

The Millthorpeian



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Summer 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

The year has flown by and the summer holidays are fast approaching. It has been a very busy and productive term here at Millthorpe. I would like to thank all staff and students for their warm welcome and good wishes since I officially started on 7 June. Our school continues to thrive. We enjoyed a very successful Sports' Day on 2 July; a well organised event with much participation from students. On a very hot day we were well served by students and the Design Technology department who provided ice cream and juice for a small charge. May I thank all our staff who played a significant role in ensuring students enjoyed their afternoon.

There has been a plethora of creative events this term. Miss Eden has worked with Year 7 who enjoyed a poetry competition with over 100 competitors and supporters. The evening of dance was well supported and showcased our very talented students. This theme continued in our Summer Concert where we were treated to a variety of song, dance and music. The audience appreciated staff and students working together for everyone's enjoyment. It was delightful to see past students in the audience who came to support the school. Our congratulations also go to Adam Kadow and Leo Gonzalez, whose film "Shiller" won a Yoscar for best film from a secondary school.

Our International Day was much enjoyed by students and thanks to Mr Noble and Mrs Moore for their organisation and planning, which ensured the day ran smoothly for students and visitors.

We have raised over £5,000 for charities this school year. Our Sponsor Event may have been physically damp but the spirit and the outfits were undiminished. Some of the money raised will support the development of student leadership in school and this will be further enhanced with the Year 9 Volunteering day on 19 July. Many thanks to Miss Lamb for her work in co-ordinating this event for Millthorpe.

June 2010 also saw the launch of the school's Year 8 Language Leaders. Their role is to be ambassadors for the school and their first function was to support the Year 6 transition evening. The Language Leaders were very impressive and an asset to the school, speaking clearly with integrity about what Millthorpe means to them. The modelling of our school uniform by Year 9 mentors was well received.

Indeed, looking forward to September and uniform, our standards have not changed and our high expectation for the appearance of our students remains. Skirts are to be **knee length**. **Please see page 13 for further details.**

Our updated website www.millthorpeschool.co.uk will provide you with the latest letters going home and our return dates for September 2010. You will also find an electronic copy of this term's Millthorpeian. The website design and update enhances our communication with parents and carers and I am grateful to Mr J Deamer and Mr A Ward for all their hard work in this area.

At this time of year we have staff moving on to new roles and challenges. They are Mr M Carlin, Mr M Bee, Mr J Adams, Miss E Kirby, Miss A Towler and Mrs A Frau. Leaving us for maternity leave are Mrs C Snowball, Ms V McNulty and Ms S Short.

Whilst Mr K Gowland is not leaving us he is reducing his time commitment at the school. Mr Gowland has been at Millthorpe for twenty four years, latterly as Head of Art. I know you will agree that the Art department has flourished under Mr Gowland's leadership, with students achieving an exceptionally high quality of work rewarded by high examination results. From September, the Art department will be led by Ms S Cockburn who has exciting plans for its further development. We wish to thank them for all they have brought to Millthorpe School and good luck for their new challenges.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer.

S. Rees

S Rees, Associate Headteacher

Start dates for Autumn Term

Thursday 2 September—Years 7, 10 and 11

Friday 3 September—all students in school



Science Department



Science Club has been running on Thursdays this year and has been attended by pupils from Years 7–10. Members of the Science Department have taken turns to lead the club in a variety of exciting activities. Explosions and fire have featured heavily as usual, as have eggs and other food based activities. I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the members of the Science Department for their hard work and the pupils who have attended regularly and enthusiastically.



School Grounds Day — On Tuesday 29 June Year 7 pupils walked the Nature Trail and studied some of the wildlife to be found on our beautiful school grounds. Each tutor group spent an hour, mainly during their normal science lesson, following the map and visiting particular areas of interest. We are so lucky at Millthorpe to have extensive grounds with a variety of habitats including woodland and the wildlife area where the pond is situated. The pupils filled in a worksheet to record their observations and prizes were given for the best three from each tutor group. The weather was kind and the pupils enjoyed the experience.

The success of School Grounds Day was due to a lot of people contributing time and effort in preparation (special thanks go to Mr Cook & Mr Henson, Caretaking Staff, Mr Glover & Mr Rennolf, Science Technicians, Mrs Mather, former Science teacher at Millthorpe and Mr Langan, School Grounds Maintenance) and, on the day itself, to the members of the Science Department and Mr Bee, Geography Department.

Primary School Visit - On Wednesday 30 June some Year 6 pupils from St Paul's Primary School and Year 5 pupils from Knavesmire Primary School visited the Science Department to have a taster of what science is like at Millthorpe. The pupils were divided into three groups and each group learned about Bunsen burner safety and a demonstration of an exploding hydrogen balloon. This was followed by 3 different activities: Mr Mallen introduced the microscopic world of pond water, Miss Kirby lead a practical lesson looking at which common household chemicals are acids or alkalis and Dr Powell asked the pupils to split light with prisms. This gave them the opportunity to work with equipment they had not worked with before in the setting of a science lab. The afternoon went very well, the pupils were enthusiastic and it was a very positive experience for the staff.

