The Draxonian

Annual Review 2021-2022

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Welcome

FROM THE HEAD

Welcome to the 2021-2022 edition of the Draxonian magazine.

We reflect back on the progress and achievements of the past year with great pride. This was the year when Read School, like all other schools across the country, recovered from the trauma of Covid and rejoiced in the return to normality and things that had previously been taken for granted such as inter-school sports, elimination of pupil 'bubbles' and a gradual resumption of all the normal Read School activities, not least being able to welcome parents back on site for concerts and other events in school.

Despite the continuing challenges imposed by the pandemic, Read School had a very successful year, reflected in the quality of provision inside and outside the classroom for pupils of all ages, with practical lessons in Science, Creative Arts and Food resuming along with educational trips and visits. The richness of our curriculum for pupils from Reception to Sixth Form is certainly illustrated in the enclosed photos and articles and indeed so kaleidoscopic is the activity reflected that it fills some 188 pages!

The pupil roll grew from 224 in September 2021 to 250 pupils by the end of the academic year and we were again profoundly grateful for the many parent referrals which continue to fuel enquiries. Still, we continued to maintain small class sizes relative to other independent and maintained schools and not least the family feel that has long been associated with Read School.

My grateful thanks to the dedicated and talented teaching and support team that made all of this possible and to parents, governors and Draxonian alumni for your ongoing support. Finally, well done to our talented and hardworking pupils who never fail to surprise and inspire us.

We hope that you enjoy this bumper edition of the 2021-2022 Draxonian and that it provides a memorable keepsake for many years to come.

Ruth Ainley

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Pupils display high levels of self-confidence, self-understanding and maturity for their age and make an outstanding contribution to the school and the wider community."

ISI Inspection Report 2018

Back to school

The sun came out to welcome Read School pupils back to school in September. And didn't they look debonair, dapper & dashing with the stylish new uniform including the new swish tartan skirt The usual first day buzz was palpable with classes getting organised for the exciting school year ahead, kicked off with a whole school assembly and punctuated with new school planners and timetables.

A huge welcome was extended to everyone for the start of the 2021-2022 academic year.

Lower Junior School

Lower Junior School provides pupils with small class sizes, a creative curriculum and a wide array of activities and extra curricular opportunities, offering the best possible start to a Read School education.

The Farmyard

Languages at Read School

Vive les Langues! In European Languages Week, we focused on how languages are a strong thread throughout Read, with French taught from Reception, Language Clubs, Mandarin from Year 3 & Spanish & Latin from Year 8.

You are never too young to learn a language and Lower Juniors had a great time... Lower Juniors had a great time on European languages day.

We had a Greek themed morning with the children arriving dressed in the colours of the Greek flag.

We learned some Greek facts and coloured some flags and then made chicken souvlaki and tzatziki which we ate with houmous and pitta breads.

In the afternoon we listened to the story of Icarus, the boy who flew too near the sun. A good time was had by all.

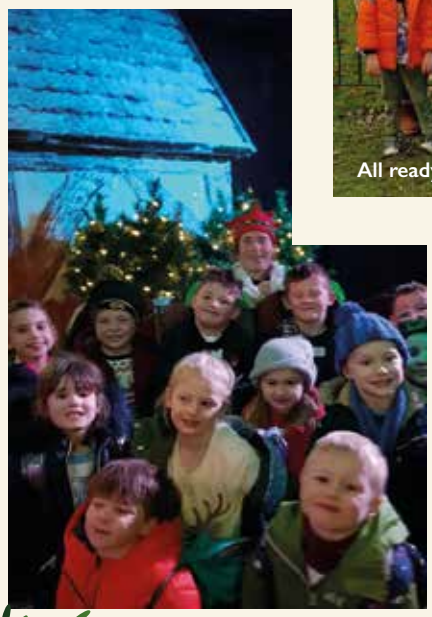
Elara looks amazing in her ancient Greek dress.

James, Louie, Emily and Elara make tzatziki

Sundown Trip

All ready for Sundown fun!

At Santa's cottage!



Lower Junior School enjoyed a very exciting trip to Sundown Adventure land to see Father Christmas. We enjoyed a festive train ride through a Winter Wonderland all the way to Santa's cottage where we met the big man himself along with Mrs Claus. A great day was had by all!

Santa visit

We had a lovely visit from Santa and his helper who arrived in the snow! He brought us some lovely gifts and enjoyed a breakfast of croissants and hot chocolate with maltesers. Delicious!!!

Nativity

Our nativity "A Bundle of Joy!" told the story of a very grumpy donkey called "Grumble" (Edward) who was very annoyed at having to carry Mary all the way to Bethlehem but by the end of the day was transformed into a happy donkey when he met the baby Jesus. It was lovely to have everyone together for our socially distanced event to celebrate this special time of year and to watch our wonderful LJS.

What a grumpy looking donkey!

Ava and William as Mary and Joseph.

Lower Junior School

Bake-off 2022

Our first ever Lower Junior school bake-off week was a fantastic success. We were all so impressed with the independence of the children and the beautiful bakes they produced. Thank you to all our wonderful parents who so patiently practised with their children at home and also to Miss Rothwell who had the unenviable task of choosing the 4 finalists and the eventual winner.

1. James' cheesecake was a triumph!
2. Elara with her beautiful coconut and oat biscuits.
3. Ava with her pretty glitter Victoria sponge.
4. What delicious banana cake Arthur!
5. Stanley's amazing chocolate chip cookies!
6. Harriet is very pleased with her delicious strawberry cupcakes.
7. A very proud Oliver with his jubilee biscuits.
8. Edward with his delicious chocolate fudge cake.
9. Congratulations to Louie who was bake-off champion.
10. William proudly holding his scrumptious rocky road.
11. Emily with her delicious vegan valentine biscuits.

Pancake Day

A lot of fun was had at our Lower Junior school annual pancake café.

Ava and Oliver with more chocolate sauce than pancake!
William and Arthur both tucking in!
Stanley and Elara think it's the best snacktime ever!
Harriet and Louie all smiles!
Emily and Edward go for the vegan option! Delicious!

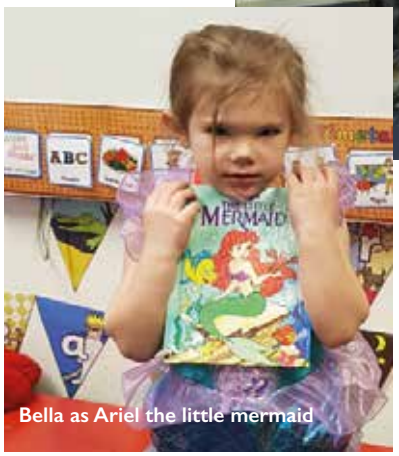
Easter Bonnets

Our Easter celebrations got off to a flying start with an afternoon of crafting fun as the Lower Junior children made their Easter bonnets ready for our Easter bonnet parade before the Spring concert.

Henry as a scurvy pirate from his favourite book.

Louie as a fierce wolf from "The Scallywags"

Edward looking fabulous as Harry Potter


Bella as Ariel the little mermaid

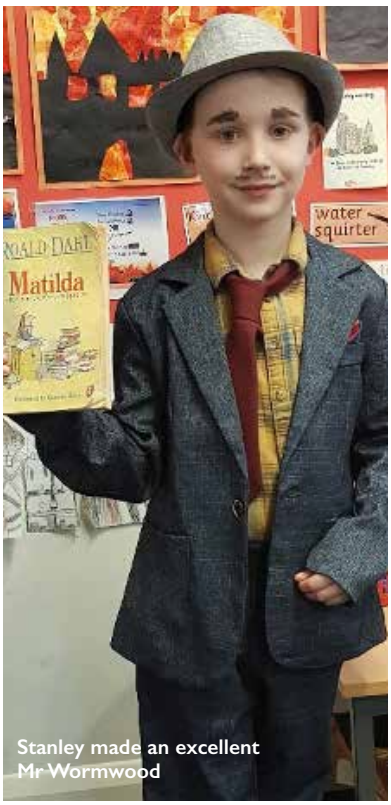
World Book Day 2022

In honour the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day Lower Junior School dazzled in their fantastic array of book characters. We enjoyed a book themed morning and took part in a character quiz and a World Book Day scavenger hunt.

Charlotte as sleeping beauty

Harriet brought in her favourite book.

What an incredible beanstalk Kenneth!


Stanley made an excellent Mr Wormwood

Emily looking fantastic as Hermione Grainger!

Oliver as a pirate from Peter Pan!

James as Ron Weasley

Elara looking fantastic as Little Red Riding Hood

Ava as the old lady from the gingerbread man.

Emma looking fantastic as Dorothy.

Lewis resplendent as a brave knight.

Harriet looking lovely as the sleeping beauty.

William as his favourite character

Arthur came as Robin Hood.

Lewis, Henry and Ava enjoying the adventure playground.

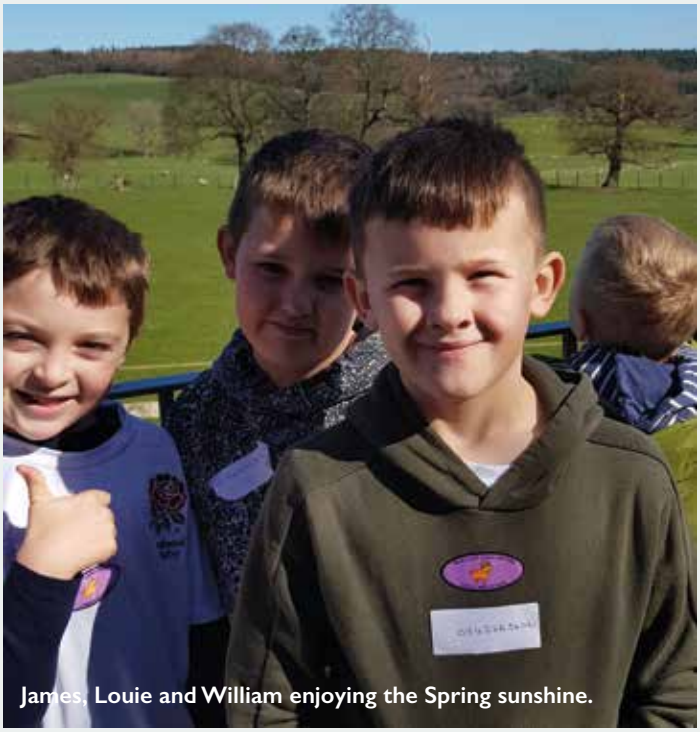
Edward with the piglets.

Harriet in the reptile house.

Cannon Hall Farm

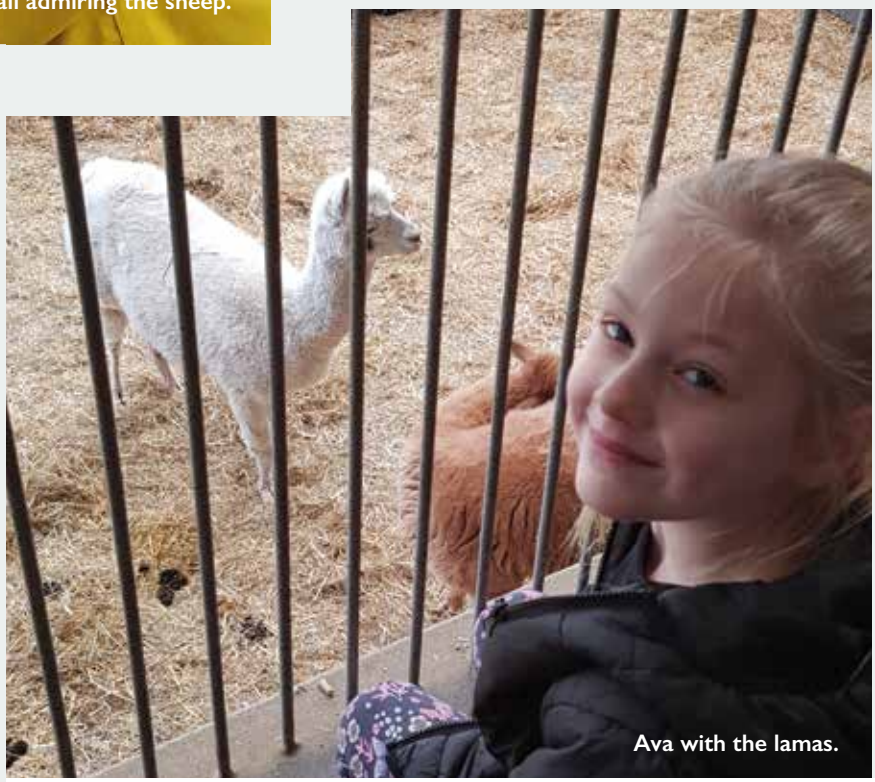
As part of our Spring topic on Farming and the seasons we enjoyed a delightful visit to Canon Hall Farm. We saw some beautiful new born animals as well visiting the meerkat and mongoose enclosure, the reptile house and had great fun watching the sheep and ferret racing.

Bella in the reptile house.



James, Louie and William enjoying the Spring sunshine.

Emily, Stanley, Lewis and Emma all admiring the sheep.



Ava with the lamas.

At last our beautiful table is ready!

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

It was so lovely to be able to welcome our gorgeous mums back into school for our annual afternoon tea after two years absence due to covid. We enjoyed planning the event and writing invitations and menus as well as baking and preparing the food for the afternoon.

Ava and Emily carefully measuring for our lemon cupcakes.

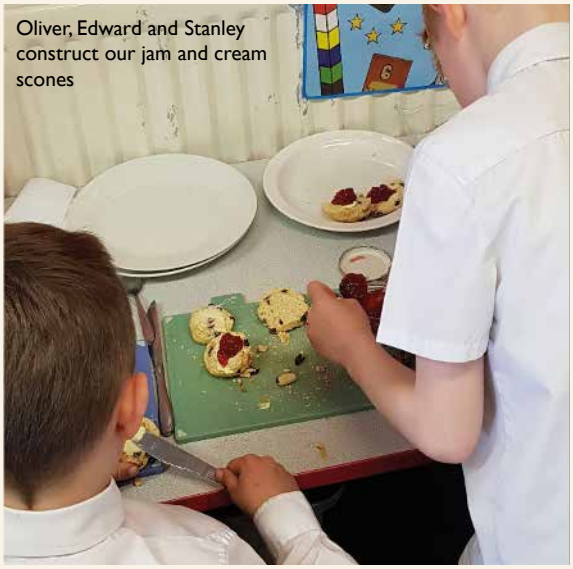
Finally our fantastic Mums get to enjoy their special treat!

Harriet, Emma and Lewis concentrate on the flapjack.

Kenneth and Henry get the bun cases ready.

William and Arthur put together the lemon cupcakes.

How many cocktail sausages make the plate boys?



Oliver, Edward and Stanley construct our jam and cream scones

Lower Junior School

Wellness week

Lower Juniors enjoyed a very enjoyable and educational week learning about how to look after our bodies and minds. On Monday we had an aerobics session with Mrs Prosser. On Tuesday we learnt about the importance of a healthy diet and we designed and made some healthy smoothies. On Wednesday some of our Mums and Grandmas joined us for a yoga and mindfulness session with Miss Butterill. On Friday we learnt about how to look after our teeth. A lot of fun and learning was had by everyone.

Spring Concert

How lovely it was to at last invite our families in to watch our Spring concert. As part of our work on "Fairy-tales" we performed "Little Red Riding Hood" as well as our "Spring Chicken" and "Seed" song which we had performed earlier in the week in Church.

