

The Millthorpeian

Christmas 2010



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A Message from the Headteacher

What a chilly start to the Christmas season with temperatures of -17 degrees in some places of Yorkshire. Hopefully, this edition of the Millthorpeian will warm you through with student cheer.

We have had a very busy and successful Autumn Term at Millthorpe School in 2010. We had the first of our **Extended Learning Days** on 2 November, where students' usual timetable is suspended to spend more time learning in greater depth. Students commented that they felt the day had been valuable and highly enjoyable. I would like to express my gratitude to Miss Watts, who co-ordinates our extended learning days and those staff who organise and accompany trips, enriching school life for our students.

Our school production, "**Little Shop of Horrors**", was rapturously received with students entertaining and performing to a very high standard. The school play takes many hours of rehearsal from staff and students. We appreciate all the time and energy they spend in making school life memorable and creative.

Our **Annual Awards Ceremony**, with guest speaker Prof Sir John Lawton, showcased our students' creative and musical talents setting the scene and atmosphere for an extremely rewarding evening. The challenge set by Prof Sir John Lawton with regard to climate change is one that we are happy to embrace at Millthorpe; reducing our energy consumption, switching off lights and computers to make a difference.

Year 11 Tracking Data indicates that standards in Millthorpe School continue to rise. Students are serious about their studies and are working in partnership with their teachers to achieve their best grades.

Student Leadership at Millthorpe continues to develop. A great example of this was our Children in Need charity fundraising where students have raised £1,500 through non uniform and spotty events. Thank you to parents and carers who sponsored students and contributed to an excellent day. You may have seen Millthorpe students on television during the **Children in Need** event. They were a credit to all. Congratulations to our **Year 11 Netball** players who will represent North Yorkshire in the regional round of the national schools' tournament. I hear from staff and parents that the matches were extremely exciting.

There are two members of staff leaving, **Mr S Jowett**, who has been at Millthorpe School for five years in his role as Advanced Skills Teacher for mathematics and **Mrs J Ward** who has been covering a maternity post, also in mathematics. We thank them for the contribution they have made to Millthorpe School and wish them all the success in the future. We have several new staff joining school. **Mrs E Arnold** joins us as Head of English from Scarborough and **Mrs R Thorne** joins us as Head of Geography (job share) from York. **Mr Butler** and **Mr Hogan** will join the Maths department. We very much look forward to the contribution they will bring to Millthorpe.

During our Spring term we have much to look forward to: our **Jazz Festival**, further **Extended Learning Days** and, of course, fundraising from our Prom Committee who have started in earnest and are planning a splendid event for Year 11 in June 2011 at the Racecourse.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our staff, parents, students and governors a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and remind you all that school opens **on Tuesday 4 January 2011 for all students.**

Warmest wishes

Siân Rees
Associate Headteacher

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

If you haven't already done so, please take time to check out our new school website. There's loads of important information about school — term dates and other important dates in the school calendar, upcoming events, school closure (in the event of bad weather) exam and homework timetables, school policies, latest and past newsletters, extra-curricular activities, holiday forms, etc, etc, etc.

www.millthorpeschool.co.uk



We also put copies of all general school letters to parents and carers on the website as we understand that some of our students are not very good at delivering letters home!

By the time you receive this newsletter there will also be a Reports Booklet for Parents available on the website.

Please feel free to let us have any feedback about our website and if there are any ways in which it could be improved.

