

# NEATHERD HI



SCHOOL PRODUCTION



HARRY POTTER NIGHT



FLEXIBLE LEARNING DAY



DANCE SHOW

# WELCOME

*Dear Readers*

*It has been a wonderful first term as Headteacher of Neatherd. As I look back over the last 12 weeks, I am reminded of what a fantastic school this is and what brilliant opportunities our staff provide for pupils.*

*I watched the school production – The Golden Masque of Agamemnon – with immense pride. Seeing our pupils tackle such a challenging piece of theatre was inspiring. But this was just one of many great events. The Creative Arts department have also given us a brilliant dance show. World Book Week was celebrated in style with our librarian, Mrs Gill, coordinating a variety of events from author talks to a book-inspired non-uniform day. She was also responsible for the ever popular Harry Potter night.*

*Flexible Learning Day at the beginning of March saw pupils visiting Norwich and The Broads, whilst Years 10 and 11 diligently focused on their GCSE options to boost their subject knowledge. As well as many successes across the year groups in PE fixtures, the department also enjoyed yet another great Ski Trip in the half term break.*

*You will have hopefully seen in the local press our very own Mr Chapman receiving his award at the Savoy Hotel in London for Inspirational Design Technology Teacher of the Year. An award that recognises the volume of work he does in helping our pupils to develop a love of STEM subjects. We are proud to have him here at Neatherd. I'd like to thank all of the staff here who work so tirelessly to provide the best for our pupils and go above and beyond so often to enrich their lives with more than just lessons.*

*The proudest moment for me this term however has been the interviewing of our new Head People for the next academic year. The number of talented and inspiring pupils we have in the school is phenomenal. Every single pupil who put themselves forward did themselves, us and you as parents proud. I am delighted that this is a school where pupils are not afraid to challenge themselves in this way.*

*There's still loads more to come this year and so I hope all of our pupils and staff have a restful Easter break and return for more exciting times next term.*

*Chris Smith*





# DANCE SHOW



On 22nd March, Neatherd's annual Dance Show took place at the Dereham Memorial Hall. There were over sixty-five students participating, including two guest appearances by Scarning and Hockering Primary students, who performed 'It's a Hard Knock Life' and 'James Bond' respectively. The amazing choreographic talent we have at the school was beautifully showcased. This was especially apparent with our Year 11 GCSE students whose work will be submitted for their practical exams early next term. The show concluded with a cheeky rendition of 'Hot Honey Rag' which was also choreographed by Year

11 students. The show also included a number from 'Chicago', 'Razzle Dazzle', which was enthusiastically performed by the cast from last year's show. A massive thanks goes out to all students and staff involved with the Dance Show, especially Ms Dark who put the whole programme together. The next big production for the school, 'We Will Rock You', will be the first musical theatre show in over a decade and we hope to see many dancers audition for it. Auditions will take place next term and are open to all year groups.

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# SCHOOL PLAY

Neatherd's annual school production took place at the Memorial Hall in February. After last year's bone-chilling gothic offering, *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, Neatherd's students took to the stage performing a modern version of an ancient Greek tale of blood sacrifice, murder and revenge: *The Golden Masque of Agamemnon*.

This was a challenging play for Neatherd's students who had to learn lines that included tongue-twisting Greek names and complex philosophical concepts.

The show provided an opportunity for many familiar Neatherd actors to show their incredible talent. Adam Littleproud created a compelling performance as the arrogant Agamemnon with Bradley Dack as the son who is tasked with avenging his father by murdering his mother Queen Clytemnestra. Lily Tarsey, Year 11 played the queen as a psychotic and unhinged villainess. She was truly terrifying!

Other notable performances came from Pearl Williams-Eley as the dignified but defeated Queen Hecuba. Her daughter, Cassandra, fated never to have her prophetic dreams believed was performed by Holly Gibson, who certainly found her voice in this show, emitting a blood-curdling scream as Clytemnestra killed her with an axe! Narration was provided

by Eddie Hill and Zayna Tarabay, twinned as Talthybius, the engaging page to Agamemnon. At times the threads of the story become quite tangled and tense so that Eddie and Zayna's humorous observations and up-dates were essential and kept the audience enthralled. As this was a Greek show, the gods featured too with Athene, played elegantly by Tamar Lindner, the authoritative Apollo by Luke Toner Walsh, Hermes – slinky in gold by Bradley Bowie and the Pythoness by the hypnotic Maisy Jessop.

As a Greek tragedy, *Agamemnon* relies on a chorus of additional performers. This show had three chorus groups who provided narration, comments on the morality of characters' actions and, as always in a Neatherd show, a sense of place. Instead of an expensive stage set, Neatherd students and the show's choreographer Debbie Carter de Bois (Neatherd Dance Academy) created mountains, oceans, a ship and battles. The chorus groups were on stage virtually throughout the performance and stayed focused throughout. The discipline of the students was astounding and the applause they received from their audience was justly deserved.

