

# ESKDALE NEWS



*A place of belonging, a place of inspiration*

What an incredible term this has been, starting with the wonderful results from Year 11 in the summer exams, the English theatre trip, Textiles and Fabric convention in Harrogate and the inspirational Christmas Concert this week to name just a few events. It makes me very proud as Headteacher to see the talents of our young people being developed to such a high standard. Our sports teams have been competing against other schools with some victories and close calls. Our Year 7 have settled in well and are working hard and engaging in everyday school life. The staff at Eskdale have once again impressed me with their dedication and care for our students and, like your children, have earned a good rest over the Christmas break. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our PTA who have tirelessly organised events and raised money for the school; your support is appreciated and I would encourage any parents interested in joining to get in touch.

There are many exciting events and opportunities taking place in the New Year, including the Ski trip, Bewerley Park trip. London creative arts trip, sports fixtures and the year 11 mock exam results event on the 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Once again thank you for your support over the term, we look forward to welcoming your child back in January and I hope you all have a well-deserved and relaxing Christmas break.  
Mr A Fyfe, Headteacher



National Citizens' Service ran a Year 11 assembly this week to promote the 2020 summer camps open to over 800 16 year olds in North Yorkshire. The camps involve a week completing outdoor educational activities, a week at York University developing a project and a final week delivering the project in the local area. NCS is funded by the government and students can apply for places for as little as £30 per person for all three weeks. It's a massive opportunity for Eskdale and one which Mr Raw hopes a number will take up. Mr Raw said 'Opportunities like this don't become available to Whitby often, a big thank you to Simon Riley at Caedmon College for also supporting NCS. Let's hope a number of students from the town are successful with their applications'

Whitby Seals

2019 has been a hugely successful year for our students who are members of Whitby Seals. Top of the table is Ben Wilkinson with 39 wins, 13 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10 3<sup>rd</sup> places out of a massive 121 races. He was also part of the County and Regional squads and came a very impressive 6<sup>th</sup> in the national event for the Biathlon following on from his 1<sup>st</sup> places in the Schools and Yorkshire region groups. With 16 wins from 38 Theo Brown also had a great year. Huge congratulations also to Sophie Wilkinson, Tamsin Buckle, Amy Hutchinson, Ben Williamson, Chloe Hutchinson, Jorja Wright, Eve Nock, Jessie Price, Greg Walsh, Ashton Williamson, Grace Fuller, Amelia Storr, Hannah Walsh, Darci Storr and Liam Boyce. Theo, Sophie, Ben, Chloe, Greg, Ashton and Hannah also competed in the Biathlon with very impressive results.





On Tuesday 10th December, Ms Ward and Mr Hunter took the Eskdale Boccia team to compete in the play offs at George Pindar School in Scarborough. Seven schools attended and Eskdale ran Lady Lumley, Caedmon and Woodhall close before beating Brompton. Michelle Smith, Emlyn Coates and James Parkin all played really well, especially Emlyn whose last bowl gave Eskdale victory against Brompton. Well done Eskdalers.



On Tuesday 14th January Eskdale School and DKMS will be partnering up to host a donor recruitment event between the hours of 16:00-19:00

For many blood cancer patients a blood stem cell donation is their only chance of survival, but only half of the people diagnosed in the UK find a matching donor.

If you are in general good health, between the ages of 17-55 you can become a potential blood stem cell donor.

All it takes on the day is to complete a form and give us three swabs of the inside of your cheeks, and you could be someone's hope of surviving blood cancer. It's that simple!

We're not stopping until we find a matching donor for every person in need but we need your help.

### Join us on 14<sup>th</sup> January

Registration event in the Hall: join us anytime between 16:00-19:00. If you decide to register, it will only take 10 minutes of your time to check you are eligible, complete a consent form and give a quick cheek swab sample.

It costs DKMS £40 to register each new potential donor, so please consider making a donation towards your registration costs. Please consider registering as you could be someone's lifesaver.

## Eskdale Christmas Concert 2019

Tuesday's concert was a celebration of all our talented pupils ranging from Year 7 to Year 11. The Hall was presented beautifully with tables and lights aplenty so thank you to Mr Bloor for doing that. I would like to thank the PTA for providing refreshments and members of staff who helped out too.



The evening began with our Eskdale School Band playing carols as people arrived. They then presented two very exciting numbers that were fantastic! Well Done! All those Tuesday after school rehearsals really paid off. Then Bob Butterfield accompanied his woodwind pupils. Bob really is a credit to this community and provides so much extra-curricular opportunities in Whitby for our young musicians. We were privileged also to hear from Toby Welford and mum as they performed The Acrobat. That performance was stunning even without the acrobatics afterwards.

We also had dancing elves, dancing Year 8 'Mean Girls' who are quite the opposite in reality. What a fantastic sound the Choir produced too. Romy and Chloe provided much laughter with their Santa Baby song. After various brilliant solo pianists we had the Key stage 4 GCSE pupils performing a variety of songs. Fresh from her lead role as Oliver we had Tomi-Daynes-Hall singing 'Where is Love'. They really brought the house down with their rendition of Since You Been Gone which is a set piece in their examination.

I would also like to thank Mrs Edmondson-Preedy for her support in putting on this concert. The pupils are an absolute pleasure to teach and a credit to their families. Well Done Eskdale Musicians.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Miss Brogan



Thank you to all the students who participated in the Christmas Jumper / Hooray for Hatty Christmas Day. We raised £465 for the charities Children in Need and Guide Dogs for the Blind. The winners of the Design a Christmas Jumper were

Ellie Maud, Maya Lee and Amy Hutchinson and the winner of the Guess the Puppy's name was Oliver Green.



Also, please send your used stamps in to school for us to send to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Look out for our brand new website which is launching week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Diary Dates

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day – school closed for students
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	1.30 Y11 Hockey at Lady Lumley's School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	9-11.15am Judo Taster Sessions Visit from Robert Goodwill MP
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Key Steps 2 Gymnastics – all day 3.45-5.45pm Y9 Basketball at Lady Lumley's School 4-7pm DKMS
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	3.45- 5.45pm Y8 Basketball at Lady Lumley's School
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y7 5 a side Football at Caedmon College
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	