A Message from your Governors

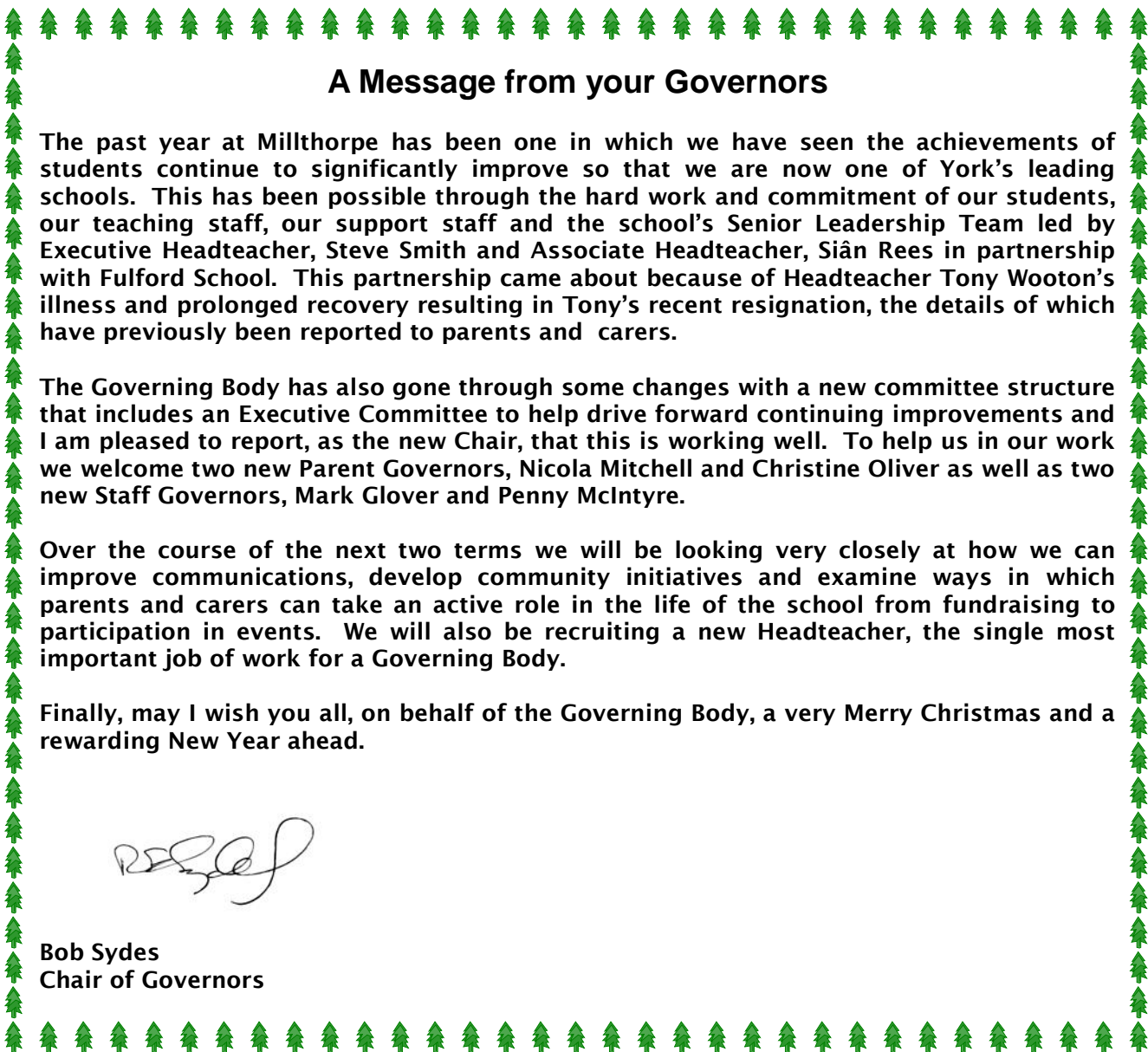
The past year at Millthorpe has been one in which we have seen the achievements of students continue to significantly improve so that we are now one of York's leading schools. This has been possible through the hard work and commitment of our students, our teaching staff, our support staff and the school's Senior Leadership Team led by Executive Headteacher, Steve Smith and Associate Headteacher, Siân Rees in partnership with Fulford School. This partnership came about because of Headteacher Tony Wooton's illness and prolonged recovery resulting in Tony's recent resignation, the details of which have previously been reported to parents and carers.

