



July 2017

# SFX NEWSLETTER

*Love of God. Love of Neighbour*

***School reopens on Tuesday 5th September***



Students at Year 11 Prom

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

After such a busy half term, the pupils and staff are ready for a well-deserved summer holiday.

Pupils have been involved in many exciting opportunities including the end of year trips to Flamingo Land or Easby Abbey. Year 10 have visited university and been involved in other enrichment activities. Our KS3 pupils have helped with the year 6 induction day and evening, and we have even managed to fit in our sports day despite some rainy weather. The Art Department showcased year 11 talent at our annual art exhibition. We all enjoyed a picnic lunch

for Fr Dan and Canon John followed by a theatre production. Many of our KS4 pupils, including some ex pupils, have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme co-ordinated by Mrs Crossling, and 15 of them are currently undertaking their 3-day Gold Expedition in the Lake District. Two very significant events have taken place including the school production of FAME, where a large number of our pupils displayed their acting and musical talents. Our School Chaplain, Mrs Ross Russell, and Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Prime, spent 12 days on a mission trip to Moldova with 15 pupils from year 11, living out our Christian values of service to others.

On Friday afternoon, pupils will take part in our end of year Thanksgiving Service. There is a lot to be grateful for at St Francis Xavier School and our pupils have embraced the many opportunities given to them this year. Thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming your child back in September.

## MOLDOVA

*By Mrs Ross Russell*

After a year of planning and fund raising, 15 Year 11 students set off for Moldova on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

The team quickly adjusted to very different living conditions, no running water and no flushing loo!

We spent our time in Moldova living at Carmen's house – the girls all together in one dorm and the boys sleeping on the floor in a local church. There was no Wi-Fi and no access to social media.....which turned out to be a really good thing!

The projects we were involved with were to re-clad a house made of mud and straw for a lady and her family. Sadly she is terminally ill with cancer and will leave 4 children and a disabled husband when she goes, she really needed her house to be a safe place for her family. Last year the inside was refurbished and this year we worked on the outside. The house is made of mud and straw – very different to the houses we are used to.

The other main project was to convert a room into a Kindergarten and build two inside toilets for the children. They currently use a hole in the ground outdoors- which is tough in the winter when tem-

peratures are minus 20! The children will be really pleased with their new facilities.

On top of the building projects we ran two feeding programmes for a local church, providing food for local residents living below the bread line. We tidied an old lady's garden and repainted her fence, gave out clothing and helped with the children at a local Special Needs school.

We had time for some fun too and got to experience the local beauty spots, towns and villages. We started and finished our visit in Chisenau, Moldova's Capital city – where there was Wi-Fi!

We have all come back having been deeply impacted by the trip and grateful for the many blessings which we realise we so often take for granted. The team were amazing- we are very proud of them all.





# FAME

Congratulations to the cast and crew who delivered 3 great performances. Take a bow...



DVDs of Fame will be available in September. To express an interest email [communications@sfxschool.org.uk](mailto:communications@sfxschool.org.uk) (there will be a small charge to cover the production costs).





## PIGGY BANK...

Year 9 students demonstrated how art and design can be used for good this term. As part of an initiative by the Technology department they designed money boxes using animals as their brief. They then exhibited the money boxes at the Station in Richmond and asked people to donate money in their favourite animal to 3 charities - WWF, RSPCA and YAA. They raised a handsome amount of money - £500 overall, split between the three charities. Well done to all the year 9's involved.

## FATHER DAN & REV'D JOHN

Fr Dan and Canon John joined the pupils at a picnic in their honour. Fr Dan has recently celebrated his Golden Jubilee and Canon John is retiring and moving back to Nottinghamshire. Both men were presented with a painting of Richmond which we hope will provide them with many happy memories in years to come and a reminder of their time supporting our community.



## GEOGRAPHY

Year 10, GCSE students took a trip to Aysgarth Falls for GCSE Geography coursework – pupils were looking at the ways in which tourist pressures are managed. They're pictured taking measurements of pathways to investigate land erosion, just one of the impacts of tourism on the local environment.

## AWARDS EVENING

Congratulations to all the students who were awarded subject certificates for progress or achievement. At our Junior Awards Evening on Tuesday 18th July. It was a wonderful evening and a great opportunity to celebrate the talents of our students.