Collecting Stories — A group of Year 8 pupils visited the National Railway museum over 4 afternoons as part of the 'Collecting Stories' project. This was a project run by the Science Museum in London in conjunction with Thackray Museum, Captain Cook Birthplace Museum, the National Railway Museum and the Ryedale Folk Museum. The pupils used a range of resources and multi-media to create displays to accompany exhibits for each museum. The displays were of exceptional quality and may be entered into the YOSCARS, a local film competition.

Thank you to Miss Boyle and Dr Powell for their support in this project - the department looks forward to further collaboration with the National Railway Museum.



Miss Kirby has been a member of the Department for 3 years and has been very significant in the teaching of KS3 Science, Physics, Core and Additional Sciences. She has had a huge impact both within the Department and within her pastoral role as Head of Year 7.

The Department and students will miss her enormously and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her every success and happiness in the future.

M Few, Head of Science

Music Department News

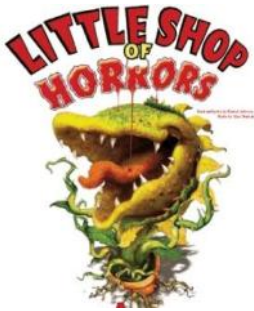


It has been another busy but fun term for the Music Department. Students who are involved in extra-curricular ensembles went to see the Sound of Music at the Palace Theatre in Manchester and the GCSE students were treated to an Indian Music workshop by Jesse Bannister - a very unique musician—who plays North Indian Classical Music on the saxophone to a professional level.

The school ensembles worked hard all term for the school Summer Concert which took place on 8 July. All the usual music ensembles and dancers were involved but this time (thanks to Miss Towler) with a twist! The finale involved the Jazz Band **and** the dancers performing together. The audience were treated to the band playing the music to *42nd Street* with tap dancing and finally *The Jumping Jive* with guess what....the jive! There was also a performance from the keyboard club with Conor Mellor singing and lots more talented soloists (too many to mention). Many staff and pupils were involved, making the night a success and lots of fun.



The Junior Band spent Thursday 15 July working with over 60 Year 6 musicians from our feeder primary schools. There were various workshops which ranged from vocal sectionals to percussion. The aim was to integrate the Year 6 musicians and give them confidence before they arrived in September as it can be quite a scary and daunting transition. The day resulted in a mini performance for some of our Year 7 pupils.



The school production '**Little Shop of Horrors**' was announced this term. Lots of students want to participate and will be working hard towards the performances next term. 'Little Shop' is a rock musical about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on human blood. We are on the lookout for a human sized plant costume so if anyone has one lying around please let us know!

Performances will take place on 17, 18 & 19 November. See you there!



Year 7 Peer Mentors

Twenty of our current Year 9 students have been selected to become Peer Mentors to our new intake of Year 7s from September. After writing a letter in support of their application, the students will now embark upon a training programme that will provide them with the skills to be able to support and guide our new pupils. Millthorpe School was successful in its bid to enlist the assistance of the training provider, Network 2, and they will deliver the training that will result in each of our Mentor's gaining a qualification, as well as real job satisfaction, from their work.

Congratulations go to Sarah Wilson, Isaac Gilding, Isabella Nugent, Luke Berry, Emma Leatham, Matt Crowland, Megan Richardson, Liam Yates, Hana Ellis, Eddie Gough, Sarah Ackroyd, Michael Wilkie, Bethany Ebdon, Aidan Smith, Sophie Soanes, Beth Soards, Hannah Fessey, Freddie Hayes, Anna Soden and Kirsty Thomas.

Year 8 Inter-form

Following the success of the Badminton inter-form last term the Year 8 tutors organised both a 5 a-side and Rounders inter-form for the Year 8 students. We had an excellent turn out and all students participated positively and competitively until 6pm. After a number of matches outside, 8ED came out on top in Rounders (pictured below) whilst in the Sports Hall, calculated by average goals scored, 8CL and 8MC shared the top spot, closely followed by 8JA. Thanks to everyone who took part and helped to organise the inter-form.



LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT



Language Leaders — We are very proud of our Language College status and all the extra benefits that this brings to our school and we hope you enjoyed reading about these in our recent new MFL newsletter. Since the launch of the newsletter we have undertaken another initiative and are proud to introduce our new team of Language Leaders:

Rebecca Hussey	8JG	Martha King	8MC
Andrew Feve	8KFB	Bethan Terry	8KFB
Rosie Latchford	8RD	Sally Langan	8JG
Siren Meek	8KFB	Shania Carter	8RD
Thomas Dibbs	8ED	Lotte McCabe	8KFB
Jennifer Magyar	8MC	Laura Austin-Sydes	8RD
Maya Kearney	KFB	Anna Ward	8MC
Kate Chapman	8RD	Megan Forgan	8CL
Beth Murphy	8RD	Daisy Black	8JG



The pupils were put through a formal application process of producing CVs and letters which we hope will benefit them in their future careers outside Millthorpe School. Shortlisted pupils were interviewed by Miss Gray with the help of one of our governors, Ms Claire Antrobus, who has a background in recruitment. Many pupils brought a portfolio of awards and achievements along to interview and the discussion that arose was not only informative but also highly enjoyable. We were very impressed with the wealth of transferable skills already amassed by applicants and also the maturity with which students presented themselves at interview. It was a great opportunity for pupils to tell us about all the good things they do outside of school, as well as gaining experience of interviews.