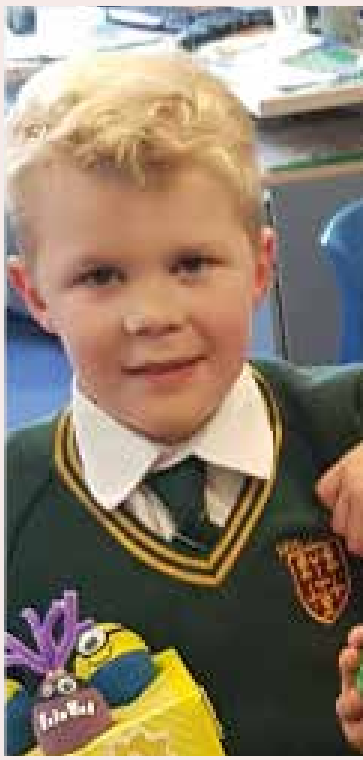
Arthur was a truly "Wicked "wolf and Elara a captivating Little Red Riding Hood.

Edward and Emily with their cheeky placards. Poor old granny!

Some delightful "Spring chickens"!

Egg Decorating *competition*

Some fantastic imaginations and artistic skills were on display as our talented Lower Junior children crafted their hard boiled eggs into a character of their choosing. From angry-birds to Harry Potter, there were amazing ideas. Congratulations to everyone who took part.



> The children had a fantastic time decorating their eggs at this year's Egg Decorating Competition."

Reception on a wallaby search!

Lower Juniors *Go wild* at Doncaster

In the Summer Term, the Lower Junior School had a fantastic day at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park as part of their topic on Safaris!

Year 1 boys admiring the giraffes!

Year 2 girls on the very sunny savannah!

Year 2 boys enjoy the Lion enclosure!

Drax
Primary School

June saw the opening of the new Kids' Corner Pre-School and official re-opening of the Drax Primary School.

The Primary School which was built by the Read Charity in 1847, transferred to the LEA in 1923 and eventually closed in 2017, finally reverted to Read School ownership in August 2021.

A joyous moment in the long history of both schools as well as an exciting new beginning for Kids' Corner Pre-School and the many children who will pass through the doors.

Forest School

Lower Junior School enjoyed a fun day of activities in the forest at nearby Ledsham. In the morning we learned about all the animals and birds who made their habitat in the forest and then we went on a mini-beast hunt.

Our Read school intrepid explorers on a bug hunt!

Mrs Wynne *Says goodbye*

At the end of the year, we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Wynne who retired after nearly 20 years at Read School. Her inspirational farewell speech is reprinted here in full...

For those of you who don't know who I am my name is Caroline Wynne and today I am hoping to become a recovering workaholic and a successful retired teacher. When I was 5 years old I came home from Sunday school and disappeared into my bedroom. About half an hour later the roast beef and Yorkshire puddings were on the table and my mum was shouting me to come down for lunch. I ignored her and eventually she found me engrossed in teaching all of my dolls and teddies the story of Noah's Ark. The writing was on the wall! I never actually remember wanting to do anything else other than teach so in 1983 I embarked on a 4 year Batchelor of education degree at the university of York St John and the rest as they say is history! Apart from the occasional wet Monday morning driving to school or facing an Ofsted inspection or indeed every year at report writing time it is a decision I have never regretted. Why teach? You may ask. It's certainly not for financial gain. It's certainly not for an easy life, although the summer holiday is definitely a perk! For me it's simple. I love the company of young children. I much, in all honesty prefer children and dogs to many of the adults I know! Their innocence and enquiring minds, the way they see the world is a constant joy. Someone once said that teaching is less about stuffing the cooking pot full and more about lighting the fire. To ignite that flame and to care for and nurture young children is both a responsibility and a privilege. I think back to a day, many years ago when I was teaching at a school in a very deprived area when a little girl who was living with just her father who was himself having a very difficult time came into school and about half way through the morning said to me "Mrs Wynne. I think it is my birthday today but nobody at home has mentioned it. How terribly sad. A stark contrast to my children now who have the most wonderful parties weeks in the planning. Myself and my teaching assistant hot footed it into town at lunchtime for party food and presents and lessons that afternoon were cancelled. What a difference we made to that little girl's life that day! There can be few jobs with that kind of reward!

In 1989 my husband and I decided to sell up and travel the world. For a while we lived and worked in Sydney, Australia and I worked for an office supply company. The joy of paper clips and office politics were not very enticing and I knew on returning to the UK I would definitely be going back into teaching.

I have taught in Manchester, Leeds, Selby and the surrounding area and in 2004 a chance and I can wholeheartedly say very lucky encounter led me to my job here at Read. I always had a golden rule. When you, on a regular basis are not enthusiastic about going to work it is time to leave. In 18 years here I simply never had that feeling. Read school is such a special place.

We often talk about the Read school family but it is so true. On open mornings Mrs Fairhurst and I always tell prospective parents it's a great place to learn but it's also a great place to teach. Put simply, everyone looks after each other, everyone is valued, everyone feels safe and respected and there can be no better conditions for learning and thriving. I have never worked in a school where the parents are so friendly and supportive. In my experience lovely parents do indeed make lovely children. This year as some of you know I had the awful experience of having to have my beloved dog put to sleep. The lovely homemade cards, the daisies picked in the playground and all the hugs reminded me why have loved my job so much.

I would like to thank Mrs Ainley for her dedication, inspirational leadership and vision for the school. We have a school that is thriving and gaining a reputation for excellence in the local area. Thank you also to the governors who work tirelessly for the good of the school. Thank you to my colleagues who are the most talented and hard working people I have had the privilege to work with. To Mr Hill, Mrs Wake and Mrs Campbell in Upper Juniors whose dedication to their job knows no bounds. In particular today my biggest thanks goes to my partner in crime, Mrs Fairhurst. She is not only a very talented and creative teacher but also a wonderful friend. Lisa, your generosity and kindness and your wicked sense of humour have made coming to work a pleasure. I know that with you and Miss Butterill the Lower Juniors are in very safe hands!

After a long career you learn many things and on approaching retirement I would like to leave you with some advice. Children – make the most of every opportunity that comes your way. Laugh a lot and take joy in the small things in life. In this age of social media try to find your own values and beliefs and always strive to be authentic to yourself. Adults – enjoy more and worry less! When you are 20 you worry what people think about you. When you are 40 you don't care what people think about you. And when you are almost 60 you realise that no one was actually ever thinking about you in the first place!! Always try to be the bigger and better person. Sometimes people can be disappointing but they have very likely experienced something in their day to make them behave the way they have. As I constantly say to my children "if you can be anything today, be kind!" Make it count. Don't sweat the small stuff. Life goes so very quickly. Believe me. One minute you are reading bible stories to your toys and the next you are delivering your retirement speech!

So I'm off to pastures new. Many adventures in my camper van with my husband. Long term goals; learning Italian and learning to play the cello. Short term goals; afternoon naps, baking, reading and netflix box sets. In short I'm looking forward to having more time to do the things I love!

Goodbye tension, hello pension!!

All that remains is for me to thank you again for being the best parents, best colleagues and most wonderful children anyone could have worked with and to wish the Read School family lots of love and continued success for the future. Thank you!!

Mrs Caroline Wynne

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Building on the strong foundations of Lower Juniors, pupils in the Upper Junior School (Years 3 - 6) thrive under the expert care of the talented and hard working staff team.

Upper Junior School

Languages Day

The European Day of Languages is a celebration of the amazing number and variety of languages spoken across Europe.

The Upper Junior School marked the event with a European Languages Day on Friday 24th September, 2021. We incorporated French, German and Spanish and the children wore fancy dress costumes. Some children opted for traditional costumes whilst others dressed in the colours of a European flag of their choice. Everyone looked brilliant!

There were tasty treats available to purchase at break times and the children had a lot of fun celebrating!

Mrs Campbell

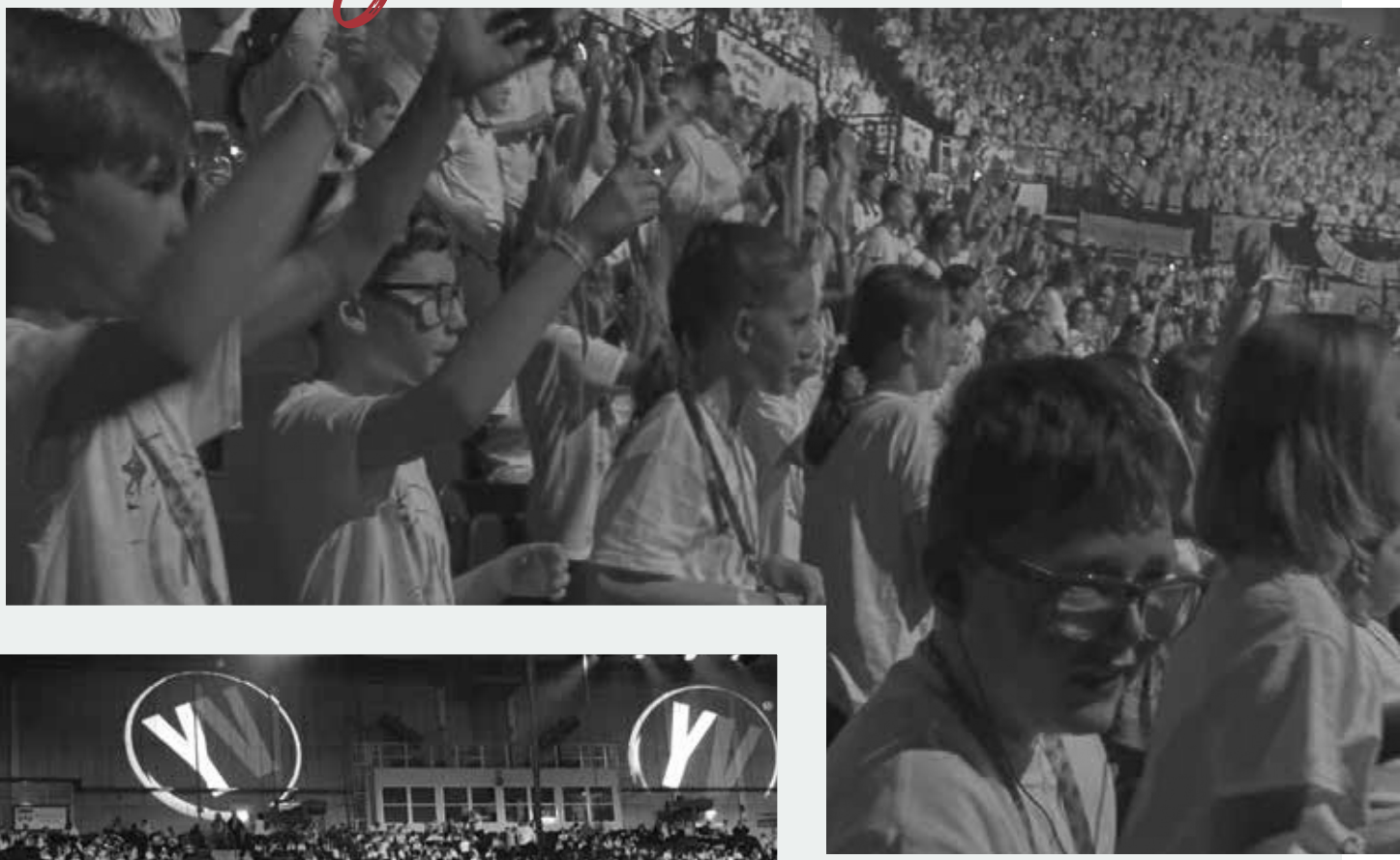
Upper Junior school Harvest Festival

It was fantastic to have a live Harvest Festival, back in the wonderful church-on-our-doorstep, Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, Drax. Last year's celebration of autumn's bounty was sweet, but having families watching online was not quite the same.

This year we welcomed our families back & they arrived with generous food bank donations. The Read School community was treated to wonderful, vibrant & lively performances from our happy Juniors, who showcased their many musical & artistic talents. Nothing warms the heart like a Harvest Festival song about beans & cauliflowers. Well done, Juniors, you smashed it! (the singing not the pumpkins)

Upper Junior School
Young Voices

In April, we took part once again in the Young Voices extravaganza at Sheffield Arena.



Young Voices is always a wonderful experience, but there was something extra special about the atmosphere this year, partly because it hadn't been able to take place for two years due to Covid, but also because it was the 25th anniversary celebration of the concert.

The fifteen children who took part from the Upper Juniors sang their hearts out, along with the other five thousand children, and they thoroughly enjoyed watching the performances from the guest performers Ruti, the Beatbox Collective and Urban Strides.

"This was most certainly a night to remember!

National Space Centre

In March, Years 5 and 6 visited the National Space Centre in Leicester.

On arrival at the centre, the children were very excited to see the huge rocket tower and couldn't wait to climb the 144 steps to the very top, although this had to wait until later on as we had lots to pack in before then.

Firstly they enjoyed looking around the exhibitions about the solar system and using the interactive displays and screens to learn more about the planets, sun and moon. There was a big queue of children, excited to manoeuvre the Mars rover and to take part in the baked bean tin test of strength, which related to weight on each of the planets.

A highlight of the day was our 'Astronaut' movie in the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium, where we learned more about what it's like to be in space, the training required and the dangers the astronauts face.

After lunch the children took part in a 'Life in Space' workshop, where David talked them through all the different parts of a spacesuit and the children did some little experiments in groups, including learning about the technicalities of space underwear, before watching him fire a cardboard rocket at 70mph straight through a cardboard box to demonstrate what it would be like (or, as close as he could!) for a microasteroid to hit something at 17,000mph.

After the workshop it was time to go up to the top of the rocket tower, where there was lots to do, as well as a balcony where you could look right down to the ground floor, which was hair-raising to say the least! A visit to the gift shop was a lovely way to end a fantastic day. We wished we could have stayed longer!

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Prep School Production

Cinderella & Rockerfella

After months of rehearsals and two cancelled performances the Upper Junior School production of Cinderella and Rockerfella finally took place in front of a live audience for two fantastic performances.

As always, every member of the Upper Junior School has a part to play in our annual productions whether they are a starring role, singing in the chorus, performing a dance, a comedic one line wonder or assisting with technical and staging requirements.

The show began with our enthusiastic 'Warm up' duo, Felix Mathews and Jacob Booth, telling jokes and warming up the audience ready for the show before telling the sad tale of Cinderella – cue the violins! Maddie Barker was fantastic as the lead role of Cinderella, her expression and performances were faultless and the audience were delighted when she got her happy ending! Best friend Buttons was there for Cinderella at every turn throughout the show assisted by his trusty talking dog, Teaser. Lottie Raby gave a bright, bubbly performance as Buttons and Elizabeth Kay demonstrated that not only could Teaser talk, they could sing like an angel!

Harry Wake and Jethro Clarkson stole the show as the Ugly Sisters and had the audience, staff and their peers crying with laughter on many occasions! Fairy Nastyboots, played brilliantly by Emma Jackson, tried her utmost to thwart Cinder's happy ever afters. Even with the help of her sidekick Nasty Kitty, played by Thea Dempsey who showed off her fantastic miming skills, their schemes never quite worked out.

Cinderella's Fairy Godmother exploded onto stage showing Sophie Winfield's amazing dance and acrobatic skills, with the help of her fairies, played by Farrah Barker, Izzy Haigh, Georgina Needham and Madeline Taylor they finally got Cinder's to the ball! Cue Francis Milner playing rock star, Rockerfella, formally known as Prince Charming, he had some of the chorus swooning and wowed with his solo singing. His long-suffering manager was played brilliantly by Pippa Butler, whilst his PR team consisted of Y4&5 pupils who brought their own sass to the characters. Other pupils from years 3 to 6 played their supporting roles with enthusiasm whether they were dressed up as villagers or hopping around in a frog costume.

