



February 2018

# SFX NEWSLETTER

*Love of God. Love of Neighbour*

*School reopens on Monday 19th February*



Year 11 students prepare to distribute the Valentines roses around school

the half term and these can be read about in this newsletter. I am delighted with the effort that our pupils put into their sport and the way they represent our school, always displaying our Christian values.

Pupils continue to fund raise and the Yorkshire Air ambulance came in to school to receive a cheque for over £700 raised by the pupils. The valentines rose distribution, organised by the head students also raised money for Brain Tumour Research. Thank you also to the parish members of St Joseph and St Francis Xavier RC Church for raising £1000 to support our pilgrimage to Lourdes.

## HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

As we come to the end of this short, but busy half term, it is a good opportunity to update you with the many achievements and activities that our young people have been part of.

Year 11 have been working hard preparing for their GCSE exams and staff, as always, have been supporting them with additional revision classes. The majority of year 11 also attended a poetry live day in Harrogate, where

they took advantage of the opportunity to hear the poets they have been studying delivering their own poems. One of the poets actually commented publicly on the fantastic behaviour of our pupils.

This weekend our pupils will be heading off to the Lake District for an outward bound trip, while others will be going to the Italian Dolomites on the school ski trip (more information to follow in the next newsletter).

There have been a number of sporting successes throughout

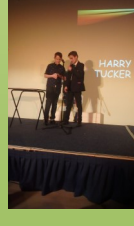
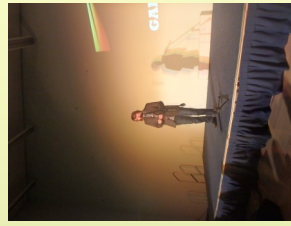
One of the great successes of the half term has been the introduction of the new food scales to weigh our waste. Our year 7 pupils have been fantastic and fully supported the initiative with their daily help in the dining room.

Our new staff have settled in well and have made a great impact in the school. Mr Heslop who has been covering in RE will be leaving at the end of this half term to travel the world. I would like to thank him for his work with the pupils and wish him safe travels.

## CASHLESS SYSTEM

The school will be going fully cashless from 1st April. That means we are discouraging the use of cash or cheques. Please use ParentPay for all your payments. For further information speak to Mrs Land.





## SFX FACTOR

Congratulations to Gracie and Emily who won the SFX Factor in December. They were part of a strong line up that included students from year 7 through to year 11.

Presented by students and supported by the judges, including Sharon Osbourne, Simon Cowell, Nicole Sherzinger along with the guest judge Lady Gaga the afternoon was a fun packed event. A huge thank you to Mrs Martin for her exceptional efforts over the last 7 years, auditioning, planning, nagging, cajoling, coaching and celebrating the talent at the school. Mrs Martin has handed the baton on to other teachers in the English department to continue this wonderful end to the autumn term and calendar year at school.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Award continues to be very popular in school. There are 50 pupils from Year 10 working on Bronze. Half of them have already done their expedition training at Marrick Priory, the rest will be training at the end of February.

11 Year 11 pupils are doing Silver. They did their training at the start of the term. The highlight of the weekend, for many of these pupils, was playing hide and seek in the dark on a freezing cold night! It was not part of the course, it was an add on they chose to do themselves. There are another 21 of year 11 who either have, or are in the process of, completing Bronze.

The first of the Gold group, made up of pupils who left the school in 2016, has completed the Award and will be looking forward to a trip to London for his presentation. Well done Richard!



## CHAPLAINCY

Thank you for your generosity, helping collect much needed items for the local food bank before Christmas.

### Events coming up

Parent's prayer meeting Thursday March 22nd 2 – 3.30pm in the Chapel, all welcome.

Chaplaincy Retreat at Buttermere Youth Hostel, 16th – 18th March.

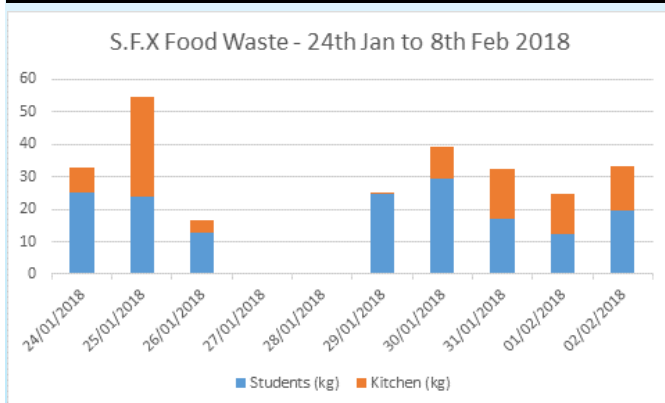




## Eco Group

Thank you to the Eco team and the Richmond Rotters who are supporting the school campaign to reduce the food waste in school.

	No of bags	School days (excluding training days)	Average food waste bags per day
Sep-17	105	19	<b>5.5</b>
Oct-17	102	15	<b>6.8</b>



Figures showing the amount of waste produced before the scheme started

Jeff Coates from the Richmond Rotters showed his support by joining the team on lunch duty, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. The group also supplied our school with the compost bins and the aprons.