**Mrs Sanderson**

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# STAFF INTERVIEW

**PRESS GANG**

## Miss Clarke, Maths teacher

### ***How long have you been a teacher at Neatherd?***

I have been a teacher here for nearly four years now, three and half years to be precise.

### ***Why did you choose Neatherd as a school?***

I chose Neatherd, because the school was a good size to hold over one thousand students and it is has very friendly students and staff. Also the Harry Potter Night was on when I looked around the school and it looked like a lot of fun.

### ***Do you have any hobbies?***

My hobbies are photography and I am also a Brownie leader in Norwich.

### ***Do you think Neatherd is a good school overall?***

Yes, I do think Neatherd is a good school overall because the behaviour of our students is amazing. There are many opportunities here like World Book Day and of course Harry Potter Night. Also there are awesome opportunities for pupils and staff to go on trips like Italy and Normandy. Our school has the most amazing librarian (Mrs Gill) who puts on all these wonderful events.

### ***Do you enjoy reading / what is your favourite book?***

My current favourite book/series would be "Me before you/after you" by JoJo Moyes. I have the 3rd instalment, "Still me", waiting to be read at home!

### ***What is the best bit about Neatherd?***

Being able to share my enjoyment of maths with pupils and seeing them progress throughout their school journey. Seeing those who have worked hard on results day getting the grade they deserve!

### ***What is your favourite holiday destination?***

I haven't really travelled that much to be honest! But I'd probably say anywhere by the coast! You can't beat a stroll along the beach (even better at sunset), no matter where you are in the country/world!

### ***What would you be if you were not a maths teacher?***

I would like to be a photographer if I had more experience.

**Jessica Day and Evie Hamilton, Year 8**





# NEW STUDENT LEADERS



We are pleased to introduce our newly elected Student Leadership Team. 32 Year 9 and Year 10 students were interviewed for the Senior Student Leadership roles yesterday. "The students conducted themselves really well and were a credit to the school," says Mrs Jacobs, Head of Student Support. "The standard was very high this year, so we had some disappointed people who missed out this time." Below are the successful candidates and their role achieved.

**Head Boy** – Hector Frith

**Head Girl** – Katherine Thomas

**Year 10 House Captains:**

	<b>Fry</b>	<b>Carter</b>	<b>Cavell</b>	<b>Kett</b>
House Captain	Amberly Wright	Mikyla Oswick	Katie Lockhart	Maisy Jessop
Deputy Captain	Mali Crowley	Ben Bilverstone	Florence Hall	Honey Chapman

**Year 9 House Captains:**

	<b>Fry</b>	<b>Carter</b>	<b>Cavell</b>	<b>Kett</b>
House Captain	Lauren Matwij	Charlotte Wells	Grace Rafferty	Emma Leigh Beamis
Deputy Captain	Brandon White	Ashten Hopcroft	Tamar Lindner	Louis Salter



# CZECH VISITORS

Dereham Neatherd High School welcomed six students from the Czech Republic to Dereham recently for two weeks of "international work experience". This project was fully funded by the European Union's Erasmus+ programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe.

The aim of Erasmus+ is to contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy for growth, jobs, social equity and inclusion.

Specific issues tackled by the programme



include:

- Reducing unemployment, especially among young people
- Promoting adult learning, especially for new skills and skills required by the labour market.
- Encouraging young people to take part in European democracy
- Supporting innovation, cooperation and reform
- Reducing early school leaving

The youngsters from Neatherd's partner school, Business Academy Lysa nad Labem near Prague, completed their work experience at local schools and companies, getting stuck into administrative tasks as well as finding out how English businesses are run. The companies supporting this project

were Toftwood Infant and Junior School, Dereham Library, Homeworks Estate Agents, Barclays Bank and Westcotec Ltd.

"The students were really nice and helpful," says George Barnes, Assistant Manager at Homeworks, "they did filing for us and also accompanied us on site visits."

The group was staying at the Romany Rye Hotel in the town centre. Apart from shopping in Dereham the students enjoyed trips to Norwich and Cambridge. "I have really enjoyed my time in Dereham, all the people were so nice to us," says Alzbeta Rudolfova, "I love England and can't wait to visit again."

"We are very happy to be a part of this very worthwhile EU funded project," says Neatherd's headteacher Chris Smith, "especially during the current times it is important to show that Britain still has strong links to other European countries."



# CAREERS NEWS

The Neatherd Careers team had some good news recently: The Career Mark they have been holding for two years for their excellent provision of work-related learning was re-accredited. "Neatherd is the first school in Norfolk to be revalidated with the Quality in Careers Standard through Career Mark. This is something to celebrate, as to have it once shows good practice, but to maintain the award shows consistency of maintaining the high standards," says John Ambrose, Career Mark Lead Director.

Neatherd's careers work ranges from individual careers appointments with a qualified Careers advisor, a Post 16 Options Evening, apprenticeship fairs, presentations from universities and employers to the careers topics which are covered on the pupil's curriculum. On top of that, all Year 10 pupils take part in a one week work experience programme which gives them an insight into the "world of work". Students in Year 11 are also involved in Mock Interview Days where representatives from local businesses come in to give each student a proper job interview in preparation for their future college interviews. Another successful project is the mentoring programme, where local business people come in to mentor Year 11 students in time for their important GCSE exams, which the school set up through their strong links with local companies.

