

SPORT @Nunthorpe @Nunthorpe

Sporting Success continues at Nunthorpe. Here are a few of our highlights this term.....

Athletics

Daniel Currie (Year 11) and Josh Cowperthwaite (Year 12) were 2 of the 3 members that made up a team that won the Northern Cross Country Team Relays. This is an outstanding achievement based upon the calibre of distance running in the North of England at this age group. Daniel ran the team into 3rd position on the second leg before Josh went on to run the fastest lap of the day and promote the team into 1st place. They went on to perform well at the national relays, narrowly missing out on a medal. Josh ran excellently at a recent national event, trying to gain qualification for the European Championships. He was competing against students significantly older than himself and finished in the top 15 runners, however, for his age group he was 2nd nationally. We wish both boys well in their preparation for English Schools Championships in March.

Inclusion Sports Club

Nunthorpe Unified Active Project was set up during the Academic year 2016-17 and its target was to improve student's perception, ability and attitude towards sport. Ten boys were selected to work alongside Mr Bunn in a project supported by Sky Sports. The main target was to improve positive attitude towards Physical Education and provide elements of competition as a motivation to achieve success. The boys were an incredible team and had many highlights throughout the year, they attended wheelchair basketball, table tennis, tennis and sports festivals to improve a variety of skill's and most importantly a shared goal of working together and enjoying physical activity. The boys had lots to celebrate, most of the boys were selected to represent the district at the Tees Valley finals in wheelchair basketball, tennis and table tennis and they went on to become gold medallists. They were also recognised by the PE Department and gained the annual award for team of the year. The icing on the cake was that they were shortlisted for the Innovative Project Award within Redcar and Cleveland at the annual Sports Inclusion Awards. The boys attended and were very proud to be crowned winners of such a prestigious award. Mr Bunn would like to say thank you to the students, parents, teachers and also to Chris Cook (Olympic Athlete mentor) for their support throughout the project. It was simply the best experience he has had as a teacher and the boys had a great time throughout.



Sportathon 2017

What a night and what an event! Friday 13th October saw 48 students take part in a 6 hour Sportathon which included Football, Table Tennis and Dodgeball. 5 separate teams battled it out for 6 hours to be declared the 2017 Sportathon champions.

The event was arranged as a fundraiser for all students to raise as much money as possible to pay for their kits and tracksuits for the upcoming trip to Porto which will be taking place on 30th March 2018.

The effort and commitment from all students throughout the night was inspiring to say the least. With the money raised from the Sportathon and the walk up Roseberry topping, students have managed to raise a staggering £3048 which will cover the price of 48 Nike football kits and also 40 student tracksuits with their own personalised initials on.

We had many highlights during the Sportathon including Alfie Roebuck scoring a wonder goal..... that was later disallowed due the whistle having been blown. Another highlight was the year 10 boys not being able to move and function after eating way too much pizza and Charlie Wilson being far too accurate with a Dodgeball when hurling a ball at Mr Tooth's face towards the end of the evening.

What a great event. Well done everybody involved from the site team to the students, staff and parents.

Junior Sports Leaders Award

Our Sports Leader Award programme is now in its 9th year and continues to provide students with an excellent range of opportunities to develop and improve their leadership skills. This year, our students have also completed a Health Champion Ambassador Award, which enabled them to deliver a presentation relating to the importance of living a Healthy Lifestyle to local KS2 children. Our close links with partner primary schools allow Nunthorpe Academy students to develop their leadership skills to a variety of age and ability groups. The Y10 leaders plan, prepare and deliver structured sessions, which lead to a competition event to be delivered by them. Throughout the year, both leaders and primary children develop their confidence, self-esteem, as well as skills in a range of physical activities.



A New Year

Welcome



Welcome to the second edition of @ Nunthorpe.

At the end of the Autumn term we had so much to say about the successes of our students and the Academy. Our students continue to thrive and show us how remarkable they are. They have all organised, participated and contributed in Academy and community events, raising awareness and improving the lives of those less fortunate than themselves – Children in Need, Slippers for Shelter, the Community Christmas Party and a whole community tidy up.

As always we have lots to report and have put some of our highlights in here for you to read - I hope you enjoy!

Best wishes,

Danny Yates
Head of School

The views of our Academy....

Student Voice within the Academy (KS3, KS4 and KS5) and our Parent Voice Group are all making exemplary contributions to the development of our academy.....

Sixth Form Council

In an age where most Sixth Form's or academies have some form of a student council, it is not easy for the achievements of one to shine above the rest. I'd be lying if I said that Nunthorpe Sixth Form Student Council was the only student organisation in the nation which raises money for charity, or the only one that puts on special events in the name of a good cause; what does show that our Student Council is a cut above the rest, however, is how far we excel – how far beyond what would typically be considered "enough" in order to make a difference.