There were many lines, songs, dances and stage directions to learn and remember; yet it all came together wonderfully! This was a real team effort from the children, staff and parents and thanks must go to everyone who helped.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our pupils. It is going to be a hard one to follow but rehearsals will be underway for our next production before we know it! Watch this space!

By Francesca Newman

The End
BAKERY

Hollowford Centre *Residential*

In early June, 41 eager and excited Upper Juniors, as well as their eager and excited teachers, headed off to Castleton in the beautiful Peak District for their long-awaited residential trip.

The fact that we set off in the pouring rain did not dampen our spirits one little bit. From the moment we left Drax to the moment we returned, the children enjoyed an action-packed, fun-filled four days and their excellent behaviour and attitude were complimented by several members of the Hollowford Centre staff.

Each child had the opportunity to tackle caving, canoeing, raft-building, the zip-wire, abseiling and hill-walking, as well as taking part in our evening activities, which included a very entertaining talent show. Many of the children said they wished they could stay longer, as it had been such a tremendous experience for them all.

Junior School Summer Concert

While full of fantastic musical and dramatic acts from pupils across the Junior School, the summer concert of 2022 will be remembered by many as Mrs Wynne's fond farewell to Read School and onto her happy and thoroughly deserved retirement.

It was not just Mrs Wynne departing though. Year 2 were graduating to the UJS, while the Year 6 pupils shared their memories of Junior School life as they prepared for their step up into Year 7, and secondary education, in September.

A splendid afternoon of talent and goodbyes was finished off with a look back on the academic year with the annual highlights video, sharing so many wonderful memories from yet another incredibly busy school year.

Year 6 leavers

Seaside trip

In the final week of term, our fantastic group of Year 6 pupils enjoyed a day out at Bridlington beach. Armed with bucket and spade and lunch money for McDonalds on the way home, it was a super way to finish another incredibly busy and successful year.

Summer Sports
with the Spanish Visitors

The juniors always enjoy an afternoon of sport, particularly when the sun is shining!

With the school welcoming a large contingent of Spanish visitors, what better way to enjoy a glorious afternoon of weather than with a competitive carousel of kwik rounders, cricket and Danish longball. New sports to our guests, but frequently played favourites of ours! With the teams randomly mixed by age, ability and nationality, the Read pupils helped guide their elder compatriots through the rules to ensure a smoothly run tournament was enjoyed by all.

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Summer Fete

The annual UJS Summer Fete is always an extremely popular and well attended event and this year was no different.

With LJS children, Year 7 students and many family members meandering between the stalls, the Spanish visitors were also invited to spend their pocket money on the many different challenges and activities provided by the Year 6 pupils.

Working together in pairs or small groups of three, the Year 6 pupils prepared a fantastic array of games that kept everybody entertained (and loaded with sugary treats!) for a full afternoon.

Upper Junior School

Sports Day

The final house competition of the year and an extremely busy afternoon of running and skill-based activities for everybody. Sports Day brings all of our pupils together to compete in every track and field event. From 50m sprints to cricket ball throws and obstacle course running to shooting at targets, every pupil participates, and every pupil gathers points.

The winners this year? Dragon House

CENTURION

The summer term also brought our first girls cricket fixtures, a sport that has proved to be incredibly popular throughout the school. With the new season fast approaching, we look forward to welcoming more mixed and girls fixtures to all of our outings on the sports field.

House Cup

The termly house competition was, once again, largely dominated by Unicorn. Captain Pippa Butler, supported by vice Harry Wake, lifted the trophy in the autumn and again in the summer, to see off the brave challenge of Dragon and Phoenix. However, there was some joy for the Phoenix clan as Maddie Barker and Farrah Barker enjoyed a successful spring term of leadership to briefly break the Unicorn stronghold.

House competitions are regular and popular events that take place throughout the school year ranging from dodgeball, orienteering, arts and crafts and many of our termly sports – including Sports Day!

Athletics & *Cross Country*

In addition to our traditional termly sports and autumn block of swimming, the winter period of cross-country running in PE lessons at Read leads nicely into the well-attended annual gallop around the Howardian Hills at Terrington in February. An often cold and muddy outing, plenty of grit and determination is required! Emma Jackson (4th) and Georgina Needham (6th) in the U11 race were the star performers this year.

In mid-May, and with warmer temperatures, we participated in the annual Tranby athletics competition on a flatter surface and over shorter distances in comparison to the rolling hills at Terrington! With so many sparkling performances, it was an afternoon of thrilling sprints and middle distance running, finishing with the 4x100m relay – an event dominated by both our U11 boys and girls teams this year.

Whole School events

Jubilee

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Pictures of our Jubilee Service at **Church of St Peter and St Paul, Drax**. Well done to all pupils, young and old, who marched, provided eloquent readings and sang at this special service. Thank you to Mrs Crompton, for all the choir and hymn practice that culminated in such stellar performances and to the CCF who paraded beautifully! We did The Queen proud!

Read School Parents and Friends Association

Jubilee Party

Thank you Read School, Drax PFA for hosting a wonderful Jubilee Tea Party on Friday 27th May to celebrate the start of the half term holidays.

All enjoyed a happy couple of hours of family fun and camaraderie as well as a sumptuous spread of sandwiches and cakes. Well done to our Jubilee cake competition winners Annabelle, George and Amelia! Our talented musicians played us into the holidays and with an ice cream van and Prosecco bar as well, what else was needed to get everyone in the Jubilee holiday spirit and ready for the May half term holiday.

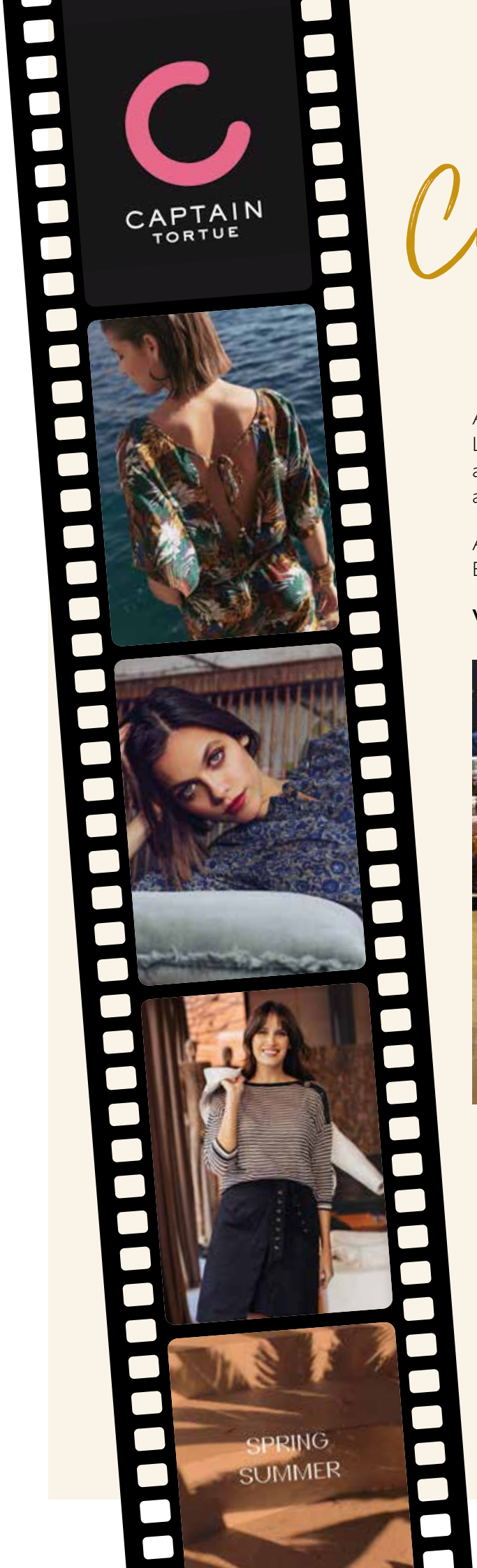
Commemoration Day

Thank you to everyone who attended our 355th Commemoration Day which was a very special occasion. Thanks to our talented 'in-school florist', Dr Duggan, ably assisted by Mrs Stark who set the scene for a wonderful day with beautiful floral arrangements, all foraged from the school grounds. How talented are Read School teachers? Well done to all pupils, staff and parents for a fitting end to a very successful year!

Read-ers travel *in style*

In January we proudly announced the arrival of three new supersmart 18-seater minibuses, meaning pupils on the five routes we operate over a 30-mile radius, could arrive in style! We bid a sad farewell to the yellow 'banana' buses as they completed their final tour of duty.

Read bus routes include Howden, Eggborough, Cawood, Doncaster and Monk Fryston, the latter driven by our new driver, Mr Smales whom we welcomed to the driving team after Easter.



Couture evening

featuring Captain Tortue

A wonderful evening was had by all at the Couture & Ladies Night in February. It was a joyous reunion of friends and a lovely opportunity to sample some exquisite clothing and pampering wares.

All profits from the evening were donated to the British Red Cross Ukraine relief fund.

Well done to our lovely models.

British Red Cross

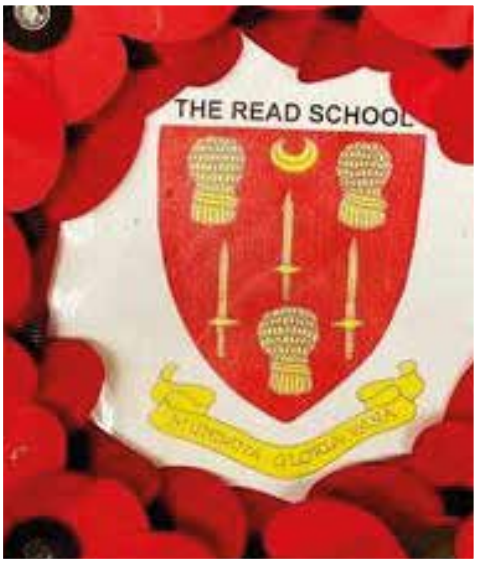
Remembrance

The mournful tones of The Last Post echoed throughout our local Church of St Peter & St Paul, Drax in November as Read School honoured the fallen from the world wars & every war for our annual Remembrance Day commemoration.

Our smartly uniformed Combined Cadet Force pupils led a flawless parade into church to pay homage to the brave sacrifices of those before them. The sombre tone – where we took time to reflect on so many sacrifices – was lightened when Head Girl Abi gave a beautiful performance of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again'.

Read pupils were respectful, smart & their behaviour exemplary on this very special day, so important to our Read community, as 51 Read 'Old Boys' were sadly lost to war. Our school memorials – a large stone plaque, and new glass plaque in the Memorial Library – featuring the names of the Read lost, is the pride of our school, and every year we festoon it with homemade poppies to express our love and gratitude. A lovely yet melancholy day, Read salutes all fallen soldiers around the world.

We will never forget..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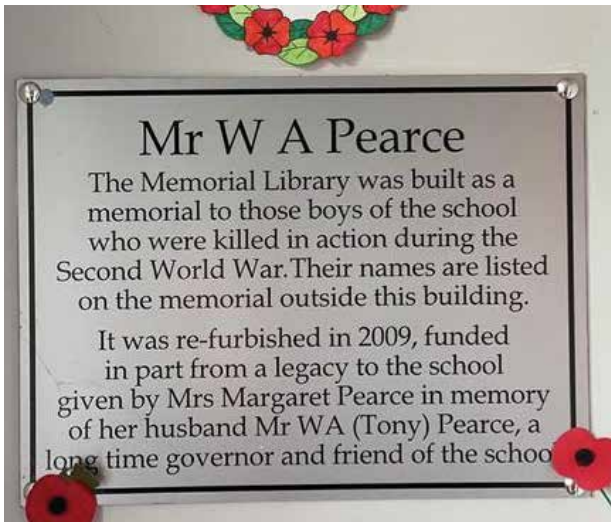
Mr W A Pearce
The Memorial Library was built as a memorial to those boys of the school who were killed in action during the Second World War. Their names are listed on the memorial outside this building.
It was re-furbished in 2009, funded in part from a legacy to the school given by Mrs Margaret Pearce in memory of her husband Mr WA (Tony) Pearce, a long time governor and friend of the school

Christmas Ball

In December Read School held the long-awaited Christmas ball at the spectacular venue of Carlton Towers. It was wonderful to see and share memories with past and present pupils, parents, guardians, grandparents and staff of the school and a great way to kick off the festive season. Thank you to the hardworking PFA who made this possible and we can't wait until next year.

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Senior School

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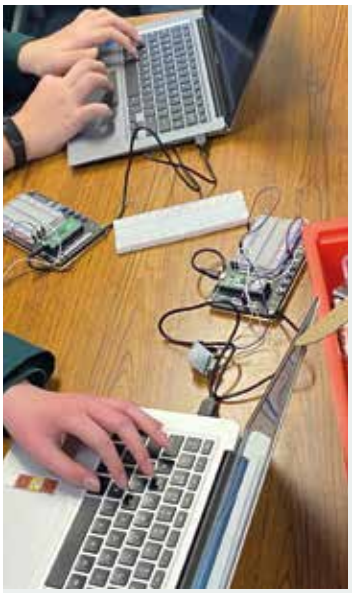


Computer Science

2021-22 has been a key year in the development of Computer Science at Read School.

Being back face-to-face at school enabled lots of physical computing to be developed.

Year 9 continued their Careers work using BBC Micro:bits to control autonomous Robo:bits.

George Breheney shows his code for obstacle avoidance:

Neve Bentley and Evelyn Crompton then get theirs following the line and avoiding obstacles:

Year 7s and 8s all enjoyed using Micro:bits for understanding images and remote controls.

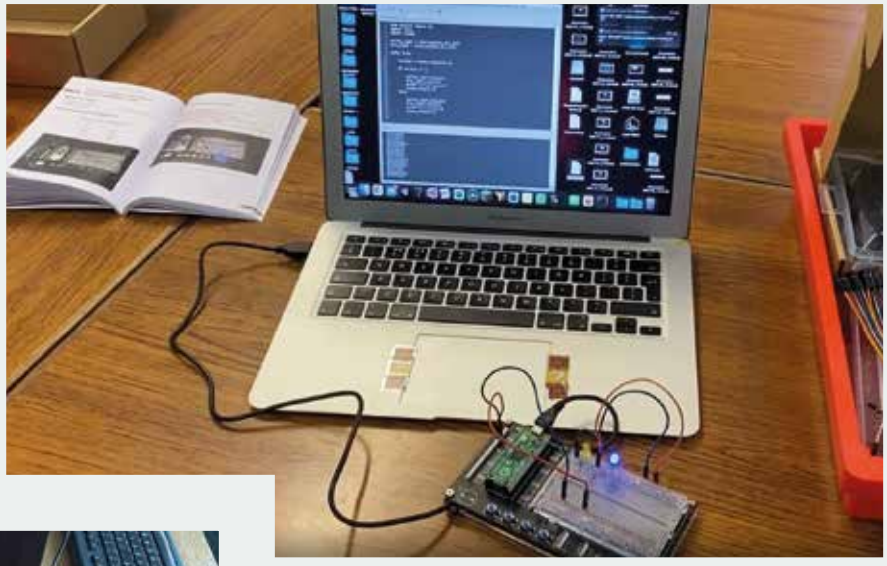
Thank you to Year 10s (and Daniel Gungaram-Smith, Neve Bentley and Evelyn Crompton) for helping to make the Robo:bits and developing their own use of their more complicated Raspberry Pi Picos:

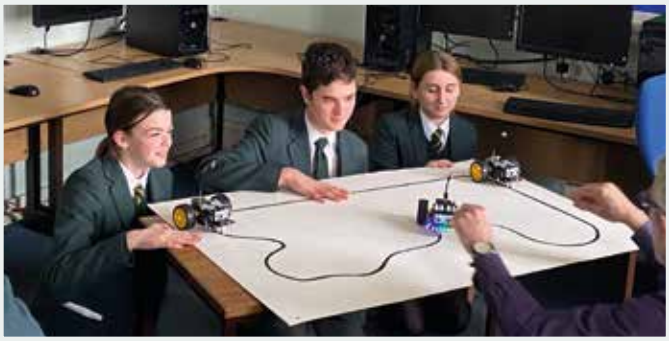
Congratulations to Charlie Goodwin, Kaelan Sharpe and Samantha Lowes, Emma Fildes for doing well in Years 8 and 9, and Ben White and Harry Chittock in Year 10.