The assessment for the reaccreditation of the Career Mark was based upon collecting a portfolio of evidence and then interviews with various stakeholders. The Career Mark assessor, Melvyn Ruff from Norfolk County Council, commented: "Dereham Neatherd High School provides outstanding careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) for its students. Careers provision is well managed, coordinated and delivered across the school. The school fully meets statutory requirements for Career Guidance, is taking forward the

requirements of the DfE Careers Strategy and is working towards making good use of the Compass Tool to meet the Gatsby Benchmarks for Good Careers Guidance."

Career Mark currently has approximately 200 award holders nationally, but only 6 in Norfolk. Neatherd's next assessment would make the school a Career Mark Gold award holder.

"This award is testament to real team effort and the value we as a school put into our career work," says Rob Hodges, careers leader at Neatherd. We are very grateful to local companies and organisations who support us. If any other businesses would like to get involved we would love to hear from them."

"We aim to make sure our pupils leave the school ready to take whatever challenges they have chosen to take on next. This reaccreditation is a great recognition of all this hard work," says Neatherd's headteacher Chris Smith.

The photos show the Apprenticeship Fair, which was held in January.





# WORLD BOOK WEEK

In early March Neatherd celebrated World Book Week with a host of exciting activities. Monday, we welcomed teams from five primary schools to compete in our annual Big Book Quiz. Our Literacy Ambassadors compared the event and although a close finish, Mattishall Primary managed to win the trophy for 2019. All those taking part were awarded book prizes.

On Wednesday lunchtime the library was transformed for our Mad Hatter's Tea Party whilst all entries to the Literary Cake Bake were judged on appearance and taste. The staff judges had a very hard task as all nine cakes were uniquely beautiful but the winner was a cake based on The Little Mermaid made by Year 7 Isabelle.

On Thursday, we held our non-uniform day which saw staff and students dressing up as a book character – Peter Pan to Dorian Gray and everything in between was showcased, making a colourful exhibition of the wonderful stories that surround us.

We were delighted to also host two author visits this week. Our Patron of Reading, Alex Scarrow delivered a lively Timeriders talk to our Year 7s whilst Kerry Drewery gave a thought-provoking presentation to all Year 9 and Year 10s on social justice as seen in her book trilogy series Cell 7. Both authors also delivered creative writing workshops during the day.





# — WORLD BOOK WEEK —





# INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER

Neatherd is very proud to announce that one of our teachers, Jason Chapman, Head of Design & Technology, was recently awarded "Inspirational teaching of Design and Technology" for his outstanding contribution at the 19th Design and Technology Association Excellence Awards.

An annual event held at The Institution of Engineering and Technology, situated on the banks of the Thames in London, the Awards recognise the commitment and achievements of teachers, teacher trainers, education consultants and academics across primary and secondary schools, and further and higher education.

Nominated and voted for by peers in the education sector, the Design and Technology Association's Excellence Awards is open to the 11,000-strong membership and non-members across England and Wales.

Awards were presented by Lesley Morris, Chair of the Design and Technology Association, and Tony Ryan, Chief Executive of the Design and Technology Association.

Mr Chapman, who has taught at Neatherd for 11 years, said skills in the sector were becoming ever more important as



manufacturing processes moved towards greater automation. He said: "Students need to employ the skills they use in maths and science to formulate solutions."

Tony Ryan, Chief Executive of the Design and Technology Association, recognised Jason's achievement, saying: "Jason is to be congratulated on his well-deserved award, and celebrated for going above and beyond what might be expected in his contributions to supporting the subject of Design and Technology. We know that employers across the advanced manufacturing and creative industries are already concerned about the real shortage of engineers and designers and we need more people like Jason to inspire future generations."

"We at Neatherd are thrilled that our nomination for Jason has resulted in this amazing award. To have his tireless work in promoting DT and STEM across the whole school, as well as in the local community, recognised at such a high level is fantastic. I am immensely proud of him and thankful for the work he does day in and day out to inspire young people," says Chris Smith, Headteacher at Neatherd.



# FLEXIBLE LEARNING DAY

**Year 7** students took part in a visit to Norwich that was closely linked with their recent learning on the medieval history of the city. The day involved three different activities which included visits to both Norwich Castle and Cathedral along with a walk taking in sites both in and around Cathedral Close. The visit to Norwich Castle proved popular with the pupils where they experienced a presentation of medieval weapons and an opportunity

to explore all of the other features the museum offers. At the Cathedral there was a guided tour from an expert and a brief overall history of the site. The pupils were also greeted in the traditional way with

a monk washing a volunteer's feet to mirror how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. However, it has to be said that the Cathedral cat proved to be a star attraction! The medieval walk took in Pull's Ferry, Bishop's Bridge, The Great Hospital, Ethelbert Gate and Erpingham Gate

**The Year 8s** visited Wroxham and the Norfolk Broads. Students were blessed with lots of sunshine and worked exceptionally well throughout. The day was split into two parts with one half of the year group completing fieldwork activities in the centre of Wroxham while the other

half took a cruise down the Norfolk Broads. During the cruise, students were spoken to by the Broads Authority about tourism and how they manage and conserve the Norfolk Broads. After lunch, the year group then swapped over.