Their first task was to design our own logo for use on a t-shirt that the Language Leaders will wear when hosting guests to Millthorpe School and we hope you will agree that the end result is both eye-catching and highly professional (see above right). Language Leaders then represented the school in their first public role at the Year 6 Parents' Evening where some of them even gave a talk on stage to all our New Year 7 pupils and their families.

We are very excited to have such a team of enthusiastic and talented students to add to our strengths as a specialist status school and we hope that the role will evolve progressively as they work through Year 9. Language Leaders will be involved in a wide variety of school functions where external guests are visiting and will be able to talk knowledgeably about Millthorpe School. We are still in the early stages of this project but have already been extremely impressed with the considerable talent and skills displayed by this group of students and are very excited by the potential of our Language Leaders. Congratulations and a very big thank you to you all!

Miss Gray, Head of German

New Language Lab! - Over Easter, engineers from SANAKO came into school and fitted brand new digital equipment into the Language Lab, replacing the old cassette-based system that had been in use for many years. The new Language Lab (called Lab 100) is controlled by a single computer, which operates both the Media Storage Unit (for storing pupils' work) and the Digital Recorder Units, which are controlled by pupils. They are easy to operate, and allow the pupils to participate in a number of stimulating learning activities, either alone, in groups or in pairs. The new Lab has many features which were not available previously - here are just a few of the features available:



A Digital Recorder Unit

- Pair and group speaking with any pupil(s) in the room
- Phone conversations
- True or false and multiple choice quizzes, with answers recorded automatically by the Digital Recorder units
- A variety of listening activities from any source available (CD, the internet, teacher, even other pupils)

On the training day on the 1 July, the Languages Department had a chance to learn how to use the new Lab when Rob Baker, Training Manager for SANAKO, came into school. All the teachers were very excited at the possibilities we believe it offers and are looking forward very much to starting to use it in September.



Y9 Pizza Making

In Year 9 German with Miss Gray we have been learning about sequencers, (zuerst, dann, danach and zum Schluss) so to learn these phrases we cooked some pizza in our lesson, going by a method that was written in German. It was delicious and it was a lot of fun to make. Here is the method we used if you want to try it at home:

Rezept: Pizza

- 1) Zuerst brauchen wir Mehl, Butter und Milch. Wir mischen sie und machen den Teig.
- 2) Dan tun wir die Tomaten and den Käse auf den Teig.
- 3) Wir schneiden die Champignons, die Zwiebeln, die Oliven und die Paprika in kleine Stücke.
- 4) Dan tun wir das Gemüse auf die Pizza.
- 5) Danach legen wir den Schinken auf das Gemüse.
- 6) Zum Schluss backen wir die Pizza für 20 Minuten (180 Grad).

Then we were set some homework to make the pizza ourselves at home using our German recipe and we also had to take some pictures of us making it. When we gave feedback in our lesson on our homework we agreed that we had achieved mixed results but that all our parents enjoyed us making the tea!

Hannah Richards, Holly Yates, Catriona Vest and Issy Poxon, Year 9

SHILLER



Congratulations to Adam Kadow and Leo Gonzalez in Year 10 for winning the award for "Best Film from a Secondary School" at the 2010 **YOSCARS** award.

The awards ceremony, which meets each year to celebrate the talents of young film makers across the city, was hosted by such dignitaries as the Mayor of York and the York's Director of Children's Services. The film submitted by Adam and Leo - entitled 'Shiller' - was praised by the judges as "darkly mysterious and put together with an artistic eye."

A Message from our Governors.....

Another year over, and in many ways one of the most eventful I can remember. After what seems a considerable time of stability in membership, our governing body is losing two of its number.

You'll be aware that Ellie Kirby, Head of Year 7, is taking time out to do work in Africa. She has been a staff governor for a couple of years, and has been a valued member. We'll miss you!

Our other retiree is Polly Griffith, who is stepping down after being involved with the school for over a decade. She was my predecessor as Chair, but has also been involved in more projects and groups than I care to imagine, principle amongst which must be the school council. She will be missed by all, and we wish her a well earned retirement.

Filling Polly's shoes as a community governor presents a rare opportunity for us to invite a member of the local community to join us. Do you know of someone, who isn't a parent at school, who could bring something special to Millthorpe? They might be a local resident who can bring a fresh view in, a local shopkeeper maybe or someone who has retired but is looking for a new challenge? Please feel free to contact the school, via the website, phone or letter, if you know of someone. If you'd like some idea of what being a school governor is about, please visit the council website, or contact the Governance Support Service on 554258.

Whether the weather be sunny or wet, enjoy your holidays, and see most of you in September.

