

SEASONAL SPORTS

Every year at Nunthorpe Academy we have two house sporting events. This is where every year group has its houses compete against each other to try and win a title. This year the sun shone on our 'Winter House Sports' which took place in March.

In my year group (Year 9), the girls competed in bench-ball and dodge-ball, while the boys competed in football and table tennis.

What makes this event special is that you get to compete against people who you don't normally work with because Qs and Zs join together. You get to bond with people outside your regular curriculum and have fun with your friends from different lessons.

But it isn't all about fun: there is a very serious side to this competition. We learn about different skills, such as teamwork, leadership and communication. These are not just school skills - these are life skills. And, of course, every house wants to win.

I spoke to some students about their experience in the Winter House Sports:

- Arhum: "It was like a proper match working with new people."
- Aimee: "It was more competitive and was fun working with new people."
- Amber: "It was enjoyable to work with my friends and I learnt some new life-long skills."
- Alicia: "Having mixed groups made it feel fairer."

Another interesting element was the non-specialist teachers who came to support the events. This extra encouragement made you feel like you should believe in yourself.

Those of you who want to know about the winners of the Winters House Sports will have to wait a little bit longer. The results will be revealed closer to the end of the year. Good luck!

By Mikey Crosby and Matthew Durnall



ENRICHMENT

Legendary LEGO



LEGO is fun for all ages. The name 'LEGO' is an abbreviation of the two Danish words 'leg godt', meaning 'play well': their name and their ideal. The LEGO Group was founded in 1932 by Ole Kirk Kristiansen. The company has passed from father to son and is now owned by Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen, a grandchild of the founder. They are proud to have been named 'Toy of the Century' twice.

Tom Wentworth

- I think it's amazing and fun as the instructions aren't there to be followed but to be a guide.
- I like my Lego RoboShark set as it was a fun and challenging build.
- I'd add elbow and knee joints that you could pose.
- I made my first set at two years old and haven't stopped building since.

Mrs Coupland-Buckley

- She thinks it's fun and she loves it because you can do anything with the bricks.
- She loves her Volkswagen camper van and her mini cooper sets.
- She'd add moving engines to the Lego creator sets.
- Her first memory of Lego is making a lifesize person with her family.

Mr Devlin

- He loves Lego because he's had it for ages and it's also a great stress reliever.
- His favourite set is his Star Wars Ewok village as he loves anything to do with Star Wars.
- He'd make it cheaper so it doesn't use up all of your money.
- He would work for Lego if he quit teaching.

Mrs Hinnigan

- She thinks it's awesome because you can create whatever you can imagine or, you can follow the instructions.
- Her favourite LEGO set is her 'Simpsons' house as it was the best wedding present.
- She would love Lego to be cheaper so it wasn't a bank drainer.
- She's had it for her entire life.

STUDENT
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MEET THE EDITORIAL TEAM

This issue of @Nunthorpe was produced by members of the 'Journalism Club'. If you are interested in taking part in this or any of our English clubs, please speak to Miss Cesarano or Mrs Wilkinson.

Harry Bullock, Y9

- I love wood tech because I like being practical and creative with the different machines.
- I am a brown/black belt in karate.
- I am the longest-serving member of English clubs.

Mikey Crosby, Y9

- I like science because I enjoy having a lot of knowledge and knowing the secrets of the world
- I enjoy writing fiction and playing games.
- I like English clubs because I enjoy being able to share my ideas and put my creative thoughts to the test.

Matthew Durnall, Y9

- I love tech. We built a jitterbug in Y8 and it was so funny.
- I have been practising karate for three years and am a brown/black belt.
- I like trying new things, so I thought I'd come along to English clubs.

Aimee O'Halloran, Y8

- I am a keen photographer.
- I had already started writing articles before joining the club as part of one of Miss Cesarano's projects.
- English clubs are good because you can socialise with other people from different year groups and different classes.

Tom Wentworth, Y8

- I love wood tech because I enjoy being creative and being able to build things.
- I love writing short stories, so I've entered the BBC Radio 2 500 words competition twice.
- English clubs are always interesting and there's always something new each time.

Matthew Willis, Y9

- I love drama because I like to be able to express feelings through theatre.
- I'm currently writing my first novel.
- I like seeing the regular attendees at English clubs – I admire how devoted members are.

WINNING WORDS

EVERY YEAR, BBC Radio 2 hosts a 500-word story writing competition. It is one of the biggest influences for younger authors in the UK. Unlike some competitions, you are not marked on spelling or language methods.

Instead, this competition is about telling terrific tales and creating charismatic characters, so your story will be rated purely on creativity. Because of this, it encourages children who would not normally have the courage to pick up a pen to express their emotions through creative writing. Last year, 134,790 entered and many more entered this year.

Many famous authors and illustrators, such as David Walliams, Helen Oxenbury and Tony Ross, have been connected to this competition. We recently hosted an interview with Nunthorpe Academy librarian, Mrs Wilkinson, who is a former judge of this competition. Her favourite story was a story about a magic paintbrush which allowed you to turn your drawings into anything you want. She loved the stories from our school that people entered and lots more from around the country. She enjoyed reading all of the stories and hopes to be a judge again.