**Year 9** students completed a variety of tasks over the course of the day. They had

the opportunity to develop their practical investigation and data handling skills, essential for the GCSE science course. Students also completed some sampling fieldwork on Neatherd Moor. The activity went well. Only one student had their work stolen by a dog, and also we were lucky with weather. Another of the day's activities was the School Nutrition Action Group, where students discussed the science behind ideal growing conditions,

before planting seeds to grow as much food as possible. The seeds are currently being cared for by members of the SNAG club and will hopefully produce a bountiful harvest for eventual use in the canteen.

**Years 10 & 11** both spent valuable time on one of

their non-Ebacc options, giving some amazing feedback about the worth of the day. Photography students were learning more about how to capture motion using camera techniques and how to use depth of field effectively. They spent the morning on photographic shoots around the school and the afternoon editing in the MAC suite. It was a very productive and fun day! Catering students enjoyed a fabulous day making chocolate orange brioche, which were judged at the end of the day by Mr Mallett. Many other similarly positive stories came from the different subjects!

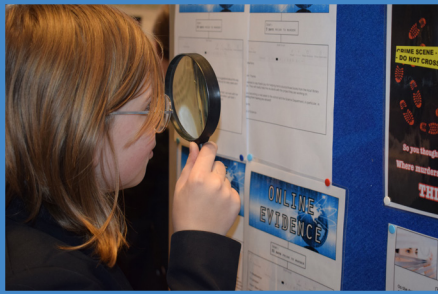




# BAKER STREET BULLETIN

## Murder by the book:

During British Science Week, the library turned into a crime scene where the terrible murder of Miss Terry had been committed. Students were invited to investigate the evidence in order to solve the case and identify the murderer from the three possible suspects. Science teachers were on hand to process student fingerprints to eliminate them and assist with the biometric clues.



## Literacy Ambassadors

Our Year 9 and Year 10 Literacy Ambassadors continue to play a significant role in supporting our readers with form time mentoring. As well as producing recorded book reviews, our Year 9 ambassadors hosted our Big Book Quiz and are currently involved in providing 'reading walls' for all departments.



## Valentine's Blind Date with a book

Love was in the air with the run up to Valentine's Day as students were invited to choose a 'Blind Date Book'- deciding on their choices by brief descriptions before 'checking the book out'. Each book borrowed over the week - 207 in total - was entered into a draw to win their Valentine treat. Lily May was the lucky winner.



## Mission possible

Y9 students are steadily completing their Mission Possible Booklets. Many have achieved their Bronze and Silver Award with some heading for their Gold Award. The booklets are designed to widen the genre of books read by Y9, thus preparing them for the wide and varied form of text they will study for GCSE.

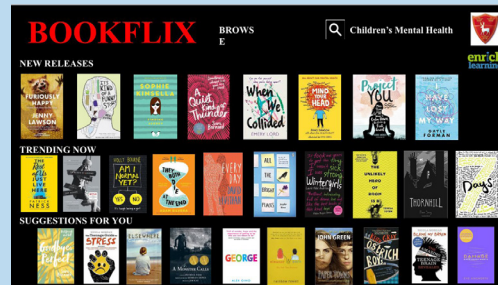
## Enrich Trust Book Award



A new school reading group was set up between Neatherd, Long Stratton and Wymondham High librarians in January. Each librarian chose two books to enter in our Trust Award. encouraging students to read widely and exploring different genres. Our group have enjoyed the weekly meetings discussing the themes and our choice winner was *Caraval* by Stephanie Gerber, closely followed by *All Rights Reserved*. All the choices can be checked out from the library. Following on from our meetings, Wymondham hosted an event for the reading groups to informally meet and chat with author Nicky Singer- author of *The Survival Game*. This was a fantastic opportunity to not only hear the author discuss her book and writing but to also meet with the other schools' reading groups.

## Children's Mental Health Week

We recognised Children's Mental Health Week by displaying the books and resources available in the library with a 'Bookflix' screensaver and Shelf Help section. Books are always readily available to borrow on a wide range of teenage issues within the library- look for the 'smiley face' sticker on the spine of books or the dedicated section upstairs. .



## Recycled Book Art

With the run-up to Mother's Day and Easter, a 'Recycled Book Art' lunchtime session was held in the library for students. Damaged books were recycled to create flowers, hedgehogs and Easter bunnies.



## Creative Writers

Our weekly creative writing club is a lively and talented group who practise their writing skills and also support each other's writing. Since January, we have had two visiting authors (Kerry Drewry and Alex Scarrow) who have helped to inspire and guide the club members. They have also entered many of our Neatherd competitions, including Remembrance Letters with winners awarded from the Royal British Legion, Literary Figures for World Book Week and the Harry Potter-themed writing. Our latest 'Contamination' competition has also been popular, and has been particularly effective at getting more boys writing!