The Governing Body has also gone through some changes with a new committee structure that includes an Executive Committee to help drive forward continuing improvements and I am pleased to report, as the new Chair, that this is working well. To help us in our work we welcome two new Parent Governors, Nicola Mitchell and Christine Oliver as well as two new Staff Governors, Mark Glover and Penny McIntyre.

Over the course of the next two terms we will be looking very closely at how we can improve communications, develop community initiatives and examine ways in which parents and carers can take an active role in the life of the school from fundraising to participation in events. We will also be recruiting a new Headteacher, the single most important job of work for a Governing Body.

Finally, may I wish you all, on behalf of the Governing Body, a very Merry Christmas and a rewarding New Year ahead.

Bob Sydes
Chair of Governors





Millthorpe Christmas Appeal

It is the time of year when the weather gets colder, the nights are darker and longer, and at the same time the city is packed with shoppers preparing for the Christmas period. It is therefore a perfect time for us - as a school - to reflect on the things we take for granted and to think about people who are less fortunate.

This Christmas, Millthorpe School hopes to make a difference to the homeless people living within our community. Last year you may remember we held an appeal to gather warm clothing and tinned food for homelessness charities in York. In total the school collected over eight hundred tins of food and we are told that this made a massive difference to the well being of those living in extreme poverty in these winter months.

This year we have been in touch with the York Arc Light Project (<http://www.york-arclight.co.uk/>) and they have advised us that the following items are scarce at this time.

- **Tinned food** such as beans, tuna, vegetables, or soups.
- **Toiletries** such as toothpaste, shower gel, or shampoo.

There are over a thousand students at Millthorpe School and, as a result of your generous contributions, we will be able to make a very positive impact on the lives of people in real need this Christmas.



Children in Need

MILLTHORPE GOES SPOTTY!

On 19 November, Millthorpe School students participated in fundraising events for Children in Need. The theme for Children in Need this year was "*Show Your Spots*". During the day, students enjoyed a number of "spot-based" activities, which included

- A "spot the difference" quiz for students to complete
- Connect 4 and Twister contests
- A spotty invention competition
- A non-uniform day where students had to wear something spotty
- A spotty treasure hunt
- A spotty bake sale
- Spotty face painting
- Pudsey points instead of form points – giving parents the opportunity to help us raise money for Children in Need whilst promoting the school's reward system.

Each activity gave students the chance to win some great Pudsey prizes as well as entering our star prize draw to win some amazing items donated by our local community as well as businesses further afield.

Millthorpe would like to thank the following businesses for helping us out in what was an exciting and highly successful day. Thanks go out to: BHS, Nandos, Game, Lush, The Fudge Kitchen, CC Enterprises, Milkshake, Body Shop, Reel Cinema, Yorvik Centre and International Stock Distributors.

We raised £1500 for 'Children in Need'. Thank you so much for your support.



Happy Christmas ~ Frohe Weihnachten ~ Joyeux Noël ~ Buon Natale ~ Feliz Navidad ~ Happy Christmas



Two German students spend time at Millthorpe

For the first four weeks of this half term we have been lucky enough to have had two German students in Year 10 on a placement from their school in Berlin. This proved to be a fantastic experience for all concerned and the boys formed firm friendships with many Millthorpe students and inspired many more in their language learning. They have raised our cultural awareness by creating a fantastic presentation on their life in Berlin which they delivered to Year 8 & 9 students and you can access this on our MFL blog: www.languagesatmillthorpe.typepad.co.uk.

Here is what Julian and Nicolas had to say:

Thank you Millthorpe School - It has been three weeks since we first came to Millthorpe School. It is a real pleasure to experience the English school life and we are enjoying our visit. We did not know what the teachers and students would be like or how they would treat us. From the first day they were very nice and friendly to us. Oscar, Jay and Jack were our first friends because they volunteered to take care of us. Through them we met a lot of other students who have become our friends.