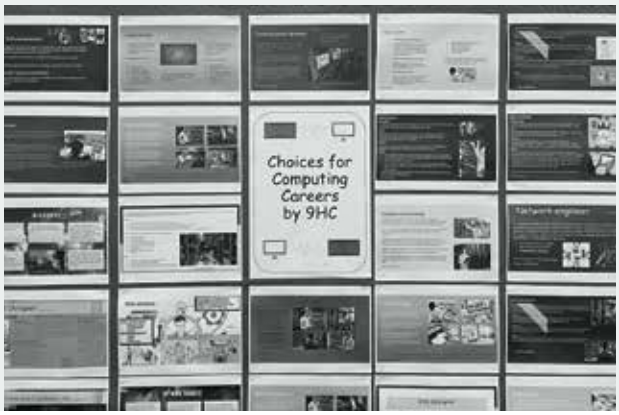
Year 11s worked hard on their GCSE Computer Science this year and we wish them success in the summer. Year 12s are hard at work on their programming projects – Hayden Howard on his vector based game and Connor Shields on a program using Djikstra's theorem for creating the best school minibus routes.

Lastly, we thank Mrs Jackson for her outstanding work with Year 7 and 8 Computing, especially this year with creating the new schemes of work.

Chris Sharples
Head of Computer Science






Choices for
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Food

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Leeds United Cooking Competition

Our year 8 pupils were invited to take part in a Leeds United Cookery competition.

They were asked to cook a starter, main and dessert that would be suitable to be served in the executive suites on match days at LUFC. The 11 pupils chosen to be in the final did extremely well and it was very hard to judge. Rob and Rob who work in hospitality at Leeds United were extremely impressed by the quality and the standard of the dishes made by children of such a young age and rather than picking one starter, main and dessert as they had planned, they ended up choosing several. These are the dishes that were on the menu for the last match of the season and served to hundreds of spectators. These pupils featured in the LUFC programme on the day of the match, which is impressive!

The dishes chosen were

Alfie's Duck main course

Finley's Parma Ham starter and Lemon Tart dessert

Isabelle's Avocado Prawn starter and Rice with Belly Pork main

Oliver's Keema Pie main course

Annabelle's Hunter Chicken main course

Poppy's Chocolate Mousse dessert

Darcey's Smoked Haddock starter

Martha's Crumbed Haddock main course and Rhubarb Crumble dessert

In March all pupils who were chosen for the final were invited to attend Elland Road. They ate at the ground and took a tour of the hospitality aspect and the grounds.

Level 3 *Leiths course*

This year has seen the introduction of the Leiths Level 3 Certificate in Food and Wine with CTH. (The confederation of Tourism and Hospitality). Leith's is one of the world's most prestigious cookery schools. This course is designed to teach the basic skills necessary to become a confident and efficient cook. Completion of this course will not only gain children a valuable skill for life, but could also open up possible areas of employment. Pupils gain the confidence to cook by making judgments on the

ingredients purchased, the dishes and wines put together for menu choices, and the methods used to cook and serve food to achieve the best results. Pupils design a set menu of dishes each week, going on to create these as part of a three-hour practical assessment. During the course, pupils also study for the Level 2 Food Safety in Catering Award. We have achieved 100% pass rate so far.

Miss Rothwell

10 pupils took part in the first Read Cookery School Course. Each week pupils made 2 dishes, one savoury and one sweet. Pupils learnt a range of different skills on the course and the complexity will build throughout.

Read Cookery School

Examples include:

Savoury

Seeded bread and a red pepper hummus
Vegan bean chilli and spiced rice
Fillet plaice, sauce duchess piped potatoes

Sweet

Vanilla panna cotta and strawberry compote
Tiramisu
Paris Brest

The course included:

- Access to a Google Classroom
- A demonstration of each dish
- Tuition every Tuesday until 6.30pm
- Recipes for each dish
- A Read Cookery School apron
- A certificate of completion

Commendations to those who shone on the course

Carlton Towers

Year 7 visited the cookery school at Carlton Towers, an exquisite stately home with a long and distinguished history.

They learnt how to make and shape fresh pasta with a roasted vegetable sauce. After the visit to inspire them along with a series of lessons linking to it, they were set the challenge of making pasta dishes that meet the Eatwell Guide. All pupils achieved this with careful planning, high technical skills and good presentation. Imogen, Ruby, Charlie and Kimberly made their own fresh pasta to add to the wow factor. Special well done to William, Grace and Harry too. Amazing work.

Year 6 Cookery

Year 6 learnt which part of the plant different vegetables come from before looking at the nutrients in various foods.

They planned and prepared a stir fry and a pasta dish which followed the Eatwell guide.

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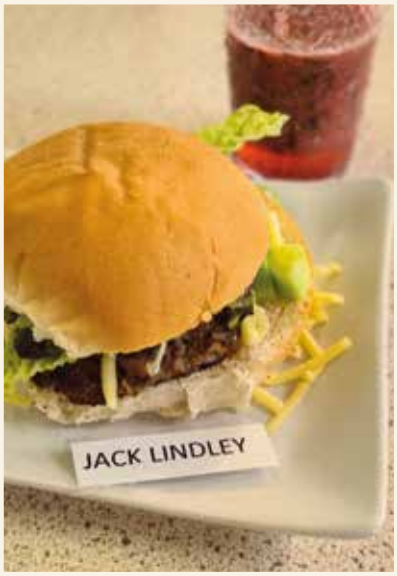
Year 7 Cookery

After gaining inspiration from Carlton Towers Cookery School where Year 7 spent the morning learning how to make tortellini with a roasted vegetable pasta sauce, pupils returned to school to plan and prepare their own pasta dishes with great success. They also learnt about B9, B2 Vit D and calcium during the year to build up their knowledge about healthy eating.



Year 8 Cookery

Year 8 made lasagne, fish pie and moroccan lamb tagine then planned and prepared a high protein and low saturated fat dish of their own. This links well with learning how to avoid food poisoning when cooking with high risk foods.

They also learnt about bread and pastry making and celebration foods.

During the year they researched vitamins E, K B2 & B3 to add to their nutritional knowledge.

Year 9 Cookery

Year 9 learnt about the nutritional needs of elderly people and planned a dish to meet them. They justified their choices, stating when ingredients had the nutrients vit A to help with eyesight, B vitamins to assist with slowing memory loss, low calories and calcium and vitamin D to help bone stay strong. Special congratulations to Samantha, Daniel, Evelyn, Tyla, Harry and Peter who excelled in this practical challenge.

Congratulations to Evelyn, George, Marianne, Sophie and Raoul for achieving very good written exam scores to go alongside the practical exam

Cooking for the Jubilee

Year 10 Food GCSE pupils celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by planning and making an NEA themed 'Best of British Cuisine'.

> Year 6 made apple swans to celebrate the Jubilee.

Year 6 Apple swans

Why does the Queen own swans?

Historically, this legislation was created because swans were eaten as a prized food at banquets and feasts. Valuable rights of ownership were granted by the monarch to a select few. But today, swans are no longer eaten and are a protected species.

Hundreds of years ago there were severe penalties for injuring or killing a swan, and criminals could be jailed for a year even for stealing swan eggs. Form 6FN improved their knife skills making apple swans to celebrate the jubilee.

Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (commonly abbreviated DofE) is a youth awards programme founded in the United Kingdom in 1956 by Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. 14-24 year-olds can do a DofE programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, leads to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award all of which are opportunities at Read School.
There are four sections to complete at Bronze and Silver level and five at Gold. They involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity.

Expedition section

Pupils are invited to take part in training sessions after school each week along with a choice of two 1 day training walks in the York Wolds. 30 bronze DofE participants completed their practice expedition in glorious sunshine. Four groups walked from different starting points in the Bishop Wilton/Millington area and then went on to complete their qualifying expedition in the Nidderdale Valley. For some this was a huge challenge both mentally and physically. They carried all they needed to be self-sufficient for 2 days walking in the beautiful setting of Nidderdale Valley. They worked as teams navigating their way for 6 hours walks each day camping up Middlesmoore with a specular view down the valley. Memories have been made.

Two Silver groups walked for 7 hours each day for 3 days and completed their silver DofE expedition. They were blessed with the weather and enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the North Yorkshire Moors. Finally a group of Gold DofE pupils took on the challenge of walking for 4 days in the North Yorkshire Moors to complete their Gold expedition section. Each level enables children to develop better communication, commitment, leadership and teamwork.

Other sections

The other sections to the award which are of equal importance are helping the community/environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity.

We know from hearing thousands of stories that volunteering has a huge impact on young people. This has included helping elderly neighbours, coaching younger children's sports teams, helping in nursery and junior schools etc. It's such an essential part of a DofE programme. Whether it's by giving back to their community, developing a passion for a particular cause, or learning a new skill through their volunteering activity, the Volunteering section changes lives and has a positive impact on communities. Participants from The Read School dedicated 559 hours to volunteering between April 2021 and March 2022, with a social value of £2582.58. This is an incredible achievement that we are very proud of.

Miss Rothwell
D of E Coordinator

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

They did it...

Gold D of E expedition completed! We are so proud of this group of students; a highly competent and resilient team. According to Miss Rothwell, D of E leader, "their navigation skills were spot on and they kept each other laughing and even dancing through the North Yorkshire Moors to stay positive.

They are now all set to use what they have learned to explore the UK or further afield". What an achievement and next stop St James Palace in London to receive the prestigious Gold award presented by Prince Edward. A fabulous start to the summer holidays.

The Wizard of Oz

This year's Senior School production, The Wizard of Oz was possibly the most welcomed show we've performed in recent years. After two years of theatre closures and performance restrictions, senior pupils were more than ready to get back on stage and share their talents to an eager audience.

Choosing The Wizard of Oz as this year's show was easy: we had a very eager group of children and just the right combination of talent to make each of the roles work perfectly. It's a show that we had been keen to put on and it's one that is always popular with any age group – we were on to a winner before we began!

Published in 1900 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz was the first in a series of stories by L Frank Baum about the adventures Dorothy, a young girl from Kansas who is swept over the rainbow by a tornado. It might not have become the success it has if the manager of the Chicago Opera house had not committed to creating a musical version in order to promote sales of the book. Baum hadn't expected a great deal of sales, but the second edition sold out by October of that year.

The play was revised to suit adult audiences and in 1938 MGM bought the rights resulting in the making of the iconic 1939 film with Judy Garland. The film was made in glorious technicolour with the exception of the Kansas scenes, which was acknowledged in the Read School production, using dull colours which give way to the vibrant and colourful landscape of Munchkinland and then Oz.

The cast was led by Evelyn Crompton playing Dorothy who started the show with the most famous song of all, 'Over the Rainbow'. Evelyn's vocal, acting and dancing skills were consistently impressive throughout the show and her beautiful voice moved the audience right from the outset. After leaving her Aunt Em, Uncle Henry and Joe, ably played by Verity Haigh, veteran Read performer Jamie Holdich and Hayden Branston-Walls, Dorothy found herself over the rainbow with all manner of strangely-attired Munchkins. On finding she had inadvertently killed a witch, the kind and gentle Sorceress, played beautifully by Lizzy Nield set her on her way home via the Yellow Brick Road. Lizzy also treated the audience to a stunning piece of ballet later in the show, proving what a versatile performer she is.

As Evelyn took us on Dorothy's journey, she was in turn joined by new friends Scarecrow, Tin Man

and Lion. Sophie Sayner's spectacular Scarecrow saw her bending and twisting, tripping and falling, all brilliantly choreographed into the first rendition of 'We're off to see the Wizard'. A further solo dance scene later in the evening showcased Sophie's impressive dancing skills.

Next was Jack Mustill's Tin Man who ably took on the role of the man on a quest for a heart. By the time he'd discovered he had one all the time, he'd taken us through a range of

emotions and some superb singing and dancing.

Soon Dorothy met the Lion played by Millie Smith who at times stole the show with her funny but indignant cowardly character. Millie had some superb lines which she delivered with perfect timing much to the amusement of the audience.

Once our heroes arrived in Oz we met a couple of new characters who were not familiar to our audience. The Read version may not have included Dorothy's dog Toto, but we did get to meet Lord Growlie, the affable mayor of Oz played by Miller Robinson and his daughter Gloria played by Tyla Champagnie who led the well-loved "Merry Old Land of Oz' song with strong vocals.

Every good story needs a villain and her accomplices, and we were treated to a fabulous performance by Kate Ives as the Wicked Witch, ably supported by Izzy Addinall, Neve Bentley and Abigail Cheetham.

By the time the fabulous four had defeated the Wicked Witch, it only remained for The Wizard himself, played impressively by Freddie Thomlinson to present our heroes with their awards and send Dorothy back over the rainbow home in his rocket ship.

A very strong chorus supported all the main characters to produce a piece of musical theatre of very high quality. Set, props and the backstage crew were all instrumental in producing a first class show.

The whole company excelled in their performances and the audience was left impressed with the standards our pupils reached. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs Maunsell

OZ

Set design for Wizard of Oz

It wouldn't be a typical year without the Senior School annual production. This year brought the multi faceted tale of The Wizard of Oz. Throughout the Autumn and Spring terms the art studios were busy with scenery painters and prop makers. Some pupils had opted to do this for their activity, whilst others were working towards developing a skill for the Duke of Edinburgh award. The vision of Mrs Maunsell and Mrs Suttill came together, along with a unique design for Munchkin Land which was designed by talented artist Isabelle Jiang in Year 8. A wonderful feat of collaboration, determination and hard graft brought Moloney Hall alive in March to present two nights of the show.

House of Colours day

Junior Maths Challenge 2022

Earlier this term some of our Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the annual Junior Maths Challenge run by the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT).

The paper consists of 25 questions of increasing difficulty that encourage mathematical reasoning, logic and fluency in basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

In Year 7 3 students were awarded a bronze certificate: Lucy Platt, Jennifer Walmsley and James Wynn-Davies.

In Year 8: 9 students achieved a bronze certificate: Jonathan Allright, Lucy Baybut, Finn Booth, Charlie Goodwin, Evanna MacMillan, Emma Maden, Dominic May, Oliver Walker and Scarlett Waugh

A silver certificate was awarded to Abigail Cheetham and a special mention goes to Finley Woodroffe with a superb performance who achieved a gold certificate and the 'Best in School'.

Mr Calderwood

> A huge well done to all those that took part, in particular those who received awards.