# FIRST LEGO LEAGUE



It has been a busy term for Neatherd's STEM club, competing again in the regional and national

finale of the Lego League Championship. The team, consisting of Ed Curl, Billy Hall, Ethan Windle, Matthew Allinson and Louis Molenaar from Year 9 and Year 7 student Ben Warmer, managed to win the regional finale which was held on 18th January at the Forum in Norwich.

The National Final for FIRST Lego League was held at the University of West of England Exhibition and Conference Centre in Bristol, on Saturday 16th February.

Parents and pupils travelled to Bristol on Friday and stayed overnight at various hotels before meeting on Saturday morning.

Neatherd faced tough competition from over 70 Teams from around the country,

all competing in 4 areas: Robot Game, Robot Design, Project and Core Values. Each team were given slots to present each of these areas to the judges and three Robot Game slots to demonstrate the robot completing the challenges set. The presentations went well with all members of the team demonstrating a shared responsibility within the team and team work. Our first round did not go so well with a disqualification for using a too large attachment. The second round went



better and we were placed 48th. Not as well as we had achieved in the past due to a glitch in the software. We worked on refining the problems but were unable to improve on the second round placement.

We had a fantastic day, there were over 100 judges from a range of different Engineering and Science backgrounds. We did not secure one of the top ten places and therefore we are not going to the world championship, but we are still very proud of our achievement.

**Mr Chapman**



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# SNAG UPDATE

Since Christmas, SNAG has been overwhelmed with stuff to do and productivity is at a peak. After Flexible learning day, where every student in year 9 planted something that for SNAG to plant out and harvest later in the year, from that we gained 500 pots of seeds. During SNAG meetings, 10 fruit trees have been planted which



should harvest before our oldest members leave (3 years). We have planted out rhubarb, raspberry canes, shallots and

broad beans and will have tons of more stuff to plant down in a few weeks. We have implemented a form growing competition, where forms will compete to grow the largest and healthiest plants, 30 forms will be competing. We have added a new SNAG meeting into our rota and we will now meet every Tuesday lunch and after school as well as after school on a

Thursday to maximise our productivity in the Spring and further our production late in the year.

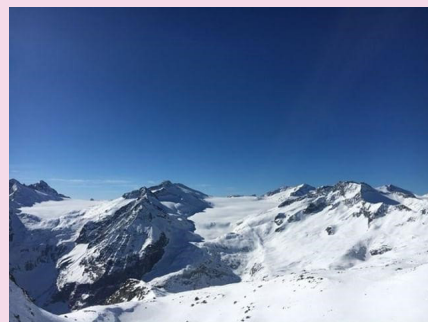
## SKI TRIP

During the February half term, years 10 and 11 had the opportunity to go to Italy on the ski trip. We all had a great time. The trip lasted from 16th to the 23rd February. After the 25-hour long bus journey, we arrived in snowy northern Italy where the students spent 6 hours skiing for 5 days with packed evenings of activities such as "bum boarding" which was much fun!

The food was very good, with a variety of cultures each night. Each day there would be 3 courses, which included, pasta, lasagne, roast, stew and lots of other new things to try. One night we all went out for pizza in a local restaurant.

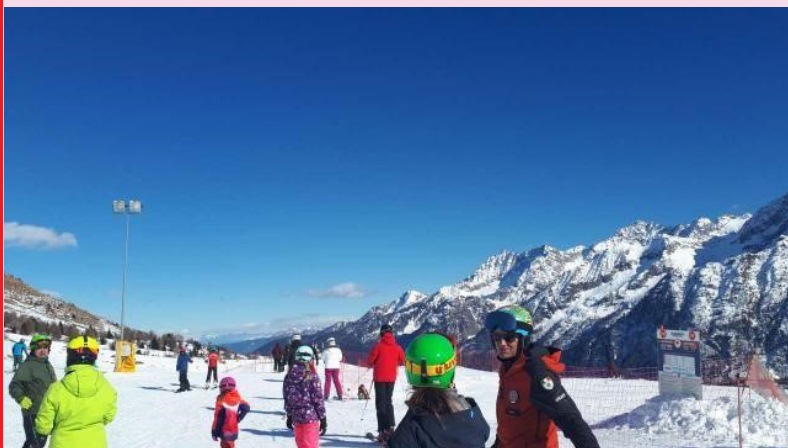
The skiing was very adventurous, from skiing past some huskies to being over 3000m

high on the glacier. Many students pushed themselves that week, starting the week off on nursery slopes, having barely any ski experience to skiing down red slopes on the glacier by the end of the week. The ski lifts were amazing photo opportunities, and the view looked like a picture!



The weather all week was exceptional! It was sunny and excellent conditions to ski in. Even though the trip is not cheap, it is 100% well worth the money. If you are a beginner, it is a great opportunity to learn and if you are an intermediate skier, it is great to help develop your skills.

We would definitely recommend the trip to other people.