This event only happens once a year and, sadly, by the time this article goes to print the competition will be over. However, you can always try again next year and every year until you are 13. If you win this competition, you could receive fabulous prizes, such as Chris Evans' height in books and 500 books for your school library.

If you want to know which stories won this year's competition, listen to the 'Zoe Ball Breakfast Show' on BBC radio 2 on Friday 14th June from 6.30am or check out the competition website at bbc.co.uk after that date.

By Matthew Durnall and Matthew Willis

STUDENT RECEPTION - RUN BY STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS!

Since the beginning of the year, a new facility has been made available to Nunthorpe Academy students.

Student Reception is open in the morning, at break and during both lunches and is a place where you can buy planners, ties, pencil cases and so much more.

The service is helpful for students as well as teachers. Students can buy things they are missing - from the lowest priced basic equipment for as little as 20p, to replacement ties at £7. Rather than having to wait to see their pastoral managers or tutors, students can use the service to collect things like day sheets, making life easier for staff too.

But Student Reception isn't just for practical things: you can also buy treats, like chocolate or jelly sweets.

All of the students who run the reception are members of student council, so they have the best interests of students at heart and are very happy to help.

By Aimee O'Halloran

NOT JUST ONE DAY...

This year, Nunthorpe Academy held a 'World Book Week' to coincide with World Book Day and World Literacy Day on March 7th.

Events such as these are important because they promote reading across all subjects.

During our amazing 'World Book Week', many exciting events happened:

- Every student got a £1 book token to spend on a book of their choice.
- All houses had assemblies connecting international literacy and numeracy days. During these fun, noisy events, students had to find the missing number in book titles and the winning tutor group got sweets. The tutor even got a chocolate egg.
- The Year 8 students were treated to a visit by Dan Smith, author of the mesmerising book 'She Wolf'.
- Everyone in KS3 was part of a competition to go to the cinema, but you had to have an average of 20 minutes or more reading daily.
- All staff had a new sign on their door detailing their most memorable book.
- Mrs Kitching's Inclusion class was in the kitchen, having been given a challenge to make a literacy-themed afternoon tea.

Mrs Loughran, Assistant Head of English and Director of Literacy, led the organisation of this week. Her favourite part was the assemblies where she combined literacy and numeracy. Next year she plans to make the week even bigger. Watch this space.

By Harry Bullock

MEET THE PASTORAL TEAM

By Tom Wentworth and Aimee O'Halloran

INVINCIBLE		ENDEAVOUR		VICTORY		TRIUMPH		VALIANT	
									
MR WILDING He chose the job because he didn't enjoy school when he was there and wants to make a difference. One of his hobbies is cooking at home. Whilst he was at school his favourite lesson was history. His favourite books and films are the Harry Potter series. He previously was a youth worker.	MRS OAKLEY She chose the job because she likes working with teenagers. She likes the students in the school. One of her hobbies is running. Her favourite subject at school was science. Her favourite film is 'Love Actually'. Her previous job was Inclusion Manager at Stokesley School. She has a cat called Murphy.	MR DEEN He likes helping people and wants to make a difference in the school. He enjoys cycling as his hobby. As a child, his favourite subject was English. He likes reading anything by Roald Dahl and David Walliams.	MS YAU She chose the job as she'd had 10 years of work in a school. She likes that there are many nice and polite students in this school.. Ms Yau's hobbies include reading, going to the cinema, socialising with friends and shopping. As a child at school, her favourite subject was art as she's a creative person.	MS BUTLER She used to be a drama teacher. She wanted to focus on student well-being and behaviour. She loves singing, dancing, drama, maps, hiking and dinosaurs. She enjoys horror and thriller films. She's very excited to work here.	MS CHEW She chose the job as she wanted to be more involved with students. She likes all of the brilliant staff. Her hobbies are gardening and home design. As a child at school, her favourite subject was drama. Her favourite book is 'The Bone Sparrow'.	MR COLEMAN He likes that there is a good team and ethos. His hobbies are anything to do with sport. 'Star Wars' is his favourite film. His favourite thing to read is Lawrence D'Aglio's biography.	MS DAVISON She likes the people in the school. Her hobbies are holidaying, reading, cooking and also shopping. Her favourite subject when she was at school was English. 'Me Before You' is her favourite book.	MRS SHACKLETON She chose the job as she likes to work with children. Her hobbies are making things from driftwood, art and walking on the beach. At school as a child, her favourite subjects were art and English. Her favourite film is 'Avatar'. Her favourite day is Sunday.	MR HARRISON He likes making a difference to children's lives. He likes the friendly atmosphere about the school. His hobbies are being a football coach, walking and taking his two daughters dancing. His favourite film is 'Stand By Me'. The best book he's ever read is 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl.



ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

There is a group of people that you can talk to if you are getting bullied and they can help you get through it.

If you have a problem, all you have to do is look for people who are wearing a green badge that says 'Anti-bullying Ambassador'.

There are 15 of them and they have been trained to understand and solve any problems using specific strategies.

The ambassadors will offer you a space where you can talk and they can listen.

However, if it is too big of a problem, they will try to solve it with a member of staff to ensure that you are able to feel calm and comfortable once again.

By Aimee O'Halloran