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Design and *technology*

The Design Technology department is delighted to now be housing a new HPC laser cutter in the department. This is a computer controlled machine that cuts and engraves a variety of materials from card and plywood to acrylic. It is linked to design packages that we teach in school. Since its installation in March it has been used to cut and engrave materials for KS3 projects, to make new piano keyboards to help maintain the school equipment, to make displays and signage , to teach enterprise and to make Jubilee promotional items. We are looking forward to seeing its potential in the coming years.

"7LF finished making their desk tidy, influenced by Charlie's Rennie Mackintosh. They used CAD/ CAM to vinyl print the back image and hand made the rest in the workshop."

Music

Music exam results

Read Music Department facilitates a variety of Music Examination Boards – including LCM, Trinity, Rock School and ABRSM. We are also able to offer remote video recorded entries – performance exams. The performance exams were brought in during the pandemic to encourage musicians to continue practising and performing. Four pieces are presented as a recital, recorded, and forwarded to an examiner, who then marks them virtually.

Individual *Success*

George Baybut (9HC) has shown his musical prowess this year, performing an array of songs on drum kit at West Park and Snaith Fest with his band, Offbeat.

Lessons for All!

Read Music Department operates a system which allows all pupils in Junior School to have free tasters in violin and wind instruments. Those pupils who learn a woodwind instrument are put in for an Arts Award. This is an initiative the Music Department runs, allowing all pupils in Year 6 the opportunity to learn how to play a woodwind instrument, as well as understand about the types of music played by the instrument. An informal assessment takes place which, if successful, results in an Arts Award. Thank you to Mrs. Farmery (our peripatetic woodwind teacher) for running this course.

Selby Bells

We were extremely pleased to be able to welcome back the Selby Bell ringers after nearly 2 years! They played a series of Christmas Carols to Year 6 and then the pupils all had a go at playing a bell. They realised how difficult it can be to play at a single moment in time! Bell ringing is an excellent skill due to improving timing, and is also open to anyone – even those who cannot read music – as notation is by numbers rather than notes.

Music Society

This is a society that encourages pupils to visit professional musical events – such as musicals, ballets and orchestral concerts. In November we went to see Wizard of Oz at The Joseph Rowntree Theatre in York. It was a really special occasion as our very own Scarlett Waugh (Year 8) played the leading role of Dorothy. We were really impressed with the performance, especially Scarlett, who sang beautifully and acted with a very professional American dialect.

Peripatetic Concert

At the beginning of the year, some of our peripatetic team came together to demonstrate an array of musical instruments to LJS, UJS and Year 8.

We discussed the values of learning an instrument – such as improving memory, concentration, coordination, social skills, as well as having fun.

Mrs. Crompton played many different film extracts on the piano, showing how it is possible to play anything with practice, and illustrating how music is found everywhere! Pupils managed to correctly guess: 'Pink Panther', 'Jurassic Park', 'Mission Impossible', 'Titanic', 'Harry Potter', 'Raiders of the Lost Ark'. Mrs. Crompton then showed how it is possible to transfer keyboard skills onto other instruments – such as accordion, where she played 'Pirates of the Caribbean'.

An introduction to brass instruments consisted of Mrs. Crompton playing the 'Wake Up Call' which uses no valves. She demonstrated how you can play a variety of notes using your diaphragm and tightening your lips. She showed pupils the sound of a wah-wah mute, rolling an r down the instrument, and 1/2 valve horse whinnies!

Mr. Cocker wowed the pupils with his guitar playing, and Mr. Moulson played a variety of wind instruments, ranging from recorder, to a metal clarinet, and saxophone. A favourite was the electric saxophone that played without having to blow down it! Mr. Clark showed us how coordinated you have to be to play the drums, asking us to rub our head, pat our stomach, tap our right foot on the beat, and our left foot twice on the beat!

The team then came together to play an arrangement of 'Bad Habits' – illustrating the social side of music-making.

Peripatetic Team

We are lucky to have such a dedicated set of peripatetic staff who come in to teach over 80 pupils each week individual instrument lessons. Some of these staff also help run extra-curricular clubs before school, at breaktimes, lunchtimes, and after-school. Samba Group is one of these groups, led by our percussion teacher. Mr. Clark. The pupils learn how to keep different rhythms in time on a variety of percussion instruments.

> The Samba Group enjoying some after school lessons with our percussion teacher Mr Clark.

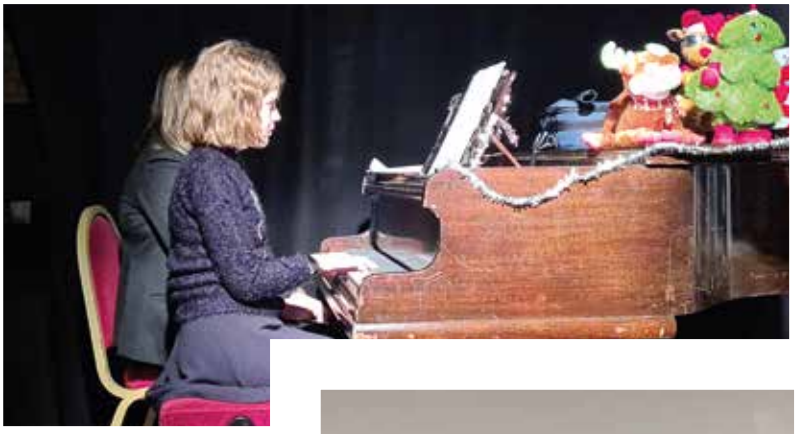
Christmas Events!

In early December, some of our Senior School musicians entertained members from Dementia UK at Drax Social Club, playing a selection of Christmas songs and carols on a variety of instruments.

It was lovely to see the audience join in with the words, and we were really grateful for the kind gift of mince pies! Well done to: George Baybut, Tyla Champagne, Evelyn Crompton, Lizzie Nield, Miller Robinson, Emily Rogers, Oliver Worthington.

Offbeat Choir, Harmonize Choir and some staff members sang a variety of carols to the residents and staff at Mansion House. It was lovely to see the residents join in with the carols. They were also extremely grateful to receive the wonderful Christmas cards that KS3 had made, and the amazing hamper that had been put together by 8PA. It really made their Christmas special.

We also held our Senior School Christmas Concert. There was an array of Christmas and Winter-themed pieces on instruments ranging from violin to drum kit. Our two school choirs also sang at the event, and it was the debut performance for Rock Band, with their rendition of 'Wicked Game' and Jazz Group, with their festive pieces such as 'The Christmas Song' and 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. Pupils dressed with Christmas jumpers, hats and head accessories, and donned their instruments with tinsel. The audience also sang impressively at the end! We managed to raise £131.40 for Dementia UK. Well done to everyone involved.



The participants:

Jonathan Allright, Joe Battye, George Baybut, Molly Bodle, Sophie Chamberlain, Tyla Champagne, Abigail Cheetham, Evelyn Crompton, Daniel Gungaram-Smith, Martha Hutchinson, Darcey Kidd, Isabel Jiang, Kimberley Lowes, Emma Maden, Cazia Martin, Lizzy Nield, Miller Robinson, Emily Rogers, Olivia Rogers, Leon Tabiner-Taylor, Scarlett Waugh, Oliver Worthington

The Music Department *in Costume!*

The Music Department often sees Junior pupils having their lessons in splendid costumes. We have been treated to pirates from LJS and World Book Day visitors!

This year we welcomed: Oliver (Gavroche from 'Les Mis') playing the trumpet, Emily (Agatha from 'The Worst Witch) playing the piano, Mia (Gangsta Granny) and Thomas (Dennis the Menace) playing the ukulele, Tara (Matilda), Anya (Princess Jasmine) and Freya (Tiger Lily) in ukulele group, Charlotte and Harriet (Aurora and Belle) playing the violin and Emily (The Hungry Caterpillar) playing the guitar.

Open Mic Night

Another great night Read School musical entertainment in Moloney Hall for our first 'Open Mic' night.

Huge congratulations to Sixth Former, Conn for organising this as part of his Extended Project Qualification and to all performers, including our talented teachers. What a great way to wrap up the Spring Term and over £300 raised for the Matthew's Hub charity!

Multicultural Music

Music is often considered to be a universal language, and this was really illustrated when we welcomed our two sets of Spanish students into our Music lessons. We learned how to say our rhythmic values in Spanish, and held a mini concert with pupils performing.

Talent show

The day before half term we were treated to an extravaganza of entertaining performances with our annual Talent Show. We were all really excited to see the Talent Show this year, having not had one in 2020, and only an online version in 2021. This year's show did not disappoint. With 43 entries, the judges (Mr. Corbally, Mr. Gisbourne, Ms Maunsell, Ms Machin) had an unenviable task!

The performances ranged from musical numbers to dancing, horse riding, dog training, trampolining and poetry. The new addition this year that allowed remote video entries ensured there were many varied submissions.

The judges commented on the incredibly high standard of the performances, and named the winners:

Lower Junior School: *Kenneth Hilton (voice)*

Upper Junior School: *Gracie Dukes (voice)*

Audience Vote: *Emily Rogers (piano)*

Entertainment: *William Atkinson (cooking bacon on an engine)*

Senior School: *Rock Band (Jonathan Allright (keyboard), Abigail Cheetham (voice), Daniel Gungaram-Smith (drum kit), Aidan Hill (electric guitar), Leon Tabiner-Taylor (bass guitar)) & Evelyn Crompton (violin)*

The event also raised £311.50 for Dementia UK.

Well done and thank you to all those involved in making this an enjoyable evening.

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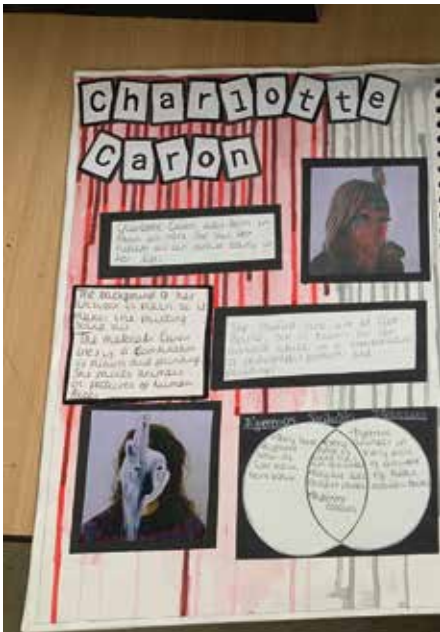

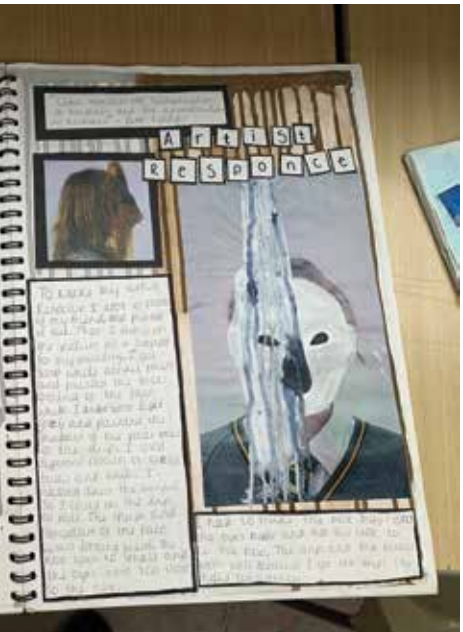
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Art at Read

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

On Wednesday 23rd June we visited Yorkshire Sculpture Park for a whole day experience.

As the day went on we did many activities from drawing to sculpting. We also visited many sculptures. We saw many different artists such as Joana Vasconcelos, Damien Hirst, Barbara Hepworth, Rob and Roberta Smith.

I really enjoyed visiting the Joana Vasconcelos exhibit as her work includes everyday objects to create extraordinary pieces of art, for example she created the "I'll Be Your Mirror" sculpture.

This piece of art is made out of different mirrors influencing the name "I'll Be Your Mirror".

We also created our own sculptures inspired by the 'Family Of Man' sculpture by Barbara Hepworth. The family of man included nine sculptures with all different shapes as the body. We each created our sculptures that we felt reflected our personalities.

We also each got tasked with making our own version of Barbara Hepworth's 'Family Of Man' sculpture out of clay, and to do a walking drawing as we moved around the sculpture.

Marianne Brumfield, Emma Fildes, Sophie Chamberlain 9SR

The Deep

The Year 9 cohort and Y10 GCSE artists visited The Deep in Hull as a cross curricular art and science enrichment day.

Year 9s became keen photographers and worked with the challenge of limited light and moving subjects to collect a range of photographs to influence the Sea Beasts ceramic project. Year 10 spent time with the amazing artefacts belonging to the aquarium including the most interesting and well preserved shells. They were also keen to record their visit to the wonderful aquarium as this influenced their Under the Sea project including making a batik.

Fair Trade Fortnight

February brought us 'Choose the World You Want' Fair Trade fortnight. 9HC worked collaboratively to create a mixed media display for the Creative Arts block where they looked at inspirational images of Fair Trade workers from around the world. They learned about the importance of supporting Fair Trade all year round, and the reality of the growers and makers who suffer exploitation.

Easter Challenges

In April Year 7 came together for a day of Easter creative challenges consisting of the creation of Easter bonnets, egg parachutes and egg decorating. The pupils worked in teams to communicate effectively with one another when planning and realising their entries. The egg parachutes were flight tested on a rather blustery day from the first floor of Norfolk House which provided much entertainment for the pupils. Mrs Suttill and Mr Martin can report that no eggs were unnecessarily harmed in the making of Egg Day!

Huddersfield Uni Online workshop

Year 10 Art and Design students Evie, Lizzy and Millie joined students and educators nationwide to join an online workshop exploring creative embroidery.

The workshop was presented by University of Huddersfield and Textile Artist and Embroidery Technician Elnaz Yazdani. The students tried out all sorts of stitches and embellishments, even recycling and reusing smoothie lids and COVID test packaging. There's no stopping this lot. Watch this space!!

Rotary Shoe box Scheme

Read School spreads a lot of happiness…

A huge thank you to all in the Read School community who donated a shoebox to the Rotary Shoebox Scheme. In total, we have donated nearly 130 shoeboxes, which will be delivered to needy and vulnerable children in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas.

Moving up to Year 7

> All have loved the lessons and seem to be more than ready for 'Senior School'.

The sun made an appearance to greet the new Year 6 pupils up to Senior School on Tuesday 14th June, their Transition Day.

A few nervous faces looked out when we first met in the Drama studio but then the form tutors arrived and whisked them off to start their day.

By break time, I spoke to as many Year 6/7 as I could find to see how their mornings had been. I say 'find' because they were enjoying their new found freedom and exploring the backfield and the many more hiding places for 'Manhunt!'

The overwhelming message was, 'can we stay up in Senior School now?'

I'm sure the Junior School staff will have mixed feelings about this comment … but it just means they have done their jobs and prepared them well for the next step in the educational journey.

They have been an absolute pleasure to have with us and I know they will make a positive impact and start in Year 7 with far less nerves but more of an excitement.

