



5th December 2011

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parent/Carer

Young Scientists

Congratulations to **Conor Mulligan 7JL & Michael Bird 8CBW** for their success in the NW Schools Science Competition.

To reach this stage the students had to write about why they want to be a scientist and produce a 2 minute presentation for the North West Business Leadership Team. **Conor Mulligan** who achieved first place and **Michael Bird** who was a runner up both said " *We felt a little nervous at first but then we felt amazed to win and be a runner up. We have both received certificates which we are very proud of.*"



Conor received an iPod Touch and £250 for the school to spend on science equipment. In addition to this their classmates will all be invited to come along to the exciting Flash Bang – What a Reaction! event at the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre next year. Conor said " *I am just so happy; It's an honour to win*"

Celebration Assemblies & Christmas Concert

Just a reminder for the Christmas Celebration assemblies starting on Friday 9th December. We hope to see as many of you as possible.

Year 11	Friday 9th December at 9.00am
Year 10	Monday 12th December at 9.00am
Year 9	Tuesday 13th December at 9.00am
Year 8	Wednesday 14th December at 9.00am
Year 7	Thursday 15th December at 9.00am

Also our Christmas Concert which is being held on **14th December** at 7pm. Tickets can still be purchased from our Music Department. Also, look out for the Geordie Grinch! Shhhhh!



Kenya Fundraising Night

A quick reminder that this is being held on **Friday 9th December** starting at 7pm. This promises to be a good night with many fantastic raffle prizes and great entertainment.

Student Progress

For those of you with students in Yrs 7,8 & 10 you will be receiving your child's termly Grade Card on **Thursday 15th December** showing their effort and progress towards their targets. I hope you will find the information helpful. If you wish to discuss this further, in the first instance please contact Mr Lewis, Year 7 Learning Manager, Mr Moss, KS3 Learning Manager or Mr Iddon, KS4 Learning Manager

Yours sincerely,

Carole Owen

Headteacher

PARENT/CARERS EVENING

- 12th Jan 2012 Yr 9 Consultation Evening
- 26th Jan Yr 8 Consultation Evening
- 23rd Feb KS4 Options Evening
- 1st Mar Yr 10 Consultation Evening
- 29th Mar Yr 11 Progress Check Evening
- 26th April Yr 7 Consultation Evening
- 3rd July Yr 6 Induction Evening

TERM DATES 2011/2012

- Friday 16th December**
Close for Christmas
- Tuesday 3rd January**
School re-opens to students
- Friday 10th February**
School closes for half term
- Tuesday 21st February**
School re-opens to students
- Friday 30th March**
School closes for Spring Break
- Tuesday 17th April**
School re-opens to students
- Monday 7th May**
School closed for May Day
- Friday 1st June**
School closed for half term
- Monday 11th June**
School re-opens to students
- Thursday 19th July**
School closes for summer

INSET DAYS

- Monday 20th February 2012
- Monday 16th April 2012
- Friday 29th June 2012





ZUMBATHON CHALLENGE

Come and join in the
'Bankfield Zumbathon'
Complete the 1, 2 or 3 hour challenge
Monday 12th Dec 2011
Time:-5.30pm-7.30pm onwards



Kenya 2012

Bags 2 School

We have arranged a collection for December 9th. The more textiles eg. old clothes, bedding, towels etc we can collect, the more money we can raise for the students going to Kenya next Summer. Bags can be dropped off at school from 5th—8th December 3pm—4pm.



The last collection raised £480.00. Let's try to beat this! Many thanks for your continued support.

Science Fact of The Week

A hedgehog's heart beats 300 times a minute on average.

It is also a myth that milk and bread is good for them.



Olympic Fact of The Week

At the first Olympic Games in 1896 there were only nine sports contested. Since that time many sports have been added (and removed too) from the program. Only five sports have been contested at every summer Olympic Games since 1896: Athletics, Cycling, Fencing, Gymnastics and Swimming.



Netball Results

On the 18th October a combined team from Yrs 10 & 11 played a match at home against The Grange. We played extremely well as a team and everyone gave 100% effort. The final score was 6-0 to Bankfield with **Lorna Gilinsky 10RJJ** scoring 2, and **Chelsea Arnold 10SF, Georgina Turton 11LO & Jade Emmett 10FW** scoring a goal each and one own goal courtesy of The Grange.

Report by: **Lorna Gilinsky 10RJJ**

Player of the Match: **Lorna Gilinsky 10RJJ**

Our combined team joined forces once again on 1st November when we played host to The Heath. The team played extremely well, combining good teamwork with good communication, encouraging each other constantly. Everyone gave 100% effort and the match was fiercely contested with the eventual score being 3-3. Goals for our team were scored by **Lorna Gilinsky 10RJJ (2) & Jade Emmett 10FW (1)**.



Report by: **Lorna Gilinsky 10RJJ**

Player of the Match: **Chelsea Arnold 10SF**

On the 16th November our Year 9 team played a match at home against The Grange. Although the final score was 10-0 to The Grange the team grew more confident in the second half, passing the ball more and playing more as a team. We hope to improve our performance in our next fixture in the New Year.

Report by: **Eve Bellard 9HB**

Player of the Match: **Emma Middlehurst 9HB**