



Team Spirit

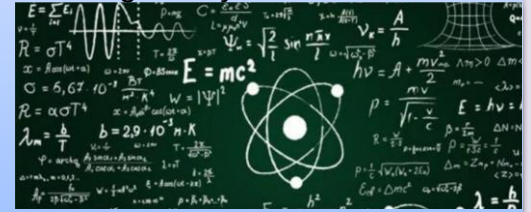
Well done to all
in the cross
country teams!

A valiant effort.

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of this
newsletter.

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Mrs Carpenter, Director of Learning (Science), who has been invited to the Houses of Parliament to recognise her completion of all 6 Subject Knowledge for Physics Teaching (SKPT) modules in one year and for championing the teaching of Physics.



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

This week we are saying a very sad farewell to Mrs Blunstone as she moves onto her exciting new role as Deputy Head in the specialist provision sector. We will miss her enormously but we are delighted that Mr Battye will be stepping up to the role of Acting SENDCO for the rest of this year to provide families with the support and continuity of care that is so important.

Parents of Year 11, please look out for some really important updates about revision and the 'Year 11 Offer'. These updates are intended to support early preparation for Mock exams next month.

After 12 years of Nidd News in this format, we are moving to MS Sway after half term – we hope this will provide an easier reading experience on hand held devices.

As we head into colder and wetter weather, please take half term as an opportunity to review uniform requirements and ensure your child has a suitable coat and footwear for the winter months.

School is closed on Friday 23 October for staff training. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 2 November.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

PTFA News



PTFA fundraising is in full swing during the Autumn term, following the fun of the Colour Run in September.

October highlights include the **Big PTFA Family Quiz**, where the Connors Cup was hotly contested. Many thanks to Mr Rushworth for his Quiz Master skills and to Mrs Rushworth for score-keeping – we are not sure she got that right as the SLT / Pastoral Team only came 3rd!

Thanks to all families who supported the clothing collection this week.

Updates on fundraising totals to follow.



Year 9 Explore Careers in Agriculture at Agritunity Event

Year 9 students recently enjoyed an exciting and informative trip to the Agritunity Careers Event, where they discovered the wide range of career opportunities available within the agricultural industry.

Throughout the day, students took part in a variety of interactive workshops and practical demonstrations, gaining valuable insight into the many different roles that support modern farming and rural industries.

One workshop challenged students to help plan the location of new wind energy farms, highlighting the importance of renewable energy and sustainability within the agricultural sector. Another hands-on session took place in a pathology laboratory, where students learned how scientists diagnose sheep scab and other livestock health conditions through veterinary investigation and disease management.

Students also met gamekeepers, who demonstrated how they work with emergency services and landowners to help prevent and tackle wildfires in rural areas. This workshop provided an interesting insight into land management and environmental conservation careers.

A particular favourite was the dairy production workshop, where students followed the journey of milk from farm to finished product. They learned how milkshakes are produced and packaged and were even able to take home their own sample to enjoy.

The event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the diverse and often overlooked careers available within agriculture, from science and engineering to environmental management and food production. The interactive nature of the workshops allowed students to engage directly with industry professionals and gain a deeper understanding of the skills and qualifications required for these careers.

Year 9 returned from the visit inspired by the breadth of opportunities available within the agricultural sector and with a greater appreciation of the vital role agriculture plays in everyday life.

A huge thank you to the Agritunity team and all the workshop leaders for providing such an engaging and memorable experience for our students.

Mrs Parkin

Apple Juice Production

Another exciting new NiddVenture has taken place in the last few weeks with the intention of teaching students about a full production process *(and having fun at the same time)*.

We've produced apple juice right from the apple picking stage through to cutting, mashing and then pressing the apples. Some serious mass-production has taken place due to students' enthusiasm, work ethic and excellent teamwork.

Thanks to all parents who've advised and lent equipment for this project and everyone who have donated bottles and apples. Your support has been very much appreciated and contributed to another very successful NiddVenture mission that will certainly be repeated.

Miss Tuffs



Cross Country Championships

Well done to the Team Nidd runners for an excellent effort in the Team Cross Country Championships at Aireville Park. Our newest team members joined with the old members in a fine display of effort, reliability, punctuality, resilience and great support for each other. As always, such a positive outing with this team, full of fun, laughs and the very best of sporting attitudes! We may not have been at the front of the pack but our rain-proof laminated race numbers were the envy of all! Special mention to our Intermediate boys' team who finished 3rd and thank you all for the appreciation you showed for this opportunity - an absolute pleasure taking you out!

Thanks also to Rich White for assisting with driving & offering his usual enthusiastic support - running is currently so popular at Nidd that we don't all fit on the minibus so couldn't have all participated in this event without Rich's much appreciated help!