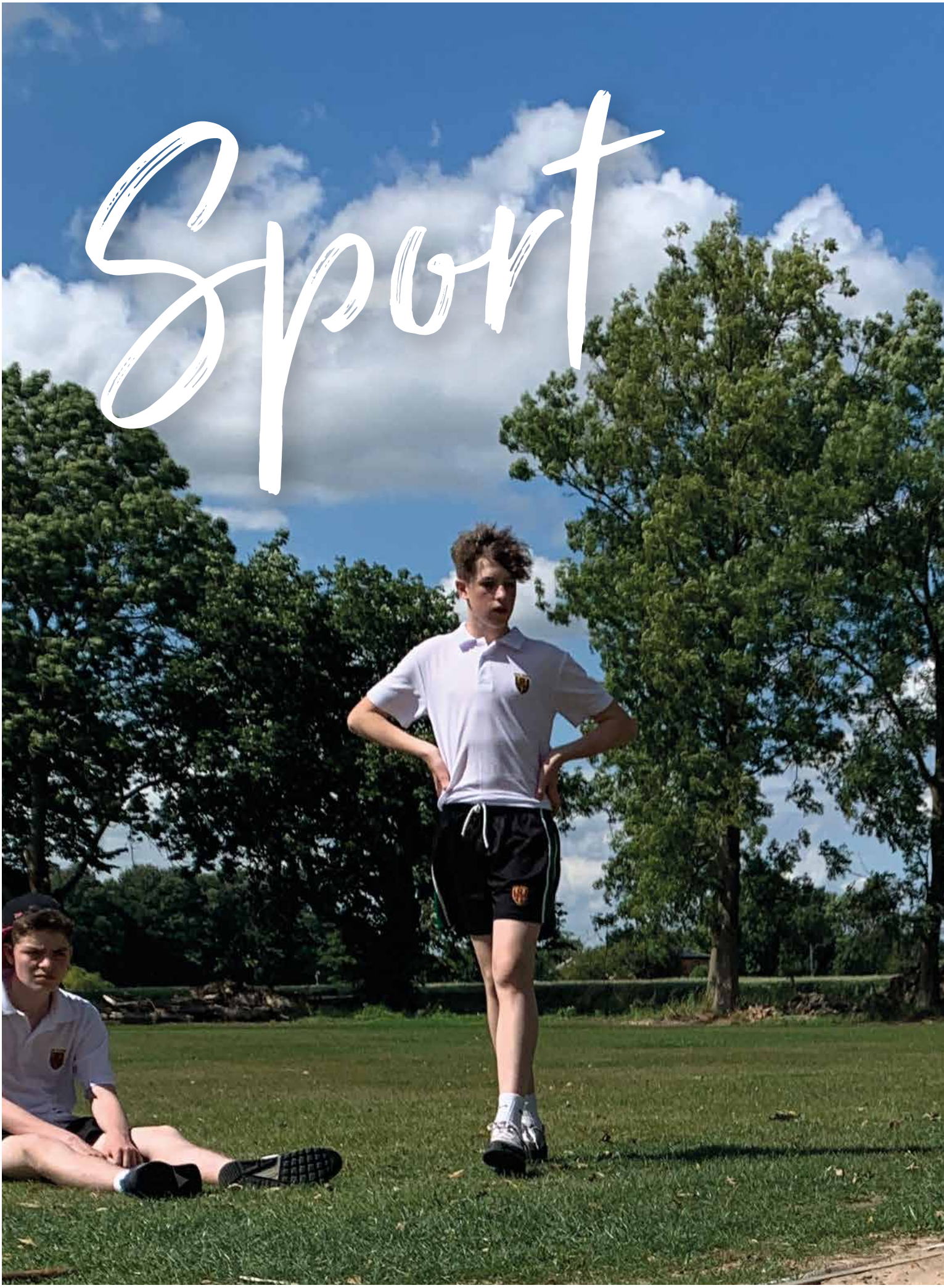
Roll on September!

Mrs Anderson
Head of Key Stage 3

Year 6, with prospective form tutors in the background

Combined Cadet Force

"Pupils in Years 8 and above again had the opportunity to participate in weekly CCF skills-building activities.


Sport

Upper Junior School

Boys' Sport

The year of boys' sport has provided so many opportunities for game time across mini tournaments, regular A team fixtures and also B team outings. Terrington, Tranby and Scarborough have remained our termly opponents, but wider festivals have brought excellent, competitive action against many other prep schools across Yorkshire for our pupils in Year 1 through to Year 6.

The young Year 1 & 2 boys have enjoyed their first taste of tag rugby, football and cricket, making a positive start to their early sporting career at Read as they gather an understanding of the rules and enjoy participating in team games against other schools.

Some of our U9 boys have enjoyed double fixture outings this year, playing up with the older U11's in A or B team fixtures, an opportunity that they thoroughly enjoy and gain further match day experience from.

One of the highlights of our sporting year was hosting a 7-team 'round robin' football tournament. A super afternoon for all involved, bringing 14 of our boys together for an afternoon of competitive football. Despite being a small prep school, we continue to punch above our weight and provide fantastic opportunities for budding young sportsmen who enjoy their rugby, football and cricket.

It is not all about the boys though! In recent years we have seen dazzling displays from the girls in rugby fixtures and this year was no different as Emma and Farrah both contributed to a pleasing term of U11 rugby.
Mr Hill

Senior School *Rugby*

With Covid disrupting rugby the previous season it was great to get back to normality, and get competitive fixtures in against other schools, getting back in the swing of things for pupil, staff and parents!

The large restoration project continued on the front field so we were able to train on the back field but were on the road for the fixtures. The season started with a great training session welcoming parent/coach (Selby RUFC) Alan Scholefield and Ben Garrard from BG Fitness (Strength and Conditioning.) We were also lucky to have Richard Nicholson (Selby RUFC Rugby Development officer) on the coach team as well. During the season we sneaked in a Touch & Pass rugby morning coordinated by Selby RUFC chairman, past pupil and parent Mr Abrams for Years 7 - 11 & parents where we enjoyed mixing everybody up to create 6 teams to play a round Robin style tournament.

> **"A really positive season for all throughout school and thank you to all players, staff and parents who have been involved.**

Under 13's

A really pleasing season for these boys who have really improved in not just their performance but also their understanding of the game. The first outing was away at Tranby for a triangular with Hipperholme Grammar too, which was an exceptionally close games and valuable match experience with many pupils making both their Read and rugby debuts. The squad was dealt a blow early in the season when powerhouse forward Euan Jones injured his wrist, a loss to the team but vice Liam Corbally stepped up to continue to lead the boys. The pick of the games was as we travelled to the seasiders at Scarborough College on a bitterly morning. Things started to click that morning and it really was a team performance with some selfless play with some fantastically timed passes and off-loading to really run riot with some free flowing rugby. Try scorers were Will Kelly with a hat trick, Liam Corbally with a brace, Charlie Goodwin, Lucas Matthews & Joseph Wake. That day it was an impressive performance during the rugby, one of which carried on when we called in at the Fish and Chip shop with what looked like a Boys VS Food competition. Well done to all involved.

Under 15's

The U15 squad were keen to be back on the rugby field, working hard in games lessons, after school sessions and a number of them with their club rugby too. Below a re a few write ups from the pick of the games.

Silcoates - The U14/15 boys went to Wakefield on Tuesday afternoon to take on Silcoates. A brilliant game where the large squad all played their part to get some important game time. Some impressive commitment in the contact areas, alongside some flowing support play when attacking. Always nice to see some of the work done on the training ground being successful on a match day! Captain Will Payne rallied his troops who despite playing uphill first half, started the game well with Will Tehan ploughing over the try line after good work from Toby Taperall, following this up with a successful conversion.

Whilst on the front foot the Read pack continued to be dominant in the scrum, and constant strong rucking allowed Jack Mustill to break away and power over in the corner. The second half again was a close affair with Silcoates sneaking a couple of quick tries which put them right back in the game. Read's response was some strong running from Phil Suddes & Ben White to break the host's defensive line which gave Jack Mustill the chance to gallop through for his second try. The boys were buoyant again, and this time the ball was moved nicely through the hands of the backs to Eddie Campbell-Baldwin who jinked over the try to score an important try. A nip and tuck game, with a nerve racking finish but Read managed to hold on to the lead to record a pleasing 22 - 24 victory with a great squad performance.

Hill House – On Tuesday afternoon the U14 boys made the trip to Doncaster to take on HillHouse. It was a fantastic encounter. A closely fought game throughout with not much separating the two teams. Although before the game Read lost a number of boy's through injury and illness, we did have some welcome additions back to bolster the squad. A disappointing result from the previous Saturday required a meeting Monday morning and an intense training session after school, which pleasingly transferred into Tuesday's game. Each player upped their aggression levels in the contact areas and support play in attack was impressive. A nip and tuck game. First time on the scoresheet for new boy Cooper Smith who managed a brace of tries as he raced down the wing, and also Harry Huddlestone who came galloping from full back following good work from the forwards. Joint man of the performance goes to Will Payne and Phil Suddes whose tackle counts were exceptionally high. In the end Read were pipped at the post, or should I say pipped under the posts, despite some impressive defence we conceded a try in the last play of the game to lose narrowly 20-17. Well done for a cracking squad performance.

Scarborough College – the U15 rugby team finished off the season as they took on Scarborough in muddy, wet and fresh conditions. It was a great game to end on, in terms of performance, team spirit and conduct from the Read boys. With low numbers for the seasiders, a number of the Read boys joined Scarborough's ranks to ensure a close game and everyone also getting maximum game time. Despite the long journey, Read were quick out of the blocks, recording a couple of impressive tries, which set the tone for the whole game. Strong and organised in defence, along with great support and handling when carrying the ball carving the home side opened time and time again. The trio of Will's; Kavanagh, Payne and Tehan were the conductors at many of the breakdowns with some impressive decision making. Then we saw a couple of impressive tries scored from Richie Robinson and Phil Suddes .....but for Scarborough (they were light on numbers), which just reminded Read that they needed to remain focused and on task. A cracking morning of rugby, with hardwork and learning which is

what it is all about. Well done to all involved & thanks to the traveling supporters.

Under 16's

In amongst the pressures of Year 11 exam rigours the senior boys enjoyed their rugby season, including strength and conditioning sessions down at BG Fitness & training sessions at Selby RUFC. Below are the match reports from a couple of the games during the season;

HillHouse – The Read U16s boys were in action on Wednesday vs HillHouse. Read were quick out the blocks with strong tackling in defence, but when in possession showing a real hunger to support each other when in attack. Read were rewarded with a try when Finley Thornton darted over the line. However, a breakaway try followed soon after for HillHouse. With half time approaching Read increased the pressure with Noah Athraby powering over the line following good work from speedy Henry Holder and powerhouse forward Oliver Sugden. Both tries converted by captain Joe Scholefield with real composure. A close game, and some important game time for the boys with a pleasing 14 - 7 win.

Scarborough College – Last week the U16's side made the trip over to Scarborough on a lovely fresh afternoon. After a couple of weeks of Mock exams, an important run about in the outdoors for the mind, body and soul. After the slow start last week against Silcoates, the boys were under strict instructions to be quick out of the blocks in this game. They did just that. Strong work from Oliver Sugden & Freddie Thomlinson, allowed scrum half Thornton to move the ball quickly out to Joe Scholefield to motor away with impressive foot work to score under the sticks, of which he then converted. However, this woke the seasiders up who came back out fired up, despite some nice passages of play from Read there were too many holes in defence and we went in at half time 22 - 7 down. The second half started with a sloppy try conceded unfortunately. Read now had two choices; roll over and accept defeat or dig in as a team to pull together. Pleasingly they opted for the latter. They were then rewarded when powerhouse Emils Lubins burst through the Seasiders ranks to get their second try of the afternoon following impressive work from centre Harjit Singh & hooker Charlie Nicholson. The squad was pleased to see the introduction of Adam Arif who got stuck in on only his second game for the school. A loss of 42 - 14 but plenty of positives to take, and a good away day for the boys.

A really positive season for all throughout school and thank you to all players, staff and parents who have been involved.
We now look forward to getting back onto the front field with new pitches and posts to keep enjoying our rugby.

Mr J Matthews

Senior Football

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The football season throughout school was an impressive one, with a very high win rate from the fixture list but most importantly some real improvement both individually and as teams. Our very own Mr Johnson switching from Hull City's training ground to the back field of Read to put the boys through their paces. Also welcoming Lee Kelsey from Pontefract Collieries FC on occasions to deliver some sessions. Both the U13 & U14 squads entered the Birkdale 9 aside tournament at St George Park throughout the season, the Read squads gave an excellent account of themselves both finishing in 3rd place out of 9 teams. Below are a couple of match reports from each team throughout the season.

Under 13s

GSAL – GOODWIN GRASPS LATE WINNER – Garrard's Green army were quick out of the blocks and brimming with confidence at half time to be 3-1 up. However, a sloppy start to the second half allowed GSAL back into the game. The score at 4-4 in the final moments of the game was there for the taking.....and that is exactly what Charlie Goodwin did as he unleashed a cracking strike to secure a 5-4 win in a thrilling game. MOTM – Charlie Goodwin

Bootham – The U13's took on Bootham School on Monday afternoon in the very low sunshine. A competitive and close game, with nothing really separating the two teams. On a large pitch, the boys put in a good shift with plenty of running but the game started frantically. The deadlock was broken following a quick thinking corner from skipper Charlie Goodwin to Lucas Matthews, who whipped in a goal from the edge of the box. The Yorkies then sneaked a breakaway goal to make it 1-1 just before the half time break. The second half started off with a cheap goal conceded so Read were chasing the game now with time running out. We needed a change, and Mr Donegan duly delivered a tactical masterstroke, as Euan Jones took the gloves from Dec Corbally to release him as our new striker. Then guess what..... Dec scored an absolute rocket of a goal to make it 2-2, and despite pushing hard for a winner Bootham clung on to the end, so we settled for a draw. A good performance from the boys with defensive rock Will Kelly scooping MOTM.

> "Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment. Full effort is full victory."
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> *Mahatma Gandhi*

Rishworth – a dominant performance from the Read boys with some slick football played, allowing them to be runaway winners 14-3. A great opportunity to rotate the boys and experiment in different positions. Goals from Goodwin, Corbally, Matthews, Kelly & Storey. Mr Donegan said 'it was an excellent team performance but MOTM to Charlie Bellman in goal.'

Under 15s

GSAL – BAYBUT BAGS 4. The U15's again started sharply in tough conditions on a heavy pitch in an end to end game. Read were playing nice football, creating plenty of chances but couldn't convert. Unfortunately, just before the break GSAL striker broke away to poke home sneaking a 1-0 lead. Half time team talk was to keep playing the football, creating the chances and the goals will come. Shortly into the second half a wonder strike from 30 yards was just what Read needed from George Baybut! Then followed a

frantic 15 minutes where both teams scored two a piece; 3-3. Then a Jack Green rifled a Paul Scholeseque shot leaving the GSAL GK glued to the spot to edge Read into the lead, and then George Baybut was on hand again to secure a 5-3 victory. MOTM – Lewis Lintott

Tranby House – a convincing display to win 3-7. High energy, clinical finishing and some nice football allowed them to dominate the game despite going a goal down in the first ten minutes. George Baybut notching an impressive hat trick, Harry Huddlestone with a brace including a great header where he rose like a salmon, Alex Worthington and Eddie Campbell-Baldwin both adding a goal apiece too. A great opportunity to rotate the squad, and mainly players gaining valuable experience in different positions MOTM; George Baybut

Bootham – The U14/15 team were on their travels to take on Bootham U15's on a soggy playing surface but keen to keep their unbeaten run going. The game started frantically with our defence having to stand strong with crunching tackles from Jack Huddlestone, Will Payne and Zoe Suddes leaving the Bootham attack a little dazed. Safe and commanding goalkeeper Aston Kidd marshalled the back four whilst ensuring any potential Bootham efforts were safely gathered up. But then, we turned defence into attack and were rewarded when skipper and midfield general Harry Huddlestone squeezed the ball into the home side's goal to break the deadlock. Read then started to find those passes and created chances and we notched another goal when Joe Battye rifled the ball into the net. Going in at half time 0-2 up.