## SPORTS DAY

The weather may have resulted in cancelling a few events but it didn't dampen the spirits or the determination of the students who took part in Sports Day. Everyone made a tremendous contribution to their house through their efforts and some students won all 5 of their events. They will be awarded the Outstanding Athletic Performance trophy for their efforts:



**Natasja Clemmet-** 100m, 200m, long jump, high jump, relay.

**Killian McLoone** (pictured left)- 100m, 200m, long jump, high jump, relay.

**Will Edson-** 400m, 800m, long jump, triple jump, relay.



### The results are:

Boys winners- Jervaulx 355 points

Girls winners- Easby 369 points

### Overall results:

**1st- Easby- 691 points**

**2nd- Jervaulx- 647 points**

**3rd- Fountains- 618 points**







## SPORTS UPDATE

### Athletics

On 10th June 2017 we took part in the County Athletics at York with the following pupils representing Hambleton and Richmondshire at the North Yorkshire athletics, alongside their event and their result out of the whole of the county.

Emily Harris- Y8/9 Girls 100m- 1<sup>st</sup> place in heat and 1<sup>st</sup> place in final, y8/9 girls 200m- 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Naomi Cooper- year 10/11 girls triple jump- 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Ben Ross-Russell- year 10/11 boys 200m- 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tom Moule- year 10/11 boys shot put- 4<sup>th</sup>

Lizzie Morrison- year 10/11 girls high jump- 4<sup>th</sup>, year 10/11 girls hurdles 6<sup>th</sup>

Natasja Clemmet- year 8/9 girls 100m- 3<sup>rd</sup> in heat, 5<sup>th</sup> in final

Killian McLoone- year 8/9 boys 200m- 5<sup>th</sup> in final, year 8/9 boys long jump 7<sup>th</sup>

### Swimming

In a late report, students took part in the Area swimming Championships February 8<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Year 7/8 girls team- 1<sup>st</sup> out of 10 teams (Rosie Jolly, Freya Ovenstone, Emily Wilford, Lucy Christie) won both relay races, Rosie and Freya won their individual races, Emily and Lucy came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their individual races.

Year 7/8 Boys- 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 10 teams (Jake Wheldon, Lucas Holmes,

Michael Young, Nathan Mckie)

Year 9/10 girls- 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 10 teams (Zoe Gleave, Emma Barnett, Megan Stanley, Sophie Pinkney)

Year 9/10 boys- 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9 teams (Roan Cappleman, Laurence, McGinn, Harry Galvin, Dylan Guckel)

Year 11 girls - only 2 competed which meant we couldn't gain many points but still 5<sup>th</sup> out of 7 teams, competing against year 11/12/13 girls. (Yasmin Dixon, Hollie Hall)

No entry for year 11/12/13 boys- meaning no points gained.

SFX finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall against 10 schools, both of the schools ahead of us on the table had a sixth form and therefore picked up points where we didn't. Using the scores



from years 7-10 SFX would have come 1<sup>st</sup> overall.

### Golf

Hambleton and Richmondshire team golf competition Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Catterick Golf Course

The competition is now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, this was the biggest number that have participated with 11 teams from 7 different schools competing.

Our team of 4 consisted of Will Edson, Alec Fuller, Lizzie Edson and George Farrow. All members of the team performed superbly in very tough conditions to win our first ever area golf title.

### Athletics

Area athletics team championships on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July at Middlesbrough Sports Village.

SFX were the best represented



school with a team for every age and gender group.

The results are as follows.

Year 7 boys- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

Year 7 girls- winners

Year 8 boys- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

Year 8 girls- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall

Year 9 boys- 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

Year 9 girls 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

Year 10 boys- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall

Year 10 girls- 2<sup>nd</sup> overall



### Horse-riding

Caitlin Gill has qualified for the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead, a two week competition that begins on Friday. Caitlin currently represents the area team and has competed at the Royal International Horse Show for the last 3 years, finishing 9<sup>th</sup> in her first year, 5<sup>th</sup> in her second year and last year, finally winning the 13 hands high show hunter pony competition.

Well done to everyone involved.