In the last three weeks we have learnt about your school day. Here we explain to you the differences between Millthorpe and our school, Sophie-Charlotte-Oberschule, in Berlin. There are 902 students (525 girls and 377 boys) and 80 teachers. We have three computer rooms, an assembly hall, cafeteria and three gyms. Unlike Millthorpe we only have a small football pitch. In Germany we start primary school at 5 or 6 years old and when we are 12 years old we change to high school where we do 'A' levels in the 12th grade.

The school is located in one of the centres of Berlin therefore many students travel to school by public transport. Our school day begins at 8am, so we were pleased that Millthorpe School starts at 8.50am. Our lessons all last for 45 minutes and, apart from science and art which are taught in specific parts of the school, the teachers come to our classroom, so we do not move around the school as students here do. Between each lesson we have a five minute break and after the second and sixth lesson we have a fifteen minute break. After the fourth lesson we have a half hour lunch break. Most students take a packed lunch of a sandwich. Three months ago the school introduced a hot lunch. This is really expensive and not as good as here where there is a much bigger choice.

School finishes at a different time every day. A 6 hour day finishes at 1.30pm, 7 hour days finish at 2.30pm and 8 hour days finish at 3.20pm.

We have a television monitor where school information is displayed e.g. if a teacher is not in school the alternative arrangements are given.

We do not have a school uniform. This means students can have 'brand pressures'. With school uniform you do not have to think about what to wear every day, but everyone looks the same and we like to express our personalities by our clothes at school. The Millthorpe uniform has become special to us and we have enjoyed wearing it.

Our school is bilingual that means we have Geography, Biology and Politics in English. The other lessons are in German. In the second half of grade 8 we start these bilingual classes.

We are looking forward to going back to Sophie-Charlotte-Oberschule but we will very much miss our friends in York. Millthorpe school has welcomed us and looked after us. We want to thank everyone especially the head teacher Mr Smith for allowing this and Miss Gray for taking care of us.

Nicolas Fajt and Julian Hallberg

Happy Christmas ~ Frohe Weihnachten ~ Joyeux Noël ~ Buon Natale ~ Feliz Navidad ~ Happy Christmas



Year 9 History Trips

As part of our collapsed timetable day on 2 November, the History Department ran three trips to different venues. This year these venues were the Royal Armouries in Leeds, the Imperial War Museum North in Manchester and the Holocaust Centre in Newark. The trips support and enhance the topics that students will learn about as part of the Year 9 curriculum in History and are an enjoyable way of bringing the subject to life.

The Royal Armouries—The trip to the Royal Armouries was really enjoyable. We got the chance to dress up in costumes that soldiers and women workers would have worn in World War 1. There were also uniforms from other countries and some students wore the Russian and German uniforms. Shaun Prenty looked great in an early gas mask. We handled lots of different weapons, such as early grenades and rifles and nails that were dropped from aeroplanes into the trenches—pretty gruesome. Some of us had a go at archery but very few of us got a bullseye. It was much harder than it looked. If we had some spending money left after visiting the shop then there were computer animated firing ranges using authentic weapons from World War 1.

The Holocaust Museum & Beth Shalom Centre - This was a very moving trip. 100 students and 10 staff went in two buses all the way to Newark. One of the buses broke down on the A64 but the company quickly sent out a replacement, which was lucky because we wouldn't have wanted to miss any of it. When we got to the museum we visited a mock German street from the 1930's. This helped us to understand what it was like to live in the ghettos. We spent some time in the memorial gardens reflecting on the holocaust and then the highlight of the trip - we met a Holocaust survivor—Rudi Oppenheimer. We spent one and a half hours with Rudi who had been a prisoner in Belsen Concentration Camp from the age of 12 with his whole family. His mother died first, then his father. His sister had been born in Britain and had a British passport. Because of this we heard that Rudi, his brother and his sister had been able to survive their ordeal, although his sister still refuses to talk about their harrowing experience. It was a real privilege for us to get to talk to Rudi and we were all incredibly moved by his story.