Amberly and Millie, Year 10



# SNAG BAKE OFF

This term, four teams competed in the Valentines bake-off. The first team was 'The Four Cooks', (their most sarcastically creative name), was accompanied with the most genuinely creative bake: they aimed for (and accomplished) a Victoria sponge and cupcakes, with a chocolate dome over the top that was supposed to shatter when cut into. This didn't quite set enough and was just sliced with a knife without the shattering. The people behind this creation were Kai Lloyd-Verrinder, Sterling Blake, Kira White, Georgia Brown and Mrs Lloyd with light assistance from Tazio.

Upon judging, they were awarded SNAG points for fruit and got extra points for tidiness and their metaphor of 'someone breaking your heart'. This team came third.

The second team was 'Macbeth/unseen poetry', evidently led by Mrs Guy, along with Sophie Royall, Louise Tooley, Jacob Mobbs and Daniel Codman, aiming to bake an Easter nest cake, but making it Valentines themed. During judging, the cake was described as 'a fun cake' with 'a brilliant texture' and 'lots of toppings'. It was 'a metaphor for love

being messy', or otherwise described as a mess of sweets, with what's believed to be 3 tubes of sprinkles as well as a whole pack of marshmallows and chocolate drops. No SNAG points were awarded as it was 'maybe a thousand calories a slice'. This team came second.

Another team competing was the SNAG team, with Riley Woodard, Harry Bulldeath, Ellie Utting-Thompson and Mr Anderson. This group aimed to bake a chocolate cake. They were notably messy throughout baking. Unfortunately, due to Mr Anderson

putting the oven on the wrong setting, they waited next to a cold oven and the cake was completely raw, which was believed to be 'the funniest thing to happen since Mr Beanland's raw chicken incident' (a few years ago) according to Mr Anderson. According to Ellie, the whole group was 'smiling through the pain'. Evidently, this group came fourth.

The winners of the competition were 'The Antioxidants', consisting

of Mr Taylor, Rachel Davey, Max Ellis and Luke Gilding. They made heart-shaped white and dark cookies, ice cream (from the basics) and a red velvet cake which was a positive because their bake was 'good for sharing'. They got extra SNAG points for their red grapefruit juice which 'looks a bit like blood'. It was displayed on a quaint little stand, with red candles and extra 'cookie cups' made of the extra batter, which reduced their waste. During judging, their bake was described as 'crispy', with 'beautiful presentation', and the pomegranate was commented on as 'a nice touch'.

**Clarissa Huxley, Year 9**



# EASTER TRADITIONS

Some traditions can be celebrated differently in different countries. For example, in France, or more specifically the town of Haux, a giant omelette is made with 4500 eggs that feeds 1000 people is served up in the town's main square. The reason is that when Napoleon and his army was travelling through the south of France they stopped at a town and ate omelets. Napoleon liked the omelettes so much he ordered one big one to be made for his army the next day.

In Sweden, children dress up as Easter witches with long skirts, colourful headscarves and red painted cheeks and go from house to house asking for sweets. In Greece the traditional pot throwing takes place on Holy Saturday. It is where people throw pots and other earthenware out their window and smash them on the street.

In Florence in Italy, a huge decorated wagon is pulled throughout the streets by a white oxen until it reaches the cathedral. And when Gloria is sung in the cathedral, the Archbishop sends a dove shaped rocket into the cart, igniting a fireworks display.

In Bulgaria people don't hide their eggs — they have egg fights — and whoever comes out of the game with an unbroken egg is the winner and assumed to be the most successful member of the family in the coming year.

In another tradition, the oldest woman in the family rubs the faces of the children with the first red egg she has colored, symbolizing her wish that they have rosy cheeks, health and strength.

In Bermuda on Good Friday, the locals celebrate by flying homemade kites, eating codfish cakes and hot cross buns. The tradition is said to have started when

a local teacher of the British Army had difficulty explaining Christ's Ascension to his Sunday school class so he made a cross-shaped kite to explain it.

Here are some traditions our teachers and students at Neatherd know about:

In Poland, they decorate eggs, go to Church and have a basket of sausages, eggs and bread blessed.

In Ireland, they do midnight Mass, nighttime parades and special cakes.

In Germany, they hand-paint real egg shells and hang them from trees.

In Spain they have parades, Mass, Easter Sunday and no Easter eggs.

Lizzie Copsey, Year 7

PRESS GANG





# YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD



On 21st February 2019, the Abbey Conference Centre in Norwich held the Youth Celebrations Event also known as YABCON19. Every YAB in Norfolk came together to take part in this event. They were split up into their local areas; Norwich, Yarmouth, Broadland, North Norfolk, South Norfolk, West Norfolk and Breckland.

YAB stands for Youth Advisory Board which helps young children to get their voice heard. Their voice helps each represented community to improve on issues and areas that matter to them.

YAB's help young people:

- To socialise with other young people
- To develop new skills
- To access free training
- To get better opportunities to help the community
- To be able to join in with positive activities

"Each YAB gives young people an opportunity to show adults, police, MP's and local councillors what wonderful projects we have been doing," explains Michelle Bibby, Breckland YAB leader.



