

Nidd

NEWS

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Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We have been delighted to welcome prospective new families into school for our Open Evening events across the last two weeks, meeting with nearly 150 families in total. So many of our students volunteered to show parents around school, demonstrating our school values of responsibility and pride.

Every year at Open Evening we talk about 'Achievement for All' and celebrating success in all its forms so it is great to include such a range of achievements in this edition of the Nidd News, particularly so many Nidderdale Show successes. If you have more Show success to share, please do email school and we will ensure it is featured in the next edition.

It's been a busy week of trips, visits and PTFA events this week so we will look forward to sharing more news of theatre trips, the Bronte museum and the KS3 Colour Run next time.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



Team Pen-y-Ghent continued our Year 7 Hill Day fun last week with a very wet and very enjoyable adventure up their house hill. Well done to all for your resilience and positivity throughout the day. Special mention to the 13 summiteers - very well supported by their form tutor Mr Day and also assisted by the enthusiasm of Mrs Walker - glad to be out whatever the weather on a rare opportunity for her to accompany us on a NiddVenture day! Thank you all for another good day out in the hills!

Miss Tuffs



On Saturday 13th September Mrs Witherwick, Mrs Murgatroyd and Mrs Cawley took part in St Michael's Hospice Midnight Glow Walk. The 10km route around Harrogate starts at Rossett School and the route crosses The Stray, around Harrogate Town Centre, and through Valley Gardens, with walkers finishing around midnight.

They laced up their walking boots and donned some flashy bunny ears to help raise some money for the amazing Hospice in Harrogate.

Any sponsorship support you can offer is greatly appreciated.

[Click here](#) for their just Giving page.



About the Chariry

Saint Michael's is the local hospice care charity ensuring people affected by terminal illness can access high quality, personalised care. We help thousands of local people each year and make no charge. Each year we must raise £7 million to provide our range of services.



The Royal Society of Biology is running a National Spelling Bee for Biology Week 2025.

- ✚ Literacy is a key factor in an individual's success in Science exams
- ✚ There are 100 words to learn (you will know many of them already)
- ✚ There is a poster outside Science and in all science labs
- ✚ On Monday 29 September - Friday 3 October you will all have a 20 word spelling test
- ✚ Those who win that round will go into the qualifiers which will be held at school on Monday 6 - October - Friday 10 October
- ✚ The results will be shared with Royal Society of Biology and we will see how we fare against the rest of the UK
- ✚ There will be prizes!
- ✚ Good luck to all entrants

Charity Fundraiser

On Sunday 28th September, Year 11 students Tom, Seth and Matt are doing The Yorkshire 3 Peaks challenge for Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

This is a 38km hike with three hills and an ascent of over 1500m to be completed within 12 hours!

'We will be raising money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance because they are used all the time around our area and it is a good charity to donate to. Any donations would be greatly appreciated'.

[Click here to access their Go Fund Me page.](#)

Good luck boys!

Nidd Show Nidd News

A fine performance from so many of our students at the Nidderdale Show this weekend. Great to see so many of them excelling in things that are a hugely important part of their lives and not always seen at school.

It was also the first year we've entered the show as a school. Entries were submitted in Baking (*tiffin, granary loaf, malt loaf, Chelsea buns*), Photography, Preserves (*blackberry & apple jam*) and Produce (*rhubarb & tomatoes grown in our polytunnel*). All entries were produced by students on NiddVenture sessions. This new challenge was greeted with much enthusiasm, great attention to detail and determination to produce entries of the highest standard - as well as having a lot of fun whilst doing it! Watching Callum Ewbank trim our tiffin edges to be perfectly square, definitely showed why he also wins show prizes with his sheep!

There was plenty of participation and individual success from Nidderdale students. Congratulations to Callum Ewbank and the Ewbank family whose Swaledale sheep won overall best sheep in the show - out of over 900 sheep! Also to Harris Leeming & Oliver Marshall who won prizes with their sheep; Also to Ellie who placed 1st in her art category and won the cup for overall best young artist; Ben White who won his art category, Eve Ward who came 2nd with her horse, Ben who placed 3rd & 4th in the 'Feathered Friends' photography competition and to Mr Harrison, 2nd in the jam category - sadly beaten to 1st place in this competition by Nidderdale High School!

Well done to everyone who entered and apologies to anyone I missed. All your efforts help make the show what it is, regardless of whether prizes are won. If no one participates, there is no show!

Thank you to all the students and parents I watched compete in the show last year. You made me realise what an important local event it is for so many of you, a great community gathering and one that Nidderdale High School is proud to be a part of. And last but certainly not least, thank you to all the students who embraced the idea and worked with such positive energy on entries this year!

Miss Tuffs

Many congratulations to John Peel who won all these rosettes at the Nidderdale Show!



More Show Pictures



More Show news

Congratulations to Rose and her pony who achieved first place in her class and was also awarded Reserve Champion.



A very big thank you to Yr8 students Oliver & Harris for their NiddVenture community work this week.

The boys cleaned up the grounds of Pateley Bridge Methodist Church with great teamwork, enthusiasm & efficiency and then continued with their superb work ethic, delivering prescriptions and cleaning out our school polytunnel! A fine morning's work and I very much enjoyed taking you out!

Before



After



Year 10 Nidd Venture

The Y10 NiddVenture group have made a good start to this year's course. Mountain Biking is our focus for this half term. We had a successful first session this week, with all students familiarising themselves with bike handling skills on the Pateley bike track before heading up to Scar House on a beautiful afternoon for a circuit of the reservoir.

We will build on existing skills in the next couple of weeks with trips to Swinsty and Sutton Bank that will hopefully culminate in a trip to Gisburn Forest to finish off the module!

Miss Tuffs



Work Experience Opportunity

We're excited to inform you of virtual work experience opportunities hosted on MS Teams with **HSBC**, taking place next week for students in year groups 7-9 and 10-13.

Under two different titles, a 45-minute virtual briefing with the HSBC team will be held. Students will then complete the career challenge at their own pace and a certificate will be awarded on completion.

Student year groups 7 to 9 - Wednesday 1st October at 4.30pm [Register now!](#) Title of briefing: **"Pitch for a Purpose: Plan the Ultimate Charity Event with HSBC"**

Student year groups 10 and 11 - Thursday 2nd October at 5pm [Register now!](#) Title of briefing: **"HSBC the National Trust - Nature Projects That Make a Difference"**