More of the same commitment, work rate and looking to get the ball wide and in behind the Yorkie's defence was the instruction for the second half. Despite a reasonable start to the second half Bootham snatched a breakaway goal which gave them hope and Read now had to dig in to thwart the attacks of the Bootham boys. The just what Read needed; tidy feet from Harry Huddlestone again dancing through the opponents box to slot home giving Read some breathing space at 1-3. Now a little more relaxed followed some neat 'one twos', 'triangles', 'defence splitting passes' and flowing creating chances, allowed speedy striker Eddie Campbell-Baldwin to break free to calmly slide the ball under the out coming keeper.

An impressive team performance, and a great way to finish the first half of the football season.

Under 16s

GSAL – MRS SCHOLEFIELD SWAPS MAPS FOR THE FOOTBALL SIDELINE. The U16's had a few players missing but that didn't stop them putting in an impressive performance to kick start their season playing on the 4G pitch. With Mr Johnson ill, the coaching reins were handed over to Mrs Scholefield who tinkered with the tactics and gave her instructions to the boys. A closely fought game with very little separating the two sides, Harrison Fairhurst leading the front line got on the scoresheet first and then Cooper Smith's shot then deflected and made its way into the goal. GSAL got a late goal but only proved to be a consolation goal as the Read boys managed to hold on to notch a 2-1 win. MOTM – Phil Suddes. A great start to the season, well done boys and thanks to those parents who braved the abhorrent weather!

Fulneck – Fairhurst Rocket Not Enough – On Wednesday afternoon the under 16's hosted Fulneck in what was a close game, with very little separating the two teams. The first half saw chances for both teams but nor Read or Fulneck could break the deadlock; 0-0 at half time. The second half saw goals as both teams battled in blustery conditions. The pick of the second half was a superb goal from Harrison Fairhurst, with a rocket from outside the box on the half volley. A narrow 2-1 loss, but a good run out for the boys in preparation for the weekend's fixtures. After the game Mr Johnson said 'there were plenty of positives and despite the result we stuck to our task I thought. We have some work to do on shape, and decision making in certain moments of game. But we now welcome skipper Zach Lewis back into the squad and look forward to Saturday's game.'

Tranby House – Mrs Scholefield's U16 Green army earned a hard fought 2-3 victory, an impressive double from skipper Zach Lewis & a wonder strike from vice-captain Henry Holder. Typically when against the wind in the second half, it really picked up but credit to the boys who dug deep and hung on at the end. MOTM; Henry Holder.

A strong season of season of football had by all, particularly the unbeaten U14/U15 side.

Well done to all involved in playing, coaching, and of course cheering on in the rain, wind and occasional sunshine!

Mr J Matthews

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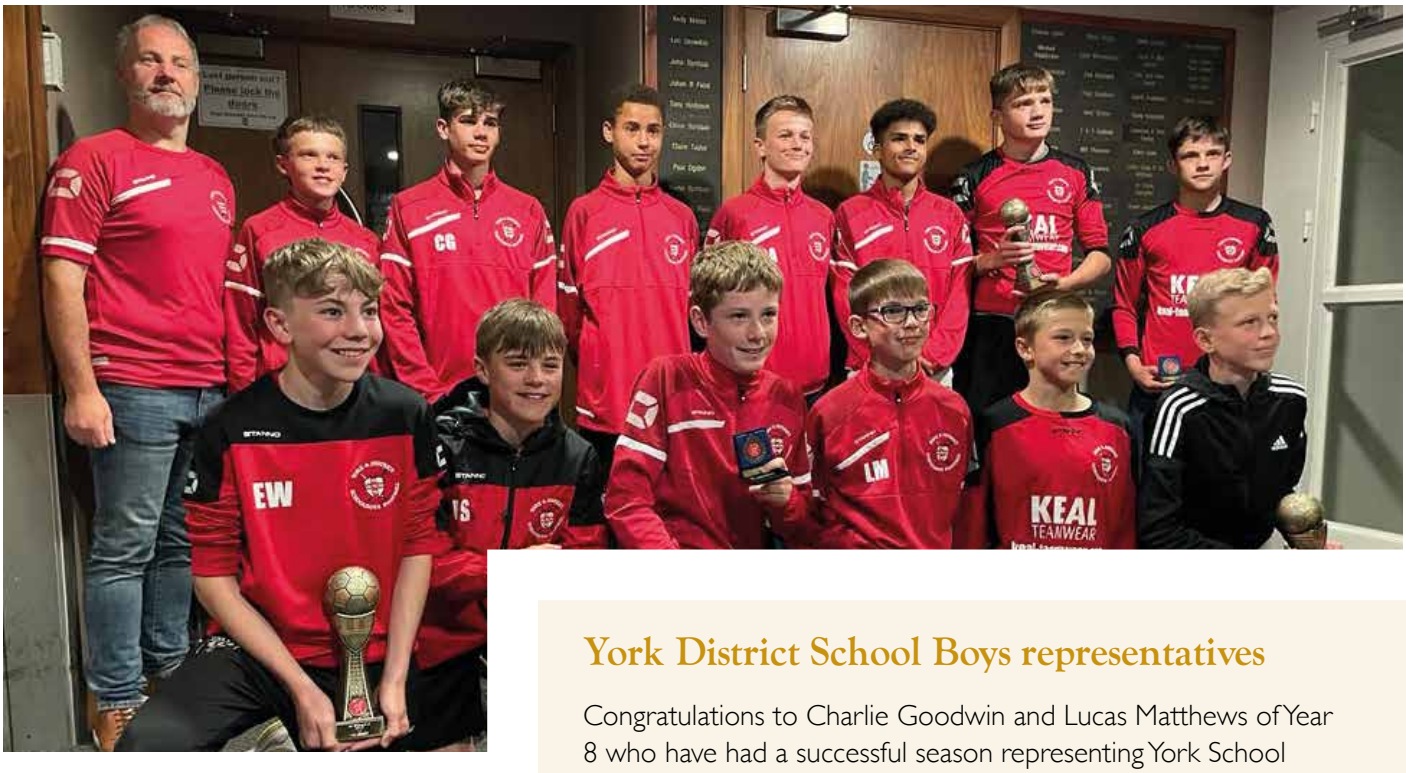
Football achievements

Yorkshire ISFA representatives

A big congratulations to Year 8 pupils Charlie Goodwin and Declan Corbally who were chosen to represent the Independent Schools FA Yorkshire and North East side in a Football Festival in Shrewsbury in April.

Following three successful trial sessions braving some chilly weather pleasingly they managed to secure their place in the squad. Other members of the year group also were invited to the very competitive trials also deserve a special mention; Liam Corbally, Lucas Matthews, Will Kelly & Oliver Worthington.

Charlie was notified that he has made the ISFA development squad which is another impressive achievement where he will continue his training at Harrow School during the summer holidays.



York District School Boys representatives

Congratulations to Charlie Goodwin and Lucas Matthews of Year 8 who have had a successful season representing York School Boys in a great squad in the 2021/2022 season.

Draxonian Sports teams

Cricket 1969 - '70

Age group from 12 / 13 to 15 including 1st, 2nd and 3rd years

Back row: Paul Ellerington (in uniform). Ian Rockliff. Charlie Reid, Jerry P Banyard, ? Winkfield, Mark Atkins. Mr Lonsdale (Penguin) – Latin & History Master

Front row: Shaun Brooke. Howard Langthorne. Paul Shutleworth. Paul Ellerington (brother of the other). David Pashley

Rugby 1970 - '71

Age group from 12 / 13 to 14 including 1st, 2nd years

Back row: Malcolm Haswell. Perry Austin-Clarke. Malcolm Wiles, Ian Rockliff, Ian Cundall. Malcolm Ross, Paul Thompson Paul Ellerington

Front row: ? Grant. Simon Harrison (father of Luke). Steven Blacker. David Timm. Shaun Brooke. Mark Atkins, Andy Shipman, Christopher Allen, Peter Holden

Rugby 1969 - '70

Age group from 12 / 13 to 15 including 15\ 2nd ' 3rd & 4th years

Back row: Mr (Dodo) King – Physics Master/ maybe Maths? Ian Cundall. Mark Atkins. ? Winkfield. Chris Dennis. Michael 'Munna' Britain. Selwyn Jones. Jerry Paul Banyard. Gordon 'Pugsley' Bruce. Michael Shwab.

Front row: Richard Bulmer, Ian Davidson, Paul Ellerington, David Timm. David Pashley (with the ball), Paul Shuttleworth. Shaun Brooke. Malcolm Ross and? Grant.

Senior Cricket

What a great season. It was a very busy one with, early morning indoor sessions, securing the valuable coaching of Stuart Guy, partnering up with Drax CC to use their outdoor nets and their wicket through the week, utilising our indoor nets, welcoming Selby CC captain and opening batsman Matty Hoyle, trip to Headingley for indoor netting with a Vitality blast 20/20 game, U13 tour to Norwich, U15 tour to Windermere and to finish off the season a fantastic Draxonians VS Select School XI match the evening before Commemoration Day. Below are a couple of write ups from each team's season.

Under 13s

Ackworth – Hosting Ackworth in a 20/20 style game, Read were put into bat first. The Read boys were patient in the early overs but then started to up the run rate – finishing with a solid 134 runs. A few notable scores L. Matthews 25 *, D. Corbally 25* and L. Corbally 19. It was a tough target for Ackworth and unfortunately for them the Read bowling attack were impressive along with some tight fielding limited the travelling side to very few runs. Skipper J. Wake realising it was a great opportunity to get plenty of the boys a few overs in. Some nice bowling throughout but the pick of the bowling was E. Jones who caused all sorts of problems and managed to scoop 2 wickets. Ackworth finished on 54 runs. A strong all round team performance – well done lads and thank you to the travelling supporters.

Fulneck – The U13s travelled to Fulneck for a 'test match special' in glorious sunshine on Tuesday. It was a great day and one of those days as a team where things just clicked with the batting, fielding and bowling! The morning and afternoon innings for Fulneck totted up to 137 runs for 19 wickets from 38 overs with some tight bowling and fielding from the Read boys; wickets going to D. Corbally, L. Matthews x2, C. Goodwin x2, B. Dillon x3, E. Jones x3, L. Corbally x3, H. Hodge x2, skipper J. Wake x3, an excellent catch from T. Haigh, J. Lindley turning his arm and H. Bodle's safe hands behind the stumps. The batting moved up a notch with Read clocking a massive 285 runs for 10 wickets from 40 overs including both D. Corbally and O. Worthington 50* not out, L. Matthews 34 and C. Goodwin16. Some impressive batting was on display. A cracking day with a convincing win, well done to all involved.

Under 15s

HillHouse – Punching above our weight again. The Year 9's started the cricket season in style on Tuesday afternoon. Competing in the ESCA U14 2022 tournament, it was nice to beat our neighbours HillHouse in the first round. HillHouse batted reasonably well first with 126-3, and then it was the turn of the Read boys to wield bats in hand. 127-3 from 17 overs was enough to secure the victory. Great result & nice performance.

Queen Ethelburgha's – The u15s continued their good form. Read batting first on a lively astro wicket , scoring 128 runs for 2 from 20 overs with both Jack and Harry Huddlestone retiring on 30 runs each. Read were always in control when QE were in bat with Will Payne swinging the ball nicely and then Toby Taperell getting an important wicket as their star batsman was just starting into his stride. George Breheney's outstanding catch in deep slip needs a mention too. QE finished on 110-9 to allow a convincing victory.

Skipper George Breheney saying 'I'm pleased with that performance but a couple of areas to work on before next week'

Ackworth – The travelling side went into bat first with their skipper struggling to cope with the swing from Will Payne, as Read got the important wicket from an outstanding catch by Jack Green. A strong bowling performance from the Drax boys with the pick of the wickets from Taperall x3, Green x3 and Tehan x2, limited them to only 42 runs. Read's batting innings was comfortable managing to get 44 - 4, with notable batting performances from George Baybut 22* and Will Kavanagh 16*. A comfortable win but the sportsmanship and conduct was exceptional from Read. Stand-in captain Jack Huddlestone seized the opportunity to share the bowling, mix up the batting order, helping some of the more inexperienced Ackworth boys and all with plenty of smiles.

Under 16s

Tranby & Lincoln Minster – The U16 boys were away at Tranby along with Lincoln Minster to play a triangular 6 aside tournament.

Whilst ducking in and out of the rain there was some nice cricket played in a competitive but jovial spirit. Throughout the afternoon, Andrew Payne bowling a great line, Harjit Singh scoring runs with the bat, Freddie Thomlinson busy in the field as well as some sharp bowling, Noah Athraby with a cat like performance as wicket keeper and Ollie Sugden getting back into the groove with both bat and ball.

A great afternoon and way to finish before getting into exam season.

Under 13's Cricket Tour to Norwich

The Read U13s, whose match performances and conduct for the weekend of their cricket tour away in North Norfolk was exemplary.

We started with our duo of matches against Beeston Hall School in the idyllic village of Sheringham.

After a poor batting display, we rallied with fantastic outfield and bowling performance to narrow the gap. Our tenacity paid dividends in the end with a well-earned victory snatched from the jaws of defeat. Time to rest on our laurels after the match, with a gentle promenade down into Sheringham town where we found the seafront waiting for us, along with bronze sand and the golden penumbra of the sun. The boys enjoyed a swim in the sea, followed by an ice cream at Renaldo's Parlour to round the night off.

Saturday dawned with a temperature even more scorchio than the previous one! 22 degrees with another match on the afternoon horizon: this time the larger Greshams School, an independent behemoth which took up most of the town of Holt. Another beautifully located forest school. This time the level of competition was up a notch as the locals went into bat first and led us a merry dance around the outfield, pushing out fours with reasonable frequency. Coupled with some lacklustre bowling from us, we made a rod for our own back and a total of 113 to chase for our twenty overs of batting.

It got pretty exciting and very closely competed in the end, as we acquitted ourselves well by only falling short of that total by 14 runs. A nail-biting finish in the end to a match which looked unsalvageable earlier.

The boys all looked dapper in their old-school tour caps, one of which was presented to the captains of the opposing teams we played. Our hosts were super pleased with the gifts and were also very gracious in their unanimous offer of asking us back for another tour in the future. The boys said they "loved their time away" and were a credit to the school with their behaviour, a fact pointed out by our host schools, along with the youth hostel's owner. Tired, somewhat burned by the sun, but happy, we made our way home on the Saturday evening to the welcoming arms of Yorkshire once more.

> "The boys were a credit to the school with their behaviour, a fact pointed out by our host schools, along with the youth hostel's owner."