The room was full of people who were raring to go and the atmosphere was buzzing. It was a great turnout and after everyone had set up their own stalls, a full day of amazing presentations was in full swing.

All the presentations highlighted the main concerns for each county and what their plans are for the year ahead, including some heart-warming stories.

Breckland did a presentation about bullying and self-harm. Unfortunately, the Kahoot quiz failed due to technical difficulties, but the commissioners didn't let it faze them. Overall the whole event was a huge success.

For more information go to: <https://www.map.uk.net/get-help/youth-voice/youth-advisory-boards-yabs/breckland-yab/>

Jessica Day, Year 8



# BADMINTON FINALS



On Friday 29th March Neatherd's KS3 boys and KS4 girls travelled to Cambridge University Sports Centre to take part in Badminton England's Schools Regional Finals, having earned their places by previously winning the county rounds.

The boys took to court first, but despite George winning three of his four singles games, and then teaming up with his partner Brandon to win three of their four doubles, the team couldn't quite get past any of the other schools. Special mention to Brandon who had worked very hard over the past few weeks learning a new doubles tactical play that paid dividends in this competition.

Results were:

Neatherd vs Colchester Royal Grammar 2:3  
Neatherd vs Southend High School for Boys 2:3  
Neatherd vs Bedford School 1:4  
Neatherd vs Watford Grammar 1:4

Then the girls took to the court, determined to break their run of second place in this competition and secure a place in the National Finals. They eased past St Bedes from Cambridgeshire (5:0) and Presdales from Hertfordshire (4:1)

but could not get past the powerhouse that was Chelmsford High School for Girls. Their top player is currently ranked 82 in the UK for ladies' singles so to get past her was always going to be a tall order, even for Jasmine. Chelmsford played brilliantly but that did not stop Evie winning her singles to ensure that Neatherd took one game out of the five. So a well earned silver medal for the girls.

With grateful thanks to Mr Miller for taking us there and being a superb co-coach on the day.

Teams:

### **KS3 Boys**

George LeBon  
Louis Molenaar  
Brandon White  
Kobi Bardell  
Justin Vu

### **KS4 Girls**

Jasmine Hudson  
Evie Pearson  
Katherine Thomas  
Beth Barrett

**Faye LeBon (Badminton Coach)**



# NETBALL

At Neatherd, netball is a necessity to many of the students here. This is shown through the commitment and devotion of the students who attend the netball clubs provided.

The year 7 and 8 girls' netball training takes place on Monday lunchtimes in the sports hall or tennis courts where the girls develop the skills they have learnt from high-five netball in primary school and convert them to the 7 a-side netball we play at high school. This involves the teaching of more intricate rules and quicker play, allowing the students to really explore and further their interest in the world of netball.

The years' 9, 10 and 11 netball training takes place on Friday lunchtimes, where many of the GCSE girls enhance their netball skills to allow them to achieve the best possible grades they can at their final practical exam. The upper school girls also show their eagerness and interest in the sport by helping Mrs Fitt run the years' 7 and 8 netball club. Not only does this allow the girls to have help from older and more experienced netball players, this can set role models for the younger students and allow them to have something to work up to. As older students it also helps us with our sports leader course as we have hands-on experience of how to coach and referee younger students.

This links to upcoming events such as the high-five netball, which is refereed by sports leaders and GCSE PE students. This will help with our confidence in refereeing and assurance that we are doing the correct thing. This in turn helps us with our netball skills, as it allows us to see the mistakes that we may be making on court and makes our knowledge of netball rules clearer, so we can be more efficient when playing as a team. High-five netball compared to the normal 7 a side netball allows the younger students to slow down the game and have time to think, whilst also making more space to move on the court. It allows for a sporty day and gives

them an insight into netball as a sport, whilst also showing them the everyday atmosphere of high school as they can see the students in community time and the sports leader's role.

Neatherd also has a Tuesday morning netball club that consists of students that are extremely committed to netball. This consists of Grace O'Regan, Katie Lockhart, Holly Lloyd, Honey Chapman, Holly Broster, Milly Ogden, Beth Barrett and Amberley Wright. At this netball club we really focus on tactics that will help us in real game situations and playing against opposition teams at the Friday netball club. Honey Chapman said "our Tuesday morning netball club is a fun environment that has helped our team work and our team relationship to grow hugely. It also allows each one of us to develop our netball skills, personally, as well as a team. The commitment shown also allows you to have a guaranteed spot on the netball team of your year."

None of this would be able to take place without the help of Mrs Noble and Mrs Fitt and their commitment that they show to us, through improving our netball by turning up every Tuesday morning at 7.45am. So, thank you very much for your help.

**Grace O'Regan and Katie Lockhart**



# BASKETBALL

Here at Neatherd we have many sports clubs during the week including Basketball. Basketball is held in our sports hall, at lunch times, on Tuesday for Lower school boys (so years 7-9), Wednesdays for girls of all years, and Thursdays for Upper school boys (years 10-11).

