

Lydgate School Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

July 2016

Summer
Term

It's always a time of mixed feelings when we reach the end of the academic year. On one hand, we are all looking forward to a good break! The end of term is also a time of wonderful activities and experiences as the following pages of this newsletter show. On the other hand it is always a time of goodbyes, and we have some significant farewells this year. Angela Cope has left us after serving as an outstanding ETA in Badger Class. Alex Foster also leaves us from that class; I know the young people will miss his wonderfully sensitive playful approach. Three outside practitioners will also no longer come and enrich our provision: Kat Fletcher from Open Minds Theatre Company; Alison Hornblower, our music therapist from Nordoff Robbins; and Helen Calverley from Viva Sport. A huge loss will be Judy Rowland who has given so many young people the most incredible experiences over the years, from walking Hadrian's Wall to climbing Snowdon. We wish her all the best in her retirement. It's also been goodbye to our Y11 and some pupils who are moving to a new provision. We wish them all the best.

Next year we will face significant challenges and changes. We will be taking more pupils at Lydgate as a result of the delayed move to Southgate. Because the school will be over numbers, we will have a double modular classroom in the car park to accommodate the extra pupils. We have had a big job on with all the transition visits and arrangements for such an increase, and lots of planning around how we will manage the numbers over the next two terms before we then face our big move. Communication and resilience will be key to this. Please keep talking to us if you have any concerns. One of our issues has been the safety of our young people at this site; it is an issue that has become more and more critical, and with the increased numbers this can only get worse. So we and the Local Authority have taken some steps to keep your young people safer. These include putting in place electronic gates from September and changing the school day to make loading and unloading of buses safer. This particular change will also support planning and communication with our ETAs.



Please note that school will start at 9.15 am and close at 3.00 pm from September. We are shortening the lunch hour to put back curriculum time during the day.

So, we wish you all a very happy Summer break. Remember we start back on the **Monday 5th September.**

Mrs Rogers

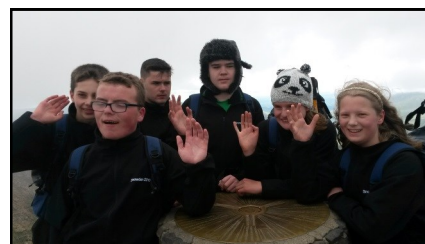


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Lydgate School Summit Mount Snowdon!

In June, seven of our pupils and five adults climbed to the very top of Mount Snowdon (1,085 m). The trip was a massive achievement for our pupils and was led by Judy Rowland and Ben Walker. The weather conditions were amazing, with breathtaking views from the summit. The group walked up the Pyg track and ascended back down the Llanberis track. The walk took a full day and was very challenging for the pupils, especially the ones who found heights and steep drops very scary! The pupils were based at Pen-y-Pass YHA for two nights. They climbed Snowdon on the first day then enjoyed a tour around the Electric Mountain Visitor Centre in Llanberis. Well done to everyone!



Celebration Evening

On 23 June, we had a celebration evening to acknowledge the achievements of pupils who went on exhibitions with our school. It was well attended with over 80 pupils, parents, charities and special guests. It was a great way to celebrate the pupils success through outdoor adventures such as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Northumberland Coastal Expedition and Mount Snowdon.

We said a massive thank you to all the charities and sponsorship the school has received over the past year. Without their support the pupils would not have the opportunity to take part in such adventures. A big thank you also to Ian Kirby (Kirklees Education Visits Advisor) for all his support with our activities.

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A group of pupils went canoeing as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award training.



The Bee Hotel 100 Challenge Update

Maple Class have taken part in the Making a Bee Hotel competition which has been sponsored by Syngenta. They hope to win a class trip to Harlow Carr in North Yorkshire. Judges have been in school so hopefully they will find out before the summer holiday if they have won. Look at the photos - amazing!



National Celsian Calendar Competition

Congratulations to Daisy from Rowan Class for winning a place in the Celsian Calendar and £100 for the school art budget with her wonderful picture of spring.

Huddersfield Examiner Schools Awards

Sue Laybourn, who retired from Lydgate in May, has won an award at the Schools Awards event in Huddersfield. The awards are being run in association with Huddersfield teacher recruitment

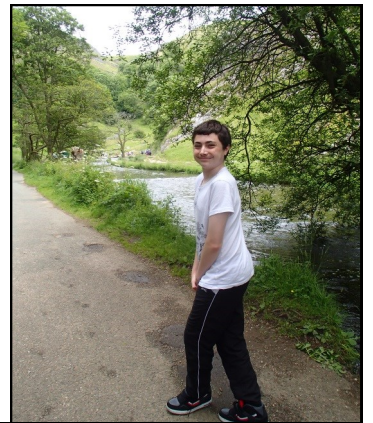


agency Vision for Education and supported by Kirklees College and Huddersfield educational consultancy and children's social care provider Pivot. Sue was one of five shortlisted in the category of School Support Staff of the Year. Well done Sue!