Big Picture Show

A 360 degree show which fills this space with sound and pictures every hour. During the show the lights will go out for approx. 15 min.

Learning Studio

On the ground floor is another space where you can join activities and even learn more about how war continues to shape lives. Have a look to see when the next event is on.

The Imperial War Museum—On 2 November an excited coach-load of Year 9 students set off for the Imperial War Museum North in Manchester. The day served as an excellent introduction to the new scheme of work that students will be following from January on 'Twentieth Century Conflict'. The museum, purposely designed to disorientate visitors, reflecting the architects' opinion of war, provides students with a chronological insight into the conflicts of the Twentieth Century, starting with the Great War and ending with the ongoing War in Afghanistan.

Students completed a quiz as they toured the museum, and got 'hands-on' with some of the artefacts. Later, the

students were submerged into the experiences of war with a Big Picture Show where images and sounds of war transported the students to the front line of combat.

Finally, the students were able to climb to the top of the viewing platform to look out over Manchester city centre (including a splendid view of Old Trafford, boo!) to imagine how Manchester was affected during the Blitz.

The students gained a vast amount of knowledge and poignantly ended the day by buying poppies to commemorate those who lost their lives in conflict, making Mr Baybutt incredibly proud.





Human Rights Awards

On Tuesday 7 December we were fortunate enough to attend the 8th Annual International Human Rights Award ceremony which, for the first time, took place at York Minster. Hosted by Harry Gratton, the Look North presenter, and with a keynote speech by Professor Francesca Klug OBE, five groups were awarded for their work on upholding human rights around the world.

Award winners whose work particularly impressed us were the Talowadag Coalition from Somaliland who care for over 1500 people who have HIV and AIDS and, closer to home, Sharron Smith from York Young Carers Centre, who has worked for over ten years to support young people in York who care for a family member at home.

We were impressed at the dedication and commitment of all the winners and we weren't alone - Annie Lennox appeared through a Video Conference to congratulate the winners!

**Tom Burke, Beth Ebdon,
Sarah Ackroyd & Liam Yates**

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International School Award

The British Council has granted Millthorpe School the prestigious International School Award for the second time. Ivan Noble, coordinator of the school's bid for International Status was "delighted". "The school has worked hard over the last few years to develop an international dimension to its work – not just through the fact that we're a language college but also through projects in school such as visiting speakers and other events".

According to the British Council, the award seeks to "celebrate, develop, recognise, and accredit outstanding practice." John Rolfe, Manager of the Award at the British Council, passed on his congratulations "for excellent commitment to the enriching, creative, and innovative international dimensions of teaching and learning."

Over the last year, the school has held a number of events including an International Day, a world languages morning, a visiting Holocaust survivor, a talent show to raise money for Haiti, and - last June - a performance poetry competition to raise money for a new school in India. The poetry competition featured entries from the whole of Year 7 and 160 students turned out at lunchtime to hear the shortlisted poems competing. Over £500 was raised and this was donated to a new schools project in India. Lesley Eden, who co-ordinated the poetry competition, went out to India over the summer as part of a volunteering project and was able to see first-hand the impact the school's contribution would have.

Ivan Noble commented that "the real pleasure for us is to be able to continue our work and develop even more international links in the coming year."

MILLTHORPE SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY

Recognising Excellence and Achievement



On the evening of Friday 26 November, proud families packed the Central Hall of York University to witness the school's second Award Ceremony. Over 200 students, past and present, were presented with awards to mark both achievements in school and contributions to school life and the community.

The guest speaker was Prof Sir John Lawton, CBE, FRS who is currently Chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.

The York College Cup was presented to Helgi Clayton-McClure (above) who made the most progress from Year 7 to Year 11.