In these sessions, Mr Lyons, who usually runs the sessions, does many drills, including lay-up drills where we take it in turns to drive into the basket from either side taking only 2 steps maximum and scoring.

Mr Lyons not only does skill based drills, but also game drills where we could have a strategy of attacking to make it very difficult for the opponent to defend. He also may do physical drills to make sure we are all fit enough for a fixtures without fatiguing too fast.

This is because in a realistic basketball game, teams can attack very quickly and score and then have to quickly get back to defend to prevent conceding as it's a fairly short court and a lot can happen in a short amount of time.

In the past there has also been Basketball on Friday lunch times for the U16 basketball team to play against staff and get some experience and more games too, as not many schools may have a basketball team.

We also have had inter-house competitions where our 4 houses compete against each other and each individual year gets a

team together (sports captains have the duty to put together these teams) within that house to play against the other years of different houses. For example, this year we had Fry win the year 11s basketball by a tense score of 13-12!

Mr Lyons also runs morning Basketball sessions, they start at 7.15am, which is a struggle for some students, however, the training and amount of fun you have is more than worth it. The atmosphere in these sessions is very good as the groups



are smaller and the students seem more focussed on the game.

All the Basketball sessions are great fun and we urge you to be a part of the Neatherd Basketball community. It is for all years and is a great way to stay in shape so nothing is and should stop you from coming along! Neatherd has amazing sport facilities and you should make the most of them before you leave.

**Miguel Corte-Real & Zak Collins-Iddi**



# NORFOLK SCHOOL GAMES

We kick-started this with our attendance at the Alternative Sports Festival held at the Sportspark, UEA! 16 pupils were selected to participate in the event where they enjoyed the following activities: Ninja Assault Course, My-Ride Studio, Climbing wall, Fencing and Box-Fit. The majority of our pupils voted for the Ninja Assault Course as their favourite activity. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.



minibus seats in bin bags so it stayed relatively clean)!!! We had another great day at UEA when we attended the Girls Young Coaching Academy a couple of weeks later. A Youth Sports Trust initiative, ran by our Partnership staff for selected pupils who have shown an interest in Leadership took part in this informative event. As always, our pupils threw themselves into the varied activities delivered during the day, and went home thoroughly enthused! The girls will be rewarded by

Then it was off to the UEA again for the turn of our Handball finalists to compete against 7 teams who had also won their qualifying rounds within their Sports Partnership. We were up against some stiff competition, but after a nervous start, we settled into each game, worked hard in each area of the court and improved as the event went on. Our lack of scoring was frustrating as everything else was in place, but as we know, goals win games. A great experience for us, finishing 5th out of 8. We will look forward to competing again next year!

The final event for us during this sporty week was a 5K Colour Run, over at Colney Park. As the pics show in the before and after shots, it did 'what it says on the tin'. Our pupils were literally spray painted a different colour as they ran through each 'gate' determining how far they had ran. All of our pupils achieved the full 5k with Callum and Tom coming in very swiftly! An absolutely brilliant event, that was immensely enjoyed by all involved (even myself, once I'd wrapped the pupils and the

being given the responsibility of running an Ultimate Frisbee Festival for our local Primary school children, where they will be able to put their experience into practice. As the hockey season draws to a close, our U12, U13 and U14 tournaments have taken place. As always, our girls have embraced these with gusto and enthusiasm. All teams have played with a great competitive spirit, and worked with effort and as a team unit. It is a joy to see their progress, their determination, and their confidence develop over the season.

**Mrs Topping**





# NORFOLK SCHOOL GAMES





# Calendar dates

Tuesday 23rd April to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Year Groups Affected					
7	8	9	10	11	
					<b>April 2019</b>
●	●	●	●	●	Tuesday 23rd: School re-opens
●	●	●	●	●	Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> : Sports team photographs
					<b>May 2019</b>
●	●	●	●	●	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> : Bank holiday (school closed)
		●			Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> : Year 9 Internal Exams
				●	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June: Main GCSE Exams
	●				Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> : Year 8 Full Reports posted
●					Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> : Year 7 Internal Exams Week
●	●	●	●	●	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> : School closes for half-term
					<b>June 2019</b>
●	●	●	●	●	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> : School re-opens
	●				Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> : Year 8 Internal Exams
●	●	●			Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Normandy Trip Parents' meeting
		●			Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> : Battlefields Trip Parents' meeting
			●		Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> : Year 10 Internal Exams
		●			Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> : Year 9 short reports issued
●	●	●	●	●	Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Summer concert
				●	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> : Year 11 Prom
					<b>July 2019</b>
●	●	●	●	●	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Sports Field Events
●	●	●	●	●	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> : Art Exhibition
●	●	●			Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> : Activities Week
			●		Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> : Year 10 Work Experience
●					Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> : Year 7 Full reports posted
●	●	●	●	●	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> : Sports Awards Evening
●	●	●	●	●	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> : Sports Festival
●	●	●	●	●	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Science Fair
			●		Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Year 10 Short reports issued with exam results
●	●	●	●	●	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> : House group presentation ceremonies
●	●	●	●	●	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> : School closes for the summer holidays