- Steven Brereton, Chair of Governors

Zutaten

- 50g Schinken
- 100g Käse
- 25g Champignons
- 1 Paprika
(Rot oder Grün)
- 2 Zwiebeln
- 75g Oliven
- 1 Dose Tomaten

Für den Teig:

- 225g Mehl
- 50g Butter
- 75ml Milch

Millthorpe Book Group

got off to a very good start this year with over 40 pupils reading and reviewing books regularly each term for the Red House Children's Book Award. Special congratulations to Iona Croft and Harry Dibbs (both 7MFB). Their book reviews were chosen to be included in portfolios which were presented to the winning authors at the award ceremony.

Thanks to all the pupils who tested books—we will have more in September for the new competition.



P.E. DEPARTMENT NEWS



Boys' P.E.

Football — Congratulations to Jack Mangan, James Green and Jordan Outerbridge (all 9DP) who have been selected to represent York Schoolboys at under 15 level. The keen footballers, who have flourished under the (expert!) guidance of Mr Baybutt this year, will provide York with pace and trickery down either flank and a potent goal threat from midfield. Well done, lads!

Golfers Galore! - Allerthorpe Golf Club hosted the annual Schools Golf Tournament again this year giving an opportunity for golfers of all age groups to play competitively against rival schools. Playing under the Stableford Rules (I've got no idea) players participated in 2 or 3 ball teams. Jack Woodworth, Mikey Sheehan and Ryan Ballantyne headed the Millthorpe team and played some good golf, scoring well overall. Even though the Millthorpe Team didn't win, everyone thoroughly enjoyed their rounds. I even got a few holes in myself and scored a respectable 7 over par (9 holes). Thanks go to Allerthorpe Golf Club, the organisers, all staff and pupils.

I Don't Like Cricket, I Love It! - Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys Cricket Team who made the Semi Final of the York and District Cup. They faced a hard working and competent Fulford side who amassed over 120 runs in 16 overs. Sadly in response the Millthorpe Team batted well but couldn't quite meet the required run rate scoring 92 and therefore losing by 30 runs.

Girls' P.E.

Rounders — Millthorpe School have entered 3 rounders tournaments this year and have done well in them all. The Year 10's made the final of their tournament, eventually finishing 3rd. The Year 8's did very well too, just missing out on the final but finished 5th and the Year 9's did extremely well, just missing out on the final despite missing the first match because we were late!! Well done to all the girls who have taken part this year.

Gymnastics—We have some very talented gymnasts at Millthorpe School and sometimes you only get to hear about their achievements on the grapevine!!! Natasha Walker's (Year 9) coach came into school to tell me about Natasha's participation in the North of England Gymnastics Championships. She did extremely well finishing 13th in the vault, 21st in bars, 9th on the beam, 26th on the floor and 16th overall. Natasha, Rebecca Hussey (Year 8) and Maddie Svenson (Year 7) also took part in the North Yorkshire Championships which is levelled according to age. Natasha finished 1st in the vault, bars and floor and 2nd in the beam whilst Rebecca finished 3rd in the vault (Level 4) and Maddie finished 1st on the bars (level 5). Congratulations to all.

General P.E. News

Millthorpe School Sports Day — National School Sports Week ended on a high with a successful Sports Day for Year 7 to Year 10 pupils at Millthorpe School. Over 500 pupils participated in over 13 events. Several long standing school records (some from the 80's) were broken, which proves there is still plenty of emerging talent! Big thanks go to all of the Sports Leaders who volunteered for the day, Millthorpe staff and especially the pupils who participated. The results were::



Position	Y7	Points	Y8	Points	Y9	Points	Y10	Points
1 st	SW	108	CL	104	DP	116	BJ	116
2 nd	MXS	99	MC	104	RP	97	DXS	85
3 rd	MB	98	RD	98	BP	97	LMT	82
4 th	MFB	92	KFB	83	LD	95	PMC	74
5 th	DJM	87	JG	82	CG	80	SLS	64
6 th	IH	77	ED	81	SZC	59	LN	64
7 th	RL	72	JA	67	EM	54	BB	44



General P.E. News (continued)

City's Athletics Championships —It was a bumper year for athletics with more students from Millthorpe qualifying for the final than any other year. On what was probably the hottest day of the year our athletes put in an amazing effort and were suitably awarded. Congratulations to all who took part and a big well done!!! Millthorpe achieved the top four places in fifteen events, including winning three silver medals and four golds. Results as follows:

Year 7: Beth Spaven 1st 800m

Year 8: Charlie Sarginson 1st 1500m; Chelsea Wyard 1st 200m; Kate Chapman 2nd High Jump; Luke Clayton 2nd 200m

Year 9: Natasha Walker 1st Long Jump; Cassie Thomas 2nd 800m; Laura Stables 3rd Discus; Emily Farrow 3rd 800m.