Abbi Cussans, Evie Bagshaw, Megan Hairsine and Hannah Dickinson from Year 9 (pictured right) received recognition for their contribution to the local community by raising a large sum of money for the RSPCA through making and selling refreshments in school.



Another group of Year 9 students (Rosie Latchford, Alex Frasina and Srikumaran Naguleswaran, below) won an enterprise award—the NYBEP Green Griffin Inter-school Competition Runners Up Award.



The School Volunteer of the Year Award went to Mr Thomas Langan, in recognition of his excellent work maintaining the school grounds.

The audience were wonderfully entertained during the evening by the Millthorpe Jazz Band and the cast of "Little Shop of Horrors".

Very many thanks to all those whose hard work helped make this such an enjoyable and successful event and congratulations to all our award winners.



Progress to Success

BOYS' P.E. NEWS



Can I once again remind all students that PE kit must be brought to all lessons. Injured/ill students will be required to take part in the lesson, in kit, as a coach, umpire or official. This is a requirement of the National Curriculum. If students do not bring kit this presents the PE teacher and student with a number of problems;

- The student concerned is involved in the lesson in their school uniform which is far from ideal, especially when outside.
- If there are a number of students without kit this presents supervision issues for the teacher and impacts upon the teaching and learning of the whole class.
- Students are not actively involved and learning is less likely to take place, again hampering student progress.

Finally, this year the school operates a very different week A and B timetable. As a result your child may have PE and games on different days. This is confusing and as a result some students have problems bringing kit and in particular the correct kit. It would be greatly appreciated if parents/carers could assist students with their organisation and especially in looking at the information in their planner.



Cross Country—Congratulations to Charlie Sarginson in Year 9 who came first in the District Cross-Country Championships. Well done!

Basketball—The Year 8 basketball team have worked hard this year and have performed excellently in their matches against Boston Spa and Bootham. They need to win one of their remaining matches against Fulford and All Saints in order to qualify for a place in the play-off finals. Good luck to them all.



Biathlon – Three Millthorpe students participated in the North of England Biathlon competition held at the John Charles Stadium in Leeds. Callum Charlton (Y7), Laura Heyworth (Y8) and Matthew Dearlove (Y9) had to swim and run against fellow students from all over the county. Matthew set the quickest time in the swimming phase for his age group, thus qualifying for the next round to be held in Macclesfield in the New Year. Well done to Callum, Laura and Matthew.

Football – The current Year 9 football team have had a hard time over their three years in school, playing against some very stiff competition. However this year they have begun superbly with a dominating performance in the second round of the York and District Cup. Opponents Joseph Rowntree who we have not beaten over the years were dominated from start to finish. Millthorpe fielding a couple of new recruits came out 3-2 victors but it could have easily been more! Well done lads, Selby away in the semi-final are next!

Table Tennis – Millthorpe students competed in the York and District Table Tennis competition held at Millthorpe School. Mason Yui, Jacob Fleat, Adam Soden (all Y7), Dan Hickey, Jodie Smith (Y9), Oscar Brooks and James Green (Y10) played valiantly against tough opposition with the Year 7 team qualifying for the county final held in Scarborough. Brilliant!



Jack Anderson (Y11) has been selected for the Under 16's England Rugby League Squad. He has the chance to pit his wits against opposition from both Wales and France in the New Year. Well done Jack, it is a proud and fantastic opportunity to represent your country.

Celebrating Sporting Achievement

The PE Department has successfully started a 'Student of the Week Sports Award' and a 'Sporting Who's Who' board in the Sports Hall that celebrates sporting success. Congratulations to all those nominated so far. If you feel that your achievement deserves a mention please pass on your ideas to your PE teacher.



GIRLS' P.E. NEWS



County Netball—On 13 November, Millthorpe School's U16 netball team participated in the County Round of the National Schools Netball Tournament, having qualified by winning the Area Round. It was a cold, windy day and conditions for netball were not ideal but with a great support network of parents, grandparents and staff, Millthorpe were ready to take on anything.