- The North Yorkshire Rotters are volunteers, from all over York and North Yorkshire, who offer friendly advice and expertise to people in their local communities who would like to reduce their waste and save money. The North Yorkshire Rotters project was launched in May 2006 in Northallerton and is now expanding with Rotter volunteers over most of the county. What do the Rotters do? The Rotters are fully trained volunteers who raise awareness amongst the wider public of the im-

portance of home composting and the Love Food Hate Waste campaign. They encourage more people to compost at home; help those already composting to do so more effectively; advise on reducing food waste by effective planning, storing and cooking with leftovers; attend shows, events and talks; help maintain compost display areas and much more. The Rotters can also raise awareness through a variety of desk based activity. The Rotters have telephone and email help lines which you can use if you have any questions or queries on home composting or reducing your food waste or would like to arrange for a Rotter to give a talk or demonstration to your organisation. If you live in North Yorkshire please ring 01609 797212 or email [nyrotters@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:nyrotters@northyorks.gov.uk) Would you like to be Rotter? Are you enthusiastic and passionate about gardening and environmental issues? Are you eager to reduce the amount of waste you create? If so, then the York and North Yorkshire Rotters need you! They are looking for people who are:

- Community oriented
- Enthusiastic or would-be gardeners
- Interested in the environment
- Keen to reduce the amount of waste they create.

To join us as volunteers, helping to reduce and promote the benefits of reducing waste. You don't have to be an expert - all you need to supply is your enthusiasm and time! For more information please visit:

[www.letstalklessrubbish.com](http://www.letstalklessrubbish.com).





## SPORTS UPDATE

### Gymnastics

The gymnastics team attended a competition on 26<sup>th</sup> January. The over 13 Girls Advanced Gymnastics team achieved first place with Rosie Jolly 3<sup>rd</sup> on the floor and Natasja Clemmet-1<sup>st</sup> on the vault.

Under 13 Boys Advanced Gymnastics team saw Leo Prime achieve 3<sup>rd</sup> on the floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> on the vault, coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

Under 13 Boys Novice saw Oli Beale come 3<sup>rd</sup> on floor, 3<sup>rd</sup> on vault and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Robbie Young came 1<sup>st</sup> on floor, 1<sup>st</sup> on vault and 1<sup>st</sup> overall. Over 13 Girls pairs Natasja Clemmet and Rosie Jolly achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Under 13 Boys pairs Leo Prime and Harry Collins-Smith achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place. Under 13 Girls pairs Lacey Hennessey and Maddie Haw achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Cross Country

A number of pupils represented the school and Hambleton & Richmondshire in the area cross country at Knaresborough. Competing against Harrogate & Craven, Scarborough and York.

Results:

Dominic Wilford (16<sup>th</sup>)- Missing out by 1 place on the chance to represent the county

Tom O'Mahoney (19<sup>th</sup>)- Competing against pupils in the year above him.

Zoe Gleave (26<sup>th</sup>)- Competing against pupils in the year above her.

Mae Johnson (39<sup>th</sup>).

Hollie Wilkinson (41<sup>st</sup>).

Rosie Jolly (Injury) and Joe Kitching (Belgium trip with Middlesbrough Academy) also qualified coming in the top 5 in the area, but were unable to attend the county round.

### Badminton

On 30<sup>th</sup> January we competed in Area Badminton competition. U14 Girls won, U14 boys A came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 5 teams and the U14 boys B came 4<sup>th</sup>. The U16 boys came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Teams included-

U14 Girls- Holly Elliott, Caitlin Gill, Lizzie Edson, Sophie Hall

U14 Boys A- James Coyle, Cameron Clarke, Tom O'Mahoney, Tristan Alderson

U14 Boys B- Matthew Gleave, Jamie Magee, Sam Glass, Robbie Young

U16 Boys- Will Edson, Jack Magee, Charlie Mist, James Rowan

### Football

Year 7 football team faced Whitworth Community school of Rochdale in the last 32 of the Small Schools National Cup. After a positive start we were unfortunate not to be in front after hitting the woodwork three times. Unfortunately Whitworth came out strong in the second half and ended up sealing a 4-0 victory with 2 late goals as we chased the game. The team gave a good account of themselves against a side who have since advanced into the last 4 teams in the country.

### Netball

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February we attended the U13 Netball Rally. It was a close competition with lots of tight games, we came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 7 teams. Team included- Ria

Nolan, Olivia Starkey, Ruby Humble-Jones, Issie White, Connie Fisher, Keeva Johnson, Emily Wilford, Samantha Pennington, Rebecca Savage and Scarlett.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February year 7 and year 8 friendly Netball V Richmond. Year 8s won 12-4- Team included- Ria Nolan, Olivia Starkey, Ruby Humble-Jones, Issie White, Connie Fisher, Keeva Johnson, Emily Wilford, Samantha Pennington, Rebecca Savage, Libby Webster and Scarlett Spink

Year 7s lost 13-7- Team included- Kesa Qarau, Hollie Wilkinson, Savanna Coe, Emily Todd, Anjita Limbu, Emma Vasey, Maddie Haw, Chloe Mackenzie, Alex Knapp

### Swimming

On 7<sup>th</sup> February we took part in the Area Swimming Gala at Catterick, taking along 16 pupils to the gala at Catterick where 9 schools attended.

Our year 7/8 girls team came 2<sup>nd</sup>, missing out on 1<sup>st</sup> by 1 point- the team was Freya Ovenstone, Emily Wilford, Esme Ovenstone and Eva Barnett

The year 7/8 boys came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall- the team was Nathan Mckie, Lucas Holmes, Michael Young and Matthew Gleave.

Year 9/10 boys- Roan Cappleman, Jake Wheldon, Harry Galvin and Josiah Stanley came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. They also competed as a team in the year11/12/13 competition- coming 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in this.

Year 9/10 girls- Rosie Jolly, Emma Barnett, Zoe Gleave and Lucy Christie came 1<sup>st</sup> overall, again they competed in the year 11/12/13 competition and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in this.

St Francis Xavier finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.