Year 10: Rachael Ackroyd 2nd 200m; Abi Olsen 3rd Shot

Trip to Wimbledon—On Saturday 26 June, 8 students and 2 members of staff travelled down to London for a visit to Wimbledon. It was a very hot day and quite busy on the tube resulting in lots of squashed bodies by the time we got to Southfields. Following a 15 minute walk we finally arrived, very excited!!! Our seats were on Number 1 Court and we had a great view of all the matches, which included Maria Sharapova, Robin Soderling, Sam Querrey and Xavier Malisse. It was very entertaining especially when the players challenged a call and 'hawkeye' was used! The tennis was obviously inspiring to the Year 7 boys who all bought themselves mini tennis racquets and balls and played in the corridors just outside. (We didn't tell them we could hear the 'grunts' as they pretended to be the players) and they certainly kept the firemen who were on duty at the gate entertained! It was a shame to leave but even more excitement was to come. Alice and Sarah had already informed us that they'd seen a famous film star and we were quick to dismiss it (more out of jealousy that we hadn't seen him, I think!!). But then, as we were walking past us he came round the corner, tall, slim and very dashing Colin Firth. Shame half of the group didn't know who he was!! I think the overall feeling of the day was summed up in a text message from one Year 7 boy to his mum. It simply said 'Wow!'

Young Umpires — 6 talented girls from Year 10 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 & U13 York & District Netball tournaments and, most recently, at the Junior Summer League. Miss 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.

Miss Eames — A massive welcome back to Miss Eames who is returning after her maternity leave. It is a delight to have her back in the department.

Miss Towler — Finally, a big thank you and good-bye to Miss Towler who, having covered Miss Eames' maternity, has now left us. She has been an amazing addition not

only to PE but to the school in general and her departure will leave a big gap. We wish her every success in her new school.



Jack Anderson is signed for England!



Jack Anderson, currently in Year 10, has recently been selected for the England rugby league team. Due to enter the training camp in July, with matches to follow later in the year, Jack will play in the Under 16 squad alongside some of the very best in the sport.

A former York Acorn player, now playing at Shaw Cross Sharks in Dewsbury – current Under 15s division champions and the team that recently scooped both the Challenge and BARLA Cups – Jack is keen to do his country proud.

Voted 'Man of the Match' for the BARLA Cup and currently on a scholarship with Hull FC, Jack will have the full support of the school as he represents England on the field later this year.

Y9 History Trips



INTERNATIONAL SLAVERY MUSEUM

This was a trip that everyone enjoyed and everyone seemed to like. In particular the coach journey, which may come as a bit of a surprise! Although it was long and meant there was less time in the museum, everyone on the coach seemed to be happy with this. After a quick visit to the toilets, a welcome stop after a long journey, we had the great opportunity to be taken round parts of the museum. One of the favourite parts was the quotations on the walls, where everyone stopped to look and were enlightened. We were moved by the stories displayed on the walls that told of people's past experiences. The museum was very interesting but it was very sad to think about the terrible cruelty of the past and the way in which people have had to struggle for freedom. We then ate, which took up about a half an hour of our time but all in all this didn't affect the trip too much. In the end we thought that it was a shame we didn't get to look around the museum for longer but it was a great trip.

- By Nicole Allan & Evie Walker-Lyne



The Imperial War Museum

We really enjoyed our trip to the Imperial War Museum. It was really effective when we went into one room in the museum and the lights dimmed, then you got to watch a film about different accounts of how World War One affected different people. This was shown in a round room so that it looked like an IMAX screen. One thing that we really enjoyed was being able to go right to the top of one of the buildings and having a panoramic view of the whole area. The museum took us on a journey, like being in a time machine, taking us back through history to show us all the different weapons used in warfare across the centuries. The most moving bit was reading about the stories of other people our age who have been affected by warfare in the last 100 years.

ROYAL ARMOURIES

I really enjoyed the trip to the Royal Armouries, it was fantastic. The best bit was where we saw lots of different weapons. We were given the chance to hold them and in the lobby there were computer animated firing ranges so that you could actually try them out. I enjoyed the work shops where you got to try on different uniforms and look at different items that soldiers had used in battle in the last 100 years. After lunch we watched a falconry show; the birds flew really close to your head. The Tudor Horse show was impressive, it showed us the sort of competitions that rich people took part in so that they didn't get bored. I would recommend the Royal Armouries to anyone going on a trip this summer.



- By Jamie Lockhart

The Link

Millthorpe's Student Learning Support Centre, known as "The Link", opened in April. The centre has already offered places to a number of students who, for one reason or another, have required the extra individual guidance and support offered by the Centre. Some students require an extra level of support just for a short period of time, others over a longer period and the Link provides programmes which are tailored to meet students' needs at a given point in their school career.

"We are very proud of the progress made by the students who have accessed the Link. Miss Wood (Link Manager) and I look forward to working with our students in the next academic year."

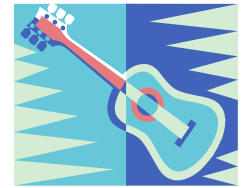
Mrs Cordell, Link Director



Tesco Schools and Clubs Vouchers

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed. The vouchers have all now been counted (special mentions must go to Megan Beasley and Lauren Harding) and we managed to collect just over 11,000. With this we have managed to purchase the equipment listed below for the music, history and RE departments and some cooking equipment for the LINK.