Leavers Trip to Hartington Hall

What a fabulous two days at Hartington Hall with the Year 11 leavers from Maple Class and Rowan Class! We were very lucky with the weather and managed a picnic with a beautiful walk on both days. It was a chilled trip where the highlight had to be a very competitive and funny game of charades. Brad was voted the funniest but Mrs Norman was pretty close behind that. We will definitely miss you all, thank you to everyone for a fantastic two days!



Romeo and Juliet

We had a drama performance of Romeo and Juliet this term. The pupils were brilliant!



Visit to Tropical World

Squirrel Class saw lots of butterflies, birds and meerkats at Tropical World in Leeds.



They also had time to relax and have fun in the play area.



Barge Trip with the Safe Anchor Trust

Some of our pupils went on trips with the Safe Anchor Trust. The pupils had to work the lock gates and learn how to manage a barge. They had a great time.



Sports Day

We had upper and lower school sports days last week. It looked as though it might have been a very soggy lower school sports day, however the rain didn't last long. The sports day started with our very own Olympic Parade, all the children looked fantastic! Then each class went around the carousel of activities (even dressing up the teachers!). A massive well done to all the pupils who looked



to have great fun and took part so well. It was lovely to see so many parents coming to cheer us all on too.



Outdoor Week

This year's Outdoor Week theme was the Olympics. We have enjoyed lots of outdoor activities, including a treasure hunt in sand, practicing sports day games, making our outfits for the Olympic parade, making our own games out of huge cardboard boxes, and perhaps the favourite activity was an afternoon at the mud kitchen.

Compact

This year Compact have provided upper school with an Industry Day and an Enterprise Day. The Industry Day provided the pupils with the opportunity to speak with the Police, the Transport Police and a team from the NHS. They spoke about their jobs and about the pupils safety. The



Enterprise activities involved a challenge to create a town, a bridge and a vehicle.

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Leavers Prom Night 2016

Our school leavers had a great night out in Holmfirth to celebrate their time at Lydgate. A limousine picked them up from school and took them to Poppa Piccolinos. It was a wonderful evening.



Yorkshire Cricket Coaches in School

Pupils are enjoying Cricket coaching from Yorkshire Cricket Board. The school cricket team played in the West Yorkshire competition and came runners up, they then went on to represent West Yorkshire and played against teams from North and South Yorkshire and Humberside and finished in third place.



National School Sports Week

George and Jordan went to the Pennine Partnership National School Sports Week down at Leeds Road Playing Fields. They took part in Rounders, Tag Rugby, Volleyball, Boccia, Athletics and Handball. They got to meet Chris McDermott who captains the Great Britain Handball Team.



Cannon Hall Trip

Hare Class had a lovely day out at Cannon Hall. The weather wasn't so good but they didn't mind and really enjoyed their trip. The ducks had a good time too!



Term Dates for School Year 2016-17

Autumn Term	School opens	Monday 5 September 2016*
Autumn Half Term	School closes	Friday 21 October 2016
	School re-opens	Monday 31 October 2016
Christmas Holiday	School closes	Friday 16 December 2016
	School re-opens	Wednesday 4 January 2017*
Spring Half Term	School closes	Friday 17 February 2017
	School re-opens	Monday 27 February 2017*
Easter Holiday	School closes	Thursday 6 April 2017
Summer Term	School re-opens	Wednesday 26 April 2017*
May Day	School closed	Monday 1 May 2017
Summer Half Term	School closes	Friday 26 May 2017
	School re-opens	Monday 5 June 2017
Summer Holiday	School closes	Tuesday 25 July 2017

* Includes Teacher Training Day:
Friday 9 September 2016
Tuesday 3 January 2017
Friday 7 April 2017
Monday 24 April 2017
Tuesday 25 April 2017

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Notice Board

Diary Dates

July

19 Break up for
Summer holiday

20 Inset day - school
closed to pupils

September

5 Back to School

9 Inset day - school
closed to pupils

October

21 Break up for half
term

31 Back to School

December

16 Break up for
Christmas holiday

January 2017

3 Inset day - school
closed to pupils

4 Back to School

SOUTHGATE NEWS

Building has now started!

Completion date is 10th March 2017 (fingers crossed)

We hope to move in after the Easter holidays

We will use three of our INSET days around the time of the move:

- 7th April
- 24th & 25th April

Pupils will have a longer Easter holiday and come back on 26th April to their new school!

Parent Pay

As our school is becoming more cashless, we will be starting to collect trip/visit money on Parent Pay from September. If your child is going on a trip/visit with school, you will see the item appear for payment on your Parent Pay. If you pay by paypoint card, you will receive a separate bar coded letter to pay against. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you.

School Meals/Milk

From 1 September 2016, the price of school meals will increase by 5p to £2.05 per day (£10.25 per week).



School milk will remain at £11 per term.

And finally ...

Goodbye and good luck to all our leavers - staff and students - and we look forward to welcoming our new staff and students to Lydgate in September.

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