



## Headteacher's Introduction

Two weeks ago I attended a School Leaders' conference in Birmingham. As well as having the privilege to hear many inspirational speakers, including Sir Lenny Henry, local mental health advocate Pat Sowa and the BBC's Steph McGovern, I was also a very proud member of the audience as the Red Kite Alliance Choir took to the stage to sing for over a thousand people. A small group of our talented Year 8 students had made the long journey to Birmingham with Mrs Cawley Johnson to represent Nidderdale High School at this prestigious event. The over-arching theme of the conference was connected leadership and collaboration and the RKA Choir is a great example of collaboration to create something really special. The choir is pictured above with MP and Secretary of State for Education, Damien Hinds.

Another fantastic example of our collaborative work is the partnership with Nidderdale Visual Arts, which is responsible for the GCSE Art, Craft and Design programme which runs at Number 6 Studio Gallery every Monday. On Tuesday 2nd April we will be celebrating the work of our talented Year 11 students who have been part of the programme this year with a preview evening of the exhibition. The preview evening will be attended by invited guests from the local area and, this year, the Assistant Director of Children and Young Peoples' Services will also be attending. I hope that parents and other supporters of the school will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition which runs from Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th April at the Gallery.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

## University Visit - 20<sup>th</sup> March

As part of our NICE day, 14 students from Year 9 went to Hull York Medical School to learn more about studying medicine at University with Mrs Towse. During the day the students used case studies and problem based learning to diagnose and help a patient with Parkinson's and constructed a 3D model of the basal ganglia in the brain using 2D imaging techniques.

The students all worked brilliantly as a team all day and showed their amazing problem solving abilities. They were able to chat to current students from a number of courses throughout the day. It was a great insight into to what life at University can be like.



## Nidderlicious

**Spring meal deals @£2.50  
w/c 1<sup>st</sup> April:**

**Monday:** Roast Pork, Apple Sauce and Veg, Bread and Butter pudding

**Tuesday:** Sweet n Sour Chicken, Iced Muffin

**Wednesday:** Homemade Lasagne, Manchester tart

**Thursday:** Homemade Pizza, Chocolate Mousse

**Friday:** Chicken Korma, Peaches and Ice cream

*The full menu is always available on the school website homepage,  
vegetarian options also available daily.*

## Forthcoming events

- 1-12 Apr – Y10/11 Mock Exams
- 1 – 5 Apr Y8 French Educational Visit
- 2 – 5 April - No 6 Exhibition of Y11 work
- 12 Apr – PTFA Fundraising Bake Sale
- 12 Apr 3.15 p.m. – 26 Apr School closed for Easter Break
- 29 April – Staff and all students return to school

## Gardening Club

The Gardening Club got into full swing this half term with a little help from Keith Tordoff MBE! The school has been invited to take part in Pateley Bridge's bid to win Britain in Bloom and students have already made an enthusiastic start; planting fruit, vegetables and flowers to be judged on Tuesday August 6th. Gardening Club members are looking forward to a visit from Francis Atkins Michelin Starred Chef from the Yorke Arms, to demonstrate what can be made with their crop. Students will also be invited to visit Francis' own kitchen and kitchen garden for inspiration from one of the country's best chefs! If you would like to be involved in the Gardening Club, please come along to Room 18 on Wednesdays after school. Green fingered parents are also welcome to come along, please contact Nicola Wright for more details.



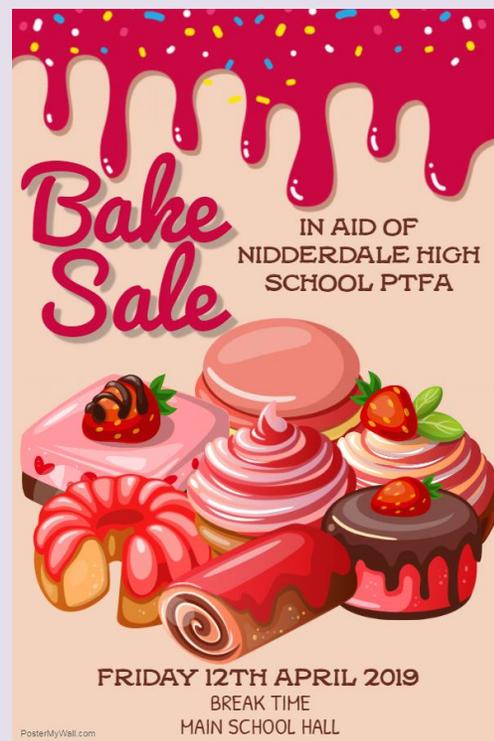
## PTFA Fundraising news

Please sponsor Mrs Wright and her team. They are doing the Tough Mudder challenge to raise funds for the PTFA. Here is a link to their page:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Nicola-Wright45>

## Key Stage 3 Interform Competition

The competition between forms is hotting up with only two weeks to go until the next Pizza Party. The leader board as it stands is as follows:

Form	Points	Position
8SB/JB	253	1st
8CE	237	2nd
7VW	235	3rd
7DH	234	4th
7JK	233	5th
9TC/PC	204	6th
8QS	203	7th
8GL	201	8th
9HT/MS	170	9th
9BC	159	10th
9AM	109	11th



If you are able to send in any home baking on 12<sup>th</sup> April to help us raise funds for the PTFA, please let us know in advance by calling the school office or emailing to admin.

### Leeds City Museum Visit

On Thursday 21st March, 10 of our most enthusiastic Year 7 Accelerated Reader participants were rewarded with a trip to Leeds City Museum to view the Michael Morpurgo exhibition. The exhibition included some of Morpurgo's handwritten manuscripts, props from the stage show of Warhorse and original artwork created for his book covers. Students also had the opportunity to explore the rest of the museum which included artifacts from ancient Egypt and Roman Britain.



### NICE Day.

On Wednesday 20th March, students took part in a variety of NICE day activities, some of which took place off site. Four Year 8 students took part in an inter-school Maths Challenge and were placed 4th out of 24 very competitive school teams! Well done to them.

We were delighted to welcome several visitors to school - Roop and Jas Singh, Henneke Dye, Freddie Naftel, Imran Kotwal and Yesmein Begh Ali. Roop and Jas gave students some insights into the central philosophies of Sikhism. Imran and Yesmein led lively discussions on the experience of and attitudes towards our Muslim communities and Freddie and Henneke delivered informative talks on Judaism. As a Holocaust survivor, Henneke's account was particularly moving. It was wonderful to be able to spend time with representatives from our Muslim, Jewish and Sikh communities and we look forward to welcoming these new friends of our school back again in the future.

Our PE department led team building sessions in the Sports Hall, encouraging students to work together in order to achieve their goals.



**Well done to Elizabeth Parkin and Evie-May Richards who won the final of 'Nidderdale's got Talent' with a beautiful rendition of 'Hallelujah'. They won a trophy and £50. The competition was organised by Rev Darryl Hall of St Cuthbert's Church, Pateley Bridge.**



### Youth Conference, Pavilions, Harrogate

A group of Y10 students attended and unanimously chose the workshop on 'Celebrating Difference' which looked at gender identity, sexuality and gender expression. **'How can I Cope?! - Strategies to Support Your Mental Health'** was the second workshop chosen, this explored some ways to look at mental health and wellbeing in a fun, supportive workshop.

In between sessions students met representatives from Compass Buzz, Camhs, NY Police, Barnardos, North Yorkshire Youth, Eurodesk UK, Youth Voice Executive.

Student feedback included, "The day enabled me to learn about diversity and to be sensitive talking about certain subjects".