- A beginners acoustic guitar.
- Sikh child's artefacts pack (a variety of items important to a child's daily life and worship).
 - Jewish child's artefacts pack (a variety of items related to a child's faith).
 - Evacuees suitcase of belongings (including replica gas mask).
 - Air Raid Shelter Artefact pack (items a typical family may have kept in their shelter).
 - A juice extractor, hand whisk and 2 saucepans
 - Playground chalk
 - A squeezey whistle!



Year 9 Design Technology

Year 9 pupils have gained valuable design experience this year by including an electronic circuit in their resistant materials project. The current project is to design a nightlight for a young child, using wood, card and a battery operated circuit that controls a light. Students gain experience of designing, drawing and modelling, manufacturing card nets, soldering, and an understanding of basic electronics. Local businesses have sponsored the purchasing of circuits for the next academic year, and we are very grateful to the following for their support:

The Pig & Pastry
Secret Garden
Poppy & Rose

Pextons
York Carpet & Beds Centre
Millie's Fruit & Vegetables

Abbey Signs
Glen & Julio Hairdressers
BNT



Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze

Congratulations to the 32 pupils from Year 9 that have passed their expedition section of the award. It is always pleasing to see the pupils develop and grow as individuals and work together as teams in their



quest to accomplish all of the things D of E throws at them. This year the weather was kind with almost perfect walking conditions on all 3 occasions that we were out. The usual scenario of late finishes, due to errors in navigation were rectified by the time the pupils were out on assessment with an almost faultless display of map and compass work. Camp cooking also improved as a result of trial and error. Burnt sausages were replaced with meals fit for the restaurant. A huge thank you to Mr Boothman, Mr Stipetic, Miss Frankland, and Mrs Watson for all of their hard work in providing this opportunity for the pupils - without their help such a valuable experience would not be possible.

Silver

14 pupils from Year 10 chose to enrol on Silver D of E. Expeditions took them further afield to the Yorkshire Dales with their practise in Swaledale and their assessment in Wharfedale. The pupils were a credit to themselves and the school in completing this aspect of the award. As with the bronze cohort, the weather was kind to the pupils, which certainly made a difference when climbing the steep hills of the North Pennines. Blisters aside, the pupils thoroughly enjoyed their experience and we hope that they continue on to the gold award in the future.





International Dimension

Community Cohesion Day

If you were to choose which non-UK countries were most represented in the population of York, which would you choose? Year 7 students on Tuesday 13 July were surprised by the answer; the top three countries according to 2007 data are Poland, China and India.

As part of the school's work on community cohesion, we wanted students to learn about the people who have come to live in York from these countries, and about their home countries. To the countries

mentioned above we added a further four countries which were the Slovak Republic, Hungary, Nepal and Pakistan. We removed France, Germany, Spain and Australia because students study

these countries elsewhere in the curriculum.

Each form was given one of these countries and was set the task of researching and producing a wall display about had to focus on the areas of



their adopted country. Students Geography, History, Religion, Traditions and Celebrations, Famous People, Food and Language. Expertise was provided through the knowledgeable staff of the Languages and RE departments!



The winning displays



Here are some of the things the students found out...

- "I learned how to say hello in Slovakian"
- "I have learnt that I would like to visit Slovakia but I'm not sure about the food!"
- "I have learned that you don't have to look too far to find people from other cultures"
- "I have found out that these countries that we don't know much about, give our community a lot of diversity"
- "I have learned that the Nepal flag is the only flag that isn't a quadrilateral"
- "I didn't know that the Rubik cube was made in Hungary"
- "I found out that the Chinese invented Gunpowder"

The judging of the final displays was very difficult because they were all so good but in the end the results were...

3rd place - Pakistan - 7MB

2nd place - India - 7DJM

1st place - Slovak Republic - 7IH

Congratulations to them all. And if you want to see their finished work, it is all on display in the 'A' block social area.



International Dimension (continued)



International Day

Millthorpe goes international! On Wednesday 14 July, Y7 and Y8 students immersed themselves in the culture, food, language and folklore of other countries around the world. Amongst the activities taking place were taster language lessons in Spanish delivered by the Languages department; making Venetian masks; the opportunity to build your own house and have it subjected to the climatic conditions of India; making scrapbooks about Australia and having a go at

Scottish country dancing plus the all-important Iron Bru and shortcake tasting! Another food related opportunity was an introduction to Hungarian food whilst volunteers from the York Japan Society visited to give pupils a flavour of Japanese culture, demonstrating the art of kimono dressing and origami (with the help of the Maths department) and eating with chopsticks! Students were also given the opportunity to practise Japanese drumming. Other activities focused on the countries of Malta, Egypt, Germany, Ireland and the origins of Hip Hop.

The high point of the day for some lucky Y8 students was a workshop which gave an insight into the cultural and traditional diversity of India through the art of Bhangra dancing and the finale for the day was a Bhangra Dance demonstration which showed the costumes, instruments and props used in the dance with a dance that involved both students and staff.

Here is what some of the students said....