We have seen ground breaking success in the last two years in our charity events, raising over £600 for last year's Macmillan Coffee Morning, and raising hundreds more since then for a variety of charities. We also commit ourselves to improving the lives of those who live in the community around us, the best example of this perhaps being last year's co-operation with the Bridge Association.

The Bridge Association is a charity group which helps the lonely members of our community, especially times like Christmas, to feel they have a group of friends or family in a similar situation such as themselves. Through our Student Council, an Academy wide fundraising and present gathering event was organised for the Bridge Association. – one so successful it earned a visit from the Mayor.

I believe that Nunthorpe Sixth Form Student Council also show its commitment and success through its dedication in the improvement of student life. Whether it is organising the repair of IT around the Sixth Form, or holding meetings with the Site Manager in order to look better parking facilities for students, the Student Council is the method by which such change is achieved.

All are welcome at the Student Council, whether one is in Year 12 or 13, the door is open. This year we have already seen a massive rise in members, but we are always looking for more. Meetings are held every Thursday morning during form time, so please come along if you have an interest in making the Academy an even better place.

Matthew Walker – Year 13



A new Student Council for Nunthorpe's 11-16 students



Nunthorpe Academy's school council allows students to take part in various different projects and provides us with the opportunity to change any issues we can see within the school. It gives us the chance to speak out about our ideas and views. We can speak to each other and to teachers regarding what we think about the school and how we can improve it.

The projects we have been involved in so far have been both enjoyable to us and beneficial to the school. For example, the Winter Fair allowed us to raise money for the school and for independent groups who took part in the event. It then also provided us with links to the community and gave people a chance to come together and enjoy themselves. We received many compliments from people about the event and how they enjoyed the experience.

Another project we have been involved in is cleaning and refurbishing the Remembrance Garden. We decided to redo the Remembrance Garden because it had fallen into disrepair and is a good space. The reason we wanted to do that is so we could improve the atmosphere and environment of the school. It also will provide students and staff with a space to relax and take time if needed.

The school council was originally split into 5 committees: safety, behaviour, standards, extra-curricular and environment. Recently, we created another committee: attendance. We created the committees to enable us to focus and concentrate on specific aspects of the school that we could try and improve upon. Each committee has a link with a member of SLT. This SLT member regularly meets with the head of their respective committee in order to stay connected with what is happening surrounding their specific aspect of the school council.

We work together and independently on a variety of projects and have a lot of enjoyment in the process. The School Council is a vital part of the school.

Lucy Acheson - Year 9

Terrifying Author Visit



So there they all were, the whole of Year 8 sitting quietly waiting to be lectured by someone about reading. In front of them stood a man who was about to destroy their hopes and dreams.

Imagine a world without chocolate! This is the thought Chris Callaghan put in their minds. He told them about 'The Great Chocoplot' – 'The Chocopolypse'! Students practised their panic faces as he forced them to make huge life changing decisions like "which would be worse – no chocolate or no wifi?" Even the teachers joined in with the choice of "no chocolate or no school holidays"!

Chris also told the students about other careers he had, proving that you don't have to start out to be a writer to become a writer. Everyone in the room can write if they choose to.

At the end of the presentation, the students burst into spontaneous applause and left feeling inspired to read more and have a go at writing and also determined to buy some chocolate bars on the way home ... just in case ...



Christmas is a special time of year

Christmas is such a special time of year, and this year saw all of our students, staff and the wider community participating in many events.

The first ever Christmas Fair was held on Sunday 25 November 2017, in our Sixth Form building. The event was opened by Miss Tees Valley – Molly Kell and over 200 people attended, enjoying the singing from Nunthorpe Primary Academy's school choir and looking at the many stalls that were in attendance. Students and local businesses sold handmade items – Father Christmas even made an appearance. It was a truly magical day – putting everyone in the Christmas spirit.

This was closely followed by the Art Department holding a wreath making workshop for staff. It was great to see so many so many staff attend. They all created their own Christmas wreaths – which would surely make them the envy of their streets.

Then there was the Academy's Christmas Carol Concert – which saw our main hall full to capacity with parents and families listening to our wonderful Academy Choir and Chandler's Ridge Primary Academy School Choir.

In the last week of term our Student Leaders held a Community Christmas Party – inviting local residents for an afternoon of fun! Christmas Carols were sung and party games were played. Our Parent Voice Group joined us and served refreshments. Such a magical afternoon for all those involved.



Parent Voice Group

The PVG is a great way to become directly involved with the academy, through volunteering time and talents. The PVG is a constituted group made up of parents and staff of the academy.

The PVG's aims are to:

- Be a voice within the academy - creating a partnership between the academy and parents/carers
- Fund raise for the academy
- Organise social events to bring children, young people, adults and the local community together

Nunthorpe Academy and the PVG would like you to join, providing support to the development of the academy and bringing a new voice to the academy.

If you are interested in joining the PVG, please contact:
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