Our first match was against Ryedale School. There was some excellent centre court defending producing some first-rate turnovers with Millthorpe winning 10-2. A fabulous way to start the tournament. After a break, we were up against Ashville College. Leading 5-3 at half time, we battled through the game but unfortunately some good interceptions from Ashville saw us draw the game 5-5. Stokesley School was up next and they saw the brunt of Millthorpe's frustration at not winning their previous game. Some outstanding circle defence from Rachael Ackroyd and Ruby Woodcock limited Stokesley's chances and Millthorpe were run away winners 13-2. Our final match before lunch was

against local rivals St Peter's who always provide a good challenge. Some outstanding mid-court interceptions by Alice Rogers and a fiery performance from Hannah Schofield saw Millthorpe take a 4-3 lead into half time which they never gave up, winning the match 10-6.

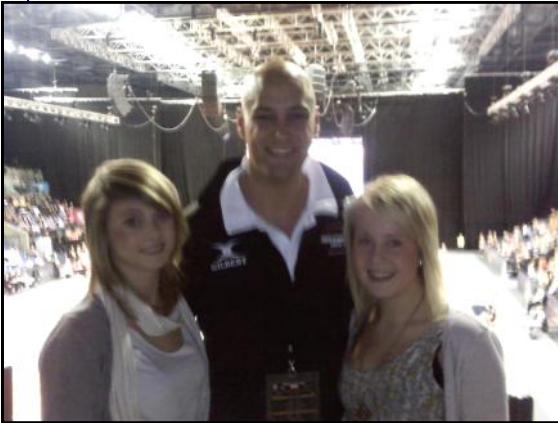
After lunch, Millthorpe produced two outstanding displays to beat Queen Mary's School and Whitby Community College, the score being 10-4 in each match. Our final match was against King James School and we had to win this game to qualify for the next round. It was a difficult game with both teams making mistakes and good interceptions alike. Some dogged mid-court defending by Hannah Sturdy resulted in a crucial turnover and Millthorpe led 4-3 going into the break. After a rousing team talk at half-time, Millthorpe stepped up a gear and some outstanding shooting from Faye Whiteley and Abi Olsen saw Millthorpe win 11-7.

Despite not losing a game, Millthorpe were pipped to the trophy by Ashville College on goal average. It does mean however, that Millthorpe now progress to the Regional Round, representing North Yorkshire and are hoping to go one round further than their last appearance in this round where they just missed out on qualification.

The York and Selby U16 Netball Tournament took place at Joseph Rowntree School on Tuesday 12 October on a gloriously sunny day. Six teams took part in the 'A' tournament which started with a 16-3 victory for Millthorpe School over Huntington. Some excellent shooting from Faye Whiteley and Abi Olsen ensured a comfortable start to the tournament. Millthorpe's second match against All Saints proved to be a harder challenge however some sound centre court defending by Alice Rogers and some excellent interceptions by Hannah Sturdy ensured a 7-3 win. Archbishop Holgates School put up some resistance, however another victory (11-1) kept Millthorpe on course for a showdown with their main rivals St Peter's. A hard fought game, Millthorpe were 2-3 down at half time but a rousing team talk and a determination not to lose saw a convincing fightback and, with some fabulous interceptions in defence by Ruby Woodcock and Rachael Ackroyd, Millthorpe went on to win the second half 7-1 and won the match 9-4 overall. Their final match against Joseph Rowntree School saw some stunning feeds into the shooting circle from Hannah Schofield, leading to a 13-3 win. It is the first time in Millthorpe School's history that they have won this trophy and Millthorpe, with a tournament record that saw the most goals scored (55) and the least number of goals conceded (12), will now go on to represent York and Selby at the County Round at Ashville School, Harrogate on 13 November.