- "I enjoyed the dancing because we were doing something a lot different"
- "I have learnt some Spanish which was very good"
- "I really enjoyed the Scottish dancing"
- "I liked making a rap and learning the history behind it"
- "I liked that we were learning something new which we can show our friends"



On behalf of the students, can I thank all the Millthorpe staff and visitors who worked so hard to make the day a success. Maybe some Brazilian sword dancers next year.....

I Noble, International Co-ordinator

8RD 'ENTERPRISE' HELP RSPCA



We are delighted to tell you that Megan Hairsine, Abbie Cussans, Evie Bagshaw & Hannah Dickinson, 8RD have raised £107 at the school summer concert by doing a raffle and a bun & drink sale. We would like to thank Charlie Sarginson, who made Brownies and biscuits, also Rosie Latchford, Laura Austin-Sydes, and Beth Murphy for helping with the icing, Bethan Terry for the bun stands and thank you to YOU for buying a raffle ticket or bun. We would like to congratulate those who won the raffle prizes which were Dairy Milk Chocolate, Martini, & red and white wine, which we hoped you enjoyed.

Form 8RD were set an enterprise challenge by Miss Dyson and had to decide which charity to raise the money for. The class chose the RSPCA, as they do not get any government funding, to help them buy things they need but cannot afford. The RSPCA spend most of the money they receive on food, because more and more people are either abandoning or giving their pets to the RSPCA.



Sponsor Afternoon



Congratulations to the Y7 & Y8 pupils who took part in the Sponsor Afternoon. The event was a fantastic occasion with some notable performances in the number of laps completed and also the form competition. No records were broken in light of the slightly shorter time slot to complete the course. It was pleasing to see so many pupils in fancy dress yet again from both year groups. Results are as follows:

Y7 Form Winners	Y8 Form Winners	Y7 Boys Individual	Y7 Girls Individual	Y8 Boys Individual	Y8 Girls Individual
1st—MXS 5.12 laps/person	1st—ED 4.34 laps/person	Aaron Gilroy MXS—7 laps	Laura Heyworth MFB— 8 laps	Charlie Sarginson RD—9 laps	Emily Farrow MC—7 laps
2nd—MB 4.73 laps/person	2nd—JA 3.95 laps/person	Bradley Contoret MXS— 7 laps	Amber Strider DJM—7 laps	Luke Clayton CL—9 laps	Rhianna Goodwill CL—6 laps
3rd—MFB 4.57 laps/person	3rd—KFB 3.82 laps/person	Cameron Wild MB—7 laps		Max Burke ED—8 laps	
4th—DJM 4.53 laps/person	4th—CL 3.75 laps/person	Joe Flakes MFB—7 laps			
5th—RL 4.15 laps/person	5th— JG 3.68 laps/person	Jake Turnbull DJM— 7 laps			
6th—SW 4.03 laps/person	6th—RD 3.37 laps/person	Joe Bateson SW—7 laps			
7th—IH 3.56 laps/person	7th—MC 3.34 laps/person	Matthew Jagger SW— 7 laps			
		Ben Johnson MFB— 7 laps			
		Matthew Parker DJM— 7 laps			

Year 9 Activities

Millthorpe’s Year 9 pupils have just spent 3 days off timetable participating in various different activities organised by the Millthorpe staff. The occasion is always well received by the pupils as they get the chance to engage in areas of the school curriculum that they are interested in.

This year we ran 11 different activities covering technology, sport, adventurous activities, media and art. Feedback from staff running the trips was all positive with some notable comments on how the pupils engaged in their chosen activities.

Rock Climbing



Trips to Brimham Rocks, Stannage Edge and Peak Scar gave the pupils opportunities to climb, scramble and abseil. Nerves were tested, adrenaline was pumping, and hearts were thumping as they overcame different challenges of which the biggest was an 80 feet abseil from the top of Peak Scar. The weather wasn’t the best for outside activities however the pupils just got on with it without a single moan. I was really impressed that so many of the pupils were challenged by the rock and that they went beyond their comfort zones in trying to either climb up or abseil down such daunting cliff faces. There was definitely a sense of achievement at the end of the 3 days and I’m sure that the pupils have gained a new passion for the sport.

- Mr Boothman, Head of Outdoor Education



MILLTHORPE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Insisting that students wear correct school uniform helps us to set a positive climate for learning. Dealing with students who disregard clear uniform rules wastes time and diverts staff from our core priorities of supporting the learning, progress and success of all students.

The issue of skirt length has been in the news lately with the decision of St Aidan's in Harrogate to ban skirts in favour of trousers. At Millthorpe we are taking a different approach and offer our female students the choice of wearing a knee-length skirt or trousers. As we do not want the quest to follow fashion to lead to another point of conflict, we must also highlight that neither skinny jeans nor baggy, low slung trousers are acceptable.

All appropriate school uniform, including knee-length skirts, can be purchased from Rawcliffe's in Colliergate. Please see the school website for alternative suppliers of non-badged uniform items.

The full uniform list is printed below for your attention. Please ensure that your child sets out for school properly dressed. Thank you for your support.

