to the England V Wales fixture – 7th March 2020. He had a fantastic day and even did his own write-up which I have copied below. What a fantastic experience – well done Ben!

Ben Loughlin writes: The day started with us being issued with some fantastic Canterbury rugby kit to go with our newly designed shirts. Secondly, we were given a presentation on Project 750 All Schools. This was a project which started as a legacy for the 2015 World Cup and finished at the 2019 World Cup. The project was to give schools and clubs the opportunity to design a custom shirt and Bedale was one of the lucky ones. Canterbury have produced our design and given us a full set of shirts for us to use now for our rugby matches.

Afterwards we were all issued with our new kit, we got to meet 2 current England Internationals – Lewis Ludlam and Cath O'Donnell and do a Q & A Session with them. The best part of the day was we all had the privilege of being on the famous Twickenham pitch as the National Anthems were been sung before the match. I went before as a group of 20 to do a rehearsal with an empty stadium and then to see it when it was full was amazing and something I will never forget. We then watched the match and to top off a brilliant day - England won!

Ellie-Kaye Macarthur: Mrs Drysdale set her Yr 8 Maths class a challenge question in their homework – it was designed to be really challenging. The homework was based on algebraic angles but the challenge question involved simultaneous equations, which they have not encountered yet. Mrs Drysdale informed them that if anyone can bring it to her solved, they would get a postcard home. The next morning, Ellie came in having taught herself simultaneous equations from various videos and websites. She managed to apply it to the question and the overall effort she put in was amazing, including several pages of working in the back of her maths book. Amazing commitment!

Lola Holt, Libby Loughlin, Lucy Archer, Niamh Hughes, Rebecca Moran, Ellie-Kaye Macarthur, Jen Fawcett, Jess Pattison, Wiktorina Koscinska, Bella Spencer, Leah Chapman, Kylah Cowan, Ella Johnson, Iris Peacock, Lilia Noonan Potter... Phew! On Wednesday afternoon we hosted the year 3/4 cluster primary hockey competition. We had 9 teams in the competition which was run completely by this group of Sports Leaders. The leaders were absolutely fantastic - they warmed the teams up, refereed, kept scores, timed games and even ran coaching sessions for teams in between the games. Well done to Masham who were the overall winners and Hunton and Arrathorne who were runners up. We look forward to welcoming the schools back in the summer term for the cricket, rounders and athletics competitions.

Bethany Cooper who was part of the team who won gold after winning all 3 games last Sunday for the Central and East Yorkshire Air Cadets netball team. She has also been selected to try out for the North regional netball team.

SPORTS UPDATE

A busy week of fixtures to coincide with Sports Relief this week...

Monday = Y7 Football v Northallerton;

Tuesday = Girls Football tournament in Harrogate;

Thursday = Y8 Football v Risedale (away in the area plate semi-final);

Thursday = Hosting Primary Schools Hockey competition.

Thursday = U13 Girls Rugby 7s at Wensleydale RUFC (After School)

Friday = Staff v Students Football

Yr 7 Boys' Football: Mr Bielby writes: On Monday the BHS Yr 7 football team played a very strong Northallerton team in the semi-finals of the area football cup. Bedale defended really well in the first half and counter attacked with pace to keep the score at 3-2 with both our goals coming from Harley Sinclair. Unfortunately it was one way traffic in the 2nd half and if it wasn't for the heroics of man of the match Jacob Johnson in goal the final score could have been far worse. Bedale ended up losing 6-2.

Yr 8 Boys' Football: Mr Bielby writes: On Thursday 12th March the Y8 Football team travelled to Catterick Garrison to play Risedale in the area plate semi-final. The boys played extremely well considering the very strong wind and the fact that we only managed to get ten players to the fixture. We played against the wind in the first half and although we went 2-0 down by half time it could have been much worse if it

wasn't for man of the match Rowan Dawson in goal. In the second half we tired a bit which is understandable but unfortunately we didn't really test their goalkeeper enough and the final score ended up 3-0.

Yr 7 Girls' Football: Miss Temple writes: The Year 7 girls competed in the Harrogate area 7-a-side tournament on Tuesday. Despite the wind and rain the girls were fantastic! They played 9 games in total, only losing 1 of those (great achievement) and finished in 3rd place overall. Well done to Lily-Mai Chadwick who was voted player of the tournament by her peers and Pia Arnold and Evie Walker who were our joint top goal-scorers of the tournament.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **E-Safety Awareness Evening:** 23rd April 6pm-7.30pm (Colleagues from PACE will run the session – all parents are invited. Further details to follow). Please contact Alison Knight if you have any queries at this stage
- **Yr 11 reports to parents:** 27th March
- **Duke of Edinburgh practice trip:** 28th March
- **Whole School Reward Assemblies:** 3rd April
- **NCS MFC EVENT (see below)**

Message from Joss Barrowcliff (NCS Coordinator):

We're having an event at the Riverside Stadium on the 25th of March to try and engage with parents who either haven't had a chance to hear about the programme, or who would like to know more before signing their child up.

Please see the attached invitation to all the parents of the Year 11s for further information. We are aware this event is out of the way for many parents, but they can always contact us with any questions if they cannot attend.