Kindness Club

Our young people have started Kindness Club with great enthusiasm again this year. In the last couple of weeks, the group have created a Kindness challenge to distribute, which encourages our school community to engage in small acts of kindness. All of our young people are invited to complete this and hand it back to Miss Byrne by Friday 16th October. We have also been busy discussing the book and watching the animation of 'The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse,' by Charlie Mackesy. Kindness Club takes place in Room 19 with Miss Byrne every Friday lunchtime. All year groups are very welcome.

Miss Byrne, Humanities



Theatre trip 16th October 2026

We had a fantastic trip to see a retelling of Homer's 'The Odyssey' put on by Leeds Conservatoire.



We were treated to amazing music and imaginative and inventive visuals to bring the story to life. Favourite moments included the use of dance music to represent the Lotus Eaters and the creation of the spirits from the Underworld using plastic sheets and pipes to create some really effective otherworldly spirits.

The Odyssey was an excellent example of how to be creative with the staging of a production and how to manipulate mood using music. It also underpinned many of the mythological characters that resurface in many of our KS4 texts, giving students the powerful knowledge they will need to succeed in their GCSE exams.

The students displayed exemplary behaviour in the Theatre.

Mr Wolfram, Director of Learning

Spring Bulb Planting

Thank you to Lily C, Hattie P, Tilly K & Grace S for their fantastic work planting all our new primroses - we're very excited to see how colourful they are when they flower in spring!

The girls displayed some superb teamwork and determination to do this job to a high standard.

Well done!



Dry Stone Walling Success

Well done to the first 4 students to complete a dry-stone walling course in partnership with Corn Close Farm.

All four students really enjoyed this course and were commended by Corn Close for their effort, enthusiasm & respectful nature - and their walling progress!



North Yorkshire SACRE Visit

We were delighted to welcome representatives from North Yorkshire SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) to the RE Department this term. We were proud to host members of the SACRE, including a Local Authority Officer, as part of a new programme of school visits that will help to shape future SACRE engagement with schools across the county.

Within the Humanities Faculty, we are always keen to embrace new initiatives and contribute to local and national educational developments. This visit provided an excellent opportunity to do just that and to showcase the work taking place within the RE curriculum with our young people.

The highlight of the visit was undoubtedly our exceptional RE students. Pupils from across all year groups spoke articulately and ambitiously about their experiences of RE, demonstrating both enthusiasm and maturity in their responses. Our visitors were highly impressed by the students' ability to reflect on and discuss their learning, commenting particularly on their confidence and the thoughtful way they expressed their views.

We are incredibly proud of our students for representing the school so positively and for helping to make the visit such a success.

Miss Byrne



Many thanks to Joe Haywood and the Nidderdale National Landscape Partnership for donating us some wildflower meadow seed, educating our students about the benefits of this important landscape and helping us to plant it.

We look forward to seeing what appears in the spring.



Eigg 2026

It was great to see the long-lasting effect of the Eigg Trip on students as the team very excitedly reminisced about their adventures & all the learning that took place on receipt of their Eigg Photobooks this week.



Miss Tuffs

Congratulations to Finn

Yorkshire Dales National Park's post

Yorkshire Dales National Park 3h · 🌐

Our first Dales Young Ranger certificate goes to Finn! 🎉 Congratulations on receiving the first of three awards – the Pen-y-ghent Award. 🏆

Finn was very nervous when starting as a Dales Young Ranger and found it difficult to settle in. With support from the Young Ranger staff and volunteers, Finn soon found his footing.

He has grown in confidence with every session, supporting his fellow Dales Young Rangers with tips—like how to best remove a stubborn tree guard. 🌱

Ranger Adam identified Finn as someone who showed great perseverance and the ability to think through challenges, especially during the step-building task. 💪

Here's to working towards the next two awards: Ingleborough and Wharfedale! (If you hadn't guessed, our awards are Three Peaks themed.) 🏔️





Get ready for an outdoor adventure this half term with North Yorkshire Outdoor Learning Service. They've got a fun-filled, action-packed programme planned to keep young people active, building new skills and enjoying the great outdoors throughout the school holidays. From paddlesports and mountain biking, to bushcraft and rock climbing, there's something for everyone.

Find out what's on and when at www.outdoored.co.uk/schoolholidays

Many thanks to Hattie, Grace & Tilly for their fine Green Hat Gardening work re-planting & spreading wood chips all over the big bed at the front of school. It looks so much tidier as a result of their care and determination to do this job to a high standard!



Amongst apple juice making, Nidd Green Hat Gardening & community work, our NiddVenture students have really embraced & enthused about the natural environment this half term.

It's been fantastic to have so many student requests for various adventures and we've had a huge amount of fun exploring limestone pavements, becks, fossils & rocks - all directed by students' interest and enquiring minds! Thank you all for sharing your excitement about the wonders of the natural world!

Miss Tuffs