GIRLS' P.E. NEWS (continued)



Young Umpires—Six talented girls from Millthorpe School have become the first in North Yorkshire to gain the new Young Umpires Award in Netball. They are very excited about the umpiring opportunities that are now available to them and also feel that their knowledge of how to play the game has increased. The aim of the Young Umpires Award is to promote the development of Youth officiating by helping young people understand and apply the generic skills of umpiring whilst developing teamwork and communication skills. The girls have trained, along with 7 others, over the course of a year. They have umpired school matches, took charge of matches at both the U12

and U13 York and District Netball tournaments and, most recently, at the Junior Summer League. Head of Girls' PE and the umpires' mentor, Sarah Watts, is very proud of them. 'These girls have worked very hard over the past year to achieve this award. It is wonderful that they are developing an interest in a new area of the sport, one which provides them with a different challenge. There are certainly some stars of the future here!' The Year 10 girls are Ruby Woodcock, Rachael Ackroyd, Hannah Sturdy, Hannah Schofield, Faye Whiteley and Alice Rogers.

Faye and Hannah Sturdy (pictured above) recently attended the FastNet World Series in Liverpool where they were invited to meet Gary Burgess, England's International Umpire. He was delighted to hear about their umpiring success and wished them luck for the future.



Free School Meals

If your annual income is below £16,190 then you may qualify for Free School Meals. Further information can be found from:

www.york.gov.uk/education/Schools_and_colleges/education_awards/Free_school_meals/

If you do not have access to the internet information can be found via the City of York Council. Free School Meal application forms are available from the School Office.

ATTENDANCE

Can we remind our parents and carers to telephone the school office before 10.00am if a student is going to be absent from school.

We require an absence call every day unless a set period of absence is notified on the first day.

If your child is going to be late or has to leave early for a medical appointment, please send them in with a note and remind them to sign in or sign out at the office.

Thank you for your support.

Conor gets a 'Caravaggio Custard Pie' in aid of Miss Eden's India Appeal





**Our Millthorpe Christmas Tree
— almost as big as the Tate Modern
tree but much more decorative!**

IMPORTANT DATES

Spring Term 2011

Term begins	Tuesday 4 January
Half term w/c	Monday 21 February
Term ends	Thursday 7 April
Training Day	Friday 8 April
Training (Early closure—2.30pm finish)	Tuesday 11 January
	Thursday 3 February
	Thursday 7 April
Extended Learning Day (3.00pm finish)	Thursday 27 January

Summer Term 2011

Term begins	Tuesday 26 April
Half term w/c	Monday 30 May
Term ends	Friday 22 July
Royal Wedding	Friday 29 April
May Day Holiday	Monday 2 May
Training (Early closure - 2.30pm finish)	Monday 23 May
Extended Learning Day (3.00pm finish)	Wednesday 4 May



Is your child interested in learning and performing with other young people?

As well as instrumental music lessons, York Arts Education also runs **yorkartsacademy** where young people aged 3-18 meet weekly to develop their skills, rehearse regularly, and participate in concerts and performances, city-wide festivals and events.

At **yorkartsacademy**, we have orchestras, string orchestras, string quartets, folk music groups, early music groups, wind bands, guitar groups, dance groups, choir, steel bands, African drumming, song writing, rock bands, jazz band, big band, brass & woodwind group and percussion group.

We also have musical sessions for children aged 3-5, and 6-8, and African drumming and steel bands for adults.

Many groups need some previous instrumental experience, but other groups need no previous experience at all.

For more information, visit <http://www.york.gov.uk/education/arts/music/Performingartscentres/> or call our office on 554660 for information.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

A reminder that our Year 9 Options Evening will be held on Thursday 13 January at 7pm in the Main Hall.

Further information will follow in the new year.

**WE WISH OUR STUDENTS
& THEIR FAMILIES
A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS
AND NEW YEAR**

**Students return
to school on
Tuesday
4 January 2011
(Week B)**



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