General School Uniform

- Hairstyles must not reflect extremes of fashion; natural hair colours only.
- Jewellery: one ring is allowed. Pupils may wear a maximum of one plain stud in each ear. No additional body piercing is acceptable.
- Make up: heavy make up for girls is unacceptable.
- All items of clothing must be clearly marked with the pupil's name.
- Purses must be marked and kept on the person at all times except during PE and Games when special arrangements will be made for their safe-keeping.
- Belts: plain black or brown only. Fashion belts are not allowed.

We expect pupils to wear 'standard' clothes and to avoid extremes of fashion. Outdoor clothing may be worn in school before and after school but must not be worn between 8.55 am and 3.30 pm. The following clarifies what exactly we expect:

Boys & Girls:

- Sweatshirts: All pupils must have a school sweatshirt. No other non-uniform top is allowed.
- Polo Shirts: The only shirt allowed is the school polo shirt.
Pupils in KS3 should wear a white school polo shirt.
Pupils in KS4 should wear a navy school polo shirt.
Pupils must not wear T-shirts underneath their uniform polo shirts.
- Trousers: Plain black – not denim or cord. No skinny jeans or baggy, low slung trousers. No linen trousers.
- Shoes: Sensible plain black or brown low-heeled in leather/leather-look material.
Trainers are not permitted. Boots of any description are not allowed.
- Bags: School bags should be fit for purpose and big enough to fit an A4 file inside them. Handbags are not allowed.

Girls:

- Skirts: Black classic style (flared, pleated, straight) in a woven material (neither denim nor cord nor divided skirts, such as culottes.). Skirts should be no shorter than knee length.
- Tights: Natural coloured, black or navy.

Specialist Uniform For Particular Subjects

Physical Education

- Boys** PE: Plain white T-shirt, white shorts, white ankle socks, white plimsolls or trainers, towel.
Games: Reversible blue/red soccer/rugby shirt, black shorts, black socks, soccer/rugby boots, outdoor trainers, shin pads, towel.
- Girls** PE: White aertex shirt, navy nylon shorts, white ankle socks, indoor white plimsolls or trainers, towel.
Games: Reversible outdoor top, navy nylon shorts, white aertex shirt, navy hockey socks, shin pads, hockey/soccer boots, outdoor trainers, towel.

N.B: To prevent marking and soiling of the sports hall and gym floors footwear for **indoor** use should be **clean** and have either **white or light-coloured** soles.

Design Technology - For work in Design Technology the school provides aprons where needed and which must be worn. Strong shoes should be worn for these subjects.

Important Dates for your Diary 2010-2011

Autumn Term 2010

Term begins:

Years 7, 10 & 11 only—Thursday 2 September

All students in school on Friday 3 September

Half term w/c Monday 25 October

Term ends Friday 17 December

Training Days Wednesday 1 September

Friday 17 September

Monday 20 September

Training (early closure) Wed. 10 November
(2.30pm finish)

Extended Learning Day Tuesday 2 November
(3.00pm finish)

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 Thursday 27 January
(3.00pm finish)

Summer Term 2011

Term begins Tuesday 26 April

Half term w/c Monday 30 May

Term ends Friday 22 July

May Day Holiday Monday 2 May

Training (early closure) Monday 23 May
(2.30pm finish)

Extended Learning Day Wednesday 4 May
(3.00pm finish)

Parents' Evenings:

Year 7 Wednesday 27 April

Year 8 Wednesday 1 December

Year 9 Tuesday 18 January

Year 10 Thursday 10 February

Year 11 Thursday 4 November

Exam Dates:

Years 7 & 8 Week beginning Monday 20 June

Year 9 No Y9 exam week. Students will undertake assessments and tests throughout the year.

Year 10 & Year 11 Exams

Full details of Year 10 and Year 11 examinations will be sent out early in the Autumn Term.

Photos: Years 7 & 10 Wed. 22 September

Year 11 Tuesday 1 February

Open Evening: Monday 11 October

School Production—'Little Shop of Horrors':
17, 18 & 19 November

Y10 Work Experience (2 weeks) starts:

Monday 11 July

Years 7, 8 & 9 Activities 18, 19 & 20 July

Celebration Event Thursday 21 July

York Press 'Spirit of Youth' Award

Joe Armer, Year 11, has received a nomination for the York Evening Press 'Spirit of Youth' Award as a result of his work for York's Youth Council and for leading the winning party in the Millthorpe mock election.

His latest campaign to make York better for young people is to help create a series of Youth Cafes – safe places for young people to meet in evenings. All York Council Wards have received applications for a Youth Café in their area and Joe has asked us to pass on his request that readers of the Millthorpiian vote for the idea to go ahead. "It would be a great way to give young people a way to meet up and talk - or work on home work," he says. "It would be supervised and would help to ensure all young people had somewhere safe to meet."

Interested in a career in the Health Service?

Open Day at
York Hospital,
Wigginton Road
on Tuesday 14
September
2.30-5.30pm



Year 7 Students enjoying a 'Beetle Drive' in their Maths lesson at the end of term.