Under 15's Cricket Tour to Windermere

The tour started when all the team arrived ready and enthusiastic for the eagerly anticipated tour. We set off in good spirits on a lovely morning ready for the matches ahead. However, there was a long drive first. After the long drive, the boys were ready and were presented with our new baggy green cap. We arrived at Windermere School and were warmly greeted, before we headed for lunch with them. After we were refuelled on fish and chips, we set off on our way to the ground. When we arrived, we were greeted with the stunning Ambleside CC ground with the picture perfect background. But it wasn't all good for Read, as we lost the toss on a green wicket in overcast conditions. The bad luck continued as opening batsman Will Payne was out early doors with the finest of edges on a lively wicket. However, some good recovering batting from George Breheney and Jack Huddlestone got Read to 46-1. This was before George was caught on 29 runs at point. Jack was soon to follow in his footsteps, being dismissed on 16. It was now the turn of George Baybut and Harry Huddlestone, who got off to fliers both hitting sixes and fours. After some destructive batting from the two of them they retired leaving Read in a good position, 116-3. With the innings coming to a close, the new batsmen, Will Kavanagh and Toby Taperell needed to be quick off the mark in scoring runs. With some great batting between them, they pulled Read up to 142-3 of their 20 overs. It was now the turn of Read to bowl, in light drizzle the chances came early. However, through bad luck and some questionable catching Windermere were 30-0 in 6 overs. The breakthrough was soon to come as Will Kavanagh took his first spin wicket sparking a mini-collapse. Windermere soon found themselves 43-3. However, some good batting from their captain allowed Windermere to crawl up to 100. With not long left and Windermere trying to chase the runs, they ended with 118-8. A great win for the boys. To relax, the boys headed into Bowness-on-Windermere where some fiercely competitive quick cricket took place. However, with the dark approaching we went back to get some rest ready for the day ahead.

The next day we took a short trip to Burneside cricket club. It was a nice sunny day, skipper George Breheney won the toss and elected to bowl first. Openers Will Payne and Jack Huddlestone bowled very tight which kept the home side's run rate low. After 20 overs the hosts set a score of 83 - 9. Opening batsman Alex Worthington and Will Tehan keen to get another win to continue our unbeaten streak. Alex Worthington was dismissed early and Jack Mustill came in at 3. Jack Mustill stayed in for a while before he was caught. Eddie Campbell-Baldwin came in at 4 with a quick 30 before retiring. Will Payne came in next with a powerful quick-fire 16 runs. Will Kavangh came in at 6 and saw the innings out for the travelling Read boys which continued their unbeaten streak. After all the fantastic cricket that was played, we then headed to Windermere Lake for some land teambuilding and then on the lake for kayaking and paddle boarding, which the boys enjoyed after two days of hard work. A fantastic weekend was had by the squad, and thank you to Mr Matthews and Mr Johnson for making it all happen

By George Breheney and Jack Huddlestone

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Draxonian *Cricket*

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Friday 1st July 2022

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Draxonians skipper, Sugden elected his team to bat first where they notched 143 runs including some impressive scores/batting particularly from Torn x2, Thornton and Bingle. The School XI's captain H. Singh & vice S. Guy rallied the troops reassuring them that it was an achievable target. Some clever batting and shot selection from the youngsters kept the opposition moving around in the field whilst keeping an eye on the run rate. Everyone certainly played their part along with some strong scores from G. Breheney & Huddlestone's x2 meant it went down to the last ball of the game.....Some clever running from J. Mustill & B. White allowed the youngsters to sneak the win much to the delight of the crowd! Special thanks to Kevin Weston for his excellent umpiring

A fantastic evening of cricket played in brilliant spirit. Thank you to all involved

Draxonians; L. Sugden (C), A. Thornton (VC), J. Bingle, H. Woodhall, M. Torn, W. Mclaughlan, E. Woodhall, O. Sugden, H. Torn (WK), A. Chapman, M. Harrison.

School XI; H. Singh (C), S. Guy (VC), G. Breheney, W. Payne, H. Huddlestone (WK), J. Mustill, J. Huddlestone, T. Taperall, O. Sugden, B. White, A. Worthington.

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Upper Junior School Girls' Sport

> Sport plays a huge part in Upper Junior School, inspiring and motivating our children and developing their confidence and self-belief.

Like the boys, the girls have many opportunities to engage in physical activity and develop skills. In addition to our timetabled PE and Games lessons, a variety of After School Sports Clubs run throughout the year. We find the children are so passionate about their sport that most children take it upon themselves to organise their own team games at break times. This is very much supported in Junior School, giving the children valuable opportunities to build relationships and develop their ability to cooperate and share, as well as their resilience. Often, impromptu extra training sessions take place as our enthusiastic pupils involve us equally enthusiastic Junior School Teachers. An ideal opportunity to develop technical ability and

an understanding of rules in an enjoyable, informal environment. Be it netball, football, cricket or another sport of their choice, the children have fun and hone their technical and teamwork skills.

Throughout the year, the girls have had the opportunity to participate in a range of sports with the main focus of Games lessons on hockey, netball and rounders. Engaging in these sports, in addition to providing physical fitness, has given every girl in Upper Junior School, the chance to compete in a competitive fixture, which they have relished. In addition to improving technical ability, the girls have developed a close bond and important life skills – consideration, empathy and positivity in abundance. Of course, achieving these admirable traits is accessible when your 'team is on top'. It is a fact, both the U9 and U11 Teams have enjoyed a huge amount of success, winning the majority of their matches. A fantastic achievement!

At the start of the year, the girls embarked on a super season of hockey, Our youngest girls, Constance Mathews and Tara Hughes of Year 3 'hit the ground running' as they only started learning to play hockey, at the start of September 2021. Both girls worked hard to learn the skills and rules and have shown confidence and determination beyond their years as they have competed with the older girls. Some of the Year 4 girls were particularly busy as they not only took part in their own U9 fixtures but also 'played up' as part of the U11 squad. This provided the girls with lots of match experience

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which in turn gave them further opportunity to practise their skills and develop their confidence. Well done to Jess Platt, Lizzie Dean and Chloe Baker for their energy and enthusiasm throughout the season.

The Year 6 girls have made huge progress throughout their time in Upper Junior School and it was pleasing to see them compete in some very competitive hockey fixtures. Farrah Barker and Pippa Butler have proved to be determined and versatile players, swapping from defence to midfield regularly. Isabelle Haigh and Lottie Raby, did a superb job in the nets – saving many more than they let in. The Year 6 girls are excellent role models for our younger squad and can always be relied upon to lend a helping hand or words of advice to the younger girls.

In Upper Junior School, netball training runs throughout the year and it is therefore no surprise Read girls do so well at this sport. This year was no exception. The girls completed their competitive season with great composure and professionalism, with many wins under their belt. In fact, such was the level of skill and enthusiasm, we managed to put out two strong U11 Teams, on most occasions. In the U11 camp, strong defending from Georgina Needham, Emma Jackson, Emily Metcalfe, Gracie Dukes and Elizabeth Kay closed down many an attacking opportunity for the opposing teams. Accurate shooting from Farrah Barker, Pippa Butler, Isabelle Haigh and Maddie Barker combined with superb centre court play from Sophie Winfield, Lottie Raby and Madeline Taylor meant the girls were almost unstoppable.

It was the same success story for the younger girls with fantastic netball performances both home

and away. A special mention to the new recruits, Charlotte Medlock and Mia Holder, who with very little experience of the game, participated wholeheartedly. Also, a mention to Thea Dempsey, Angela Jiang and Freya Mann, who should all be applauded for the excellent progress they have made. The U9s are certainly a committed and determined bunch of young ladies with lots of potential. I look forward with excitement to see what they can achieve as they make the transition into an U11 squad.

Spring turned to summer and we found ourselves in the midst of a sunny season of rounders with lots of superb results for all the girls. In fact, it wasn't only rounders this season but cricket as well, with the girls enjoying a number of competitive fixtures.

In rounders, the U9/10 girls proved they could 'hold their own' against tough competition as they 'stepped up' regularly to compete with the older Read girls, in U11 matches, in addition to competing in their own fixtures. We saw accurate and varied bowling from Jessica Platt for the U9 Team whilst Emma Jackson made it very difficult for the opposition with her lightning speed, spin bowling. Well done to both girls for 'keeping their cool' under pressure. Isabelle Haigh and Elizabeth Kay made a great partnership as backstop and first base and there were some excellent rounders scored with some consistently good batting from Pippa Butler, Farrah Barker and Sophie Winfield. The girls went from strength to strength and demonstrated excellent progress throughout the rounders season.

I am extremely pleased with the achievement of the U9 and U11 Girls' Junior Sports Teams, in all areas. The girls are competitive and want to win and always give one hundred per cent effort whether they are in action on the pitch or supporting on the side line. The girls have regularly received compliments from other schools for their 'sporting behaviour' towards their competitors and for their respect and consideration towards the umpires. Their sportsmanship, behaviour and manners are always excellent whether we are hosting a match at home or visiting other schools. I am very proud of each and every one of them for the progress they have made, individually and as a team. The girls' commitment, enthusiasm and passion for their sport is to be applauded.

Mrs Campbell

Hockey Season

The hockey season has seen some excellent results and we continue to perform well against much larger schools. The younger age groups have taken time to develop as a team and are now working well and understanding their position on the pitch. The older teams have more experienced players who create depth of strength through the team. Some of the players summarise the season for their team below:

Under 12s

When we first came back to school we started off in the hockey season. Most of us had not played hockey before so it was very new to many. After a strong two weeks and a lot of training and helping others, we had our first two matches of the season. We had a lot of training lessons and we have learned a lot of new skills along the way and are now playing as a team and winning matches. One of our key matches was when we played against Scarborough college and it was raining. Once we had warmed up we started to play our match and it was going really well. We were winning at first and we kept strong in the second half but Scarborough College managed to win by just one goal.

Lucy Platt

> **"Being part of a team is something I enjoy because you can play competitively while still learning and having fun."**

Coach's player of the season:
Matilda Wormald/Grace Taperell

Most improved player:
Ruby Burnell

Under 13s

I have really enjoyed this year's hockey season as I felt it was probably one of our most successful seasons so far. Being part of a team is something I enjoy because you can play competitively while still learning and having fun. I feel our group feedback after matches have helped us massively as a team and given some of us the confidence boost we needed.

Some of our matches were against much larger schools, such as Scarborough college and Terrington school. Playing in away matches can always be a little harder, as you are in unfamiliar surroundings and the opposite team has the home advantage. However, once the game starts we all come together as a team to give it our all, as a match is not about how skilful a player is, but about how they work as a team.

I am looking forward to what the next season brings.

Neve Addinall

Coach's player of the season:
Neve Addinall

Most improved player :
Alexa Harker

Under 14s

The Year nine team have fiercely fought, and put an incredible amount of effort, into every single hockey match and tournament. This determination was reflected in our nearly unbeaten winning streak.

One of the most memorable hockey matches the Year nine's played was the one against Pocklington School. The moment our team stepped on the hockey pitch, we were instantly strong and indestructible. Our formation was simple, yet effective, with Marianne in goal, and a super strong defence consisting of Tyla and Sophie with Neve and Sam supporting. Similarly, we had a really reliable and successful midfield (Emma, Freya and I, with Izzy upfront).

As soon as the whistle started to blow, the midfield glided down the pitch effortlessly and immediately scored after only a few minutes! The lead only grew more, distancing ourselves from Pocklington, as more goals were scored, saved and suppressed. Read school ended up winning by quite a big difference. We won against a much bigger school through our camaraderie, team spirit and support for each other.

Evelyn Crompton

Coach's player of the season:
Evelyn Crompton

Most improved player:
Phoebe Hutchinson

Under 15s

The U15 girls had a strong hockey season. We battled through all of our tough competitive games and we managed to continue through the season, keeping our heads up high, and we came out with some rewarding victories. The highlight match was our final fixture against Scarborough College away, we had to do our best to ignore the cold and the rain which played as an extra obstacle in our tough game, but we all worked exhaustingly hard and in the end we came out on top with a 1-0 victory.

Mary Couch

Coach's player of the season:
Mary Couch

Most improved player:
Evie Garrard

1st

The 1st team had a very mixed hockey season due to playing together for the first time in two years because of Covid and a few girls being new to hockey. By the end of the season the team had improved massively and learned to play together, even winning a few of our last matches. A memorable match was against Ackworth School resulting in a 3-0 victory for the us. The player of the match went to Emily Crossley, who played incredibly in goal, saving many shots from the other team. This was our last match of the season and it had really shown how far we had come as a team, with even the girls who had never played before the start of the season, making some excellent tackles and passes that lead to goals. We look forward to the next season of hockey where we can build on the skills we learned last season and hopefully this will lead to more victories!

Lexie Maw

Coach's player of the season
Charlotte Fildes

Most improved player
Lily Handforth

Yorkshire School Cross Country Competition

Read School pupils were on top form in the Yorkshire School Cross Country Competition in fresh conditions but luckily with the sun was out offering a little warmth. Read were competing against 13 other schools, in a fiercely competitive event with large races of up to 100 pupils. Once again, Read punched well above their weight performance wise, but also to note their conduct whilst representing the school was impeccable. The Read squad's level of effort & overall performance was very impressive. Brilliant work by all, with some stand out results.

Mr Matthews

Year 7 girls:
Aimee Keefe in 1st place

Junior boys:
Charlie Goodwin in 17th place.

Junior girls:
Freya Clayton in 16th place.

Inter girls:
Ella Frost in 11th place.

Inter boys:
Luke Watts in 13th place.

Cross Country at *Terrington Hall*

"An excellent afternoon from Team Read."

Read Cross Country

The U9, U11 & U13 runners were in action on in February on a Monday afternoon at the annual Terrington Cross Country Competition over the Howardian Hills.

All 33 Read runners completed the undulating and muddy course!

A great effort by all, but the top performers:

U9 boys – Seb Winfield 26th

U11 girls – Emma Jackson 4th & Georgina Needham 7th

U11 boys – Harry Wake 28th

U13 girls – Aimee Keefe 1st & Cazia Martin

U13 boys – Charlie Goodwin 9th

Netball Season

We have had five teams in the netball season across senior school; including U12, U13, U14, U15 and 1st teams. They have all made impressive progress throughout the term and their improvements have been evident on the court in competitive games.

Under 12's

The U12 girls have had some newcomers to the sport and so we have taken time to gel and towards the latter part of the season, they became quite a cohesive team. We now need to build upon this moving into their second year of playing together. Ruby Boldan summarises the season:

As with hockey, a lot of our girls had not played netball before and we were often playing against teams with more experienced players. At the end of January we played The Mount. The first half of the match was very strong but their experience just got the better of us resulting in a final score of 4-8 to The Mount. We had learned a lot from the game ensuring all players were marked and being aware of our teammate's position.

When our next fixture against Silcoates came, we had improved with better passing and tactical awareness, we only just missed out on a win.

In March we played Brayton Academy and the hard work in training paid off. We had started to come together as a team with some really strong performances from both experienced and new players. Well done to the year seven girls for their hard work and dedication in true Read style.

Coach's player of the season:
Ruby Boldan/Grace Wilson

Most improved player:
Indy Clowes

It was a very tough match with each side showing good defence and tactics. However there could only be one winner – us!!! "

Under 13's

The U13 girls have formed some solid strength within their team. They are competitive and have the drive to do well, and this culminated in some lovely netball performances, particularly their victory against Rishworth School. Scarlett Waugh writes:

In my opinion, the Netball season was the most fun fixtures we have had. I think this is because, we have played against many different teams, whether win or lose, we always try our best as a team and work really hard to support each other. Netball

is a sport I feel is always enjoyable, and something I always try my best in. I love playing with all my teammates as we all work so well together and never give up. One of our first games was one of our most successful, it was against Rishworth School and we won 13-5. We played many matches, and had wins but some losses. However, we know that if we continue to train hard, our seasons will get better and better.

Coach's player of the season:
Darcey Kidd

Under 14's

The U14's have been unbeaten at netball for four years. They continued their winning streak throughout the season, but were knocked from their pedestal against Ackworth School when they pulled off a goal in the final seconds – beating us by one goal. Despite this, they remain a formidable team of girls. Marianne Brumfield writes:

The Read girls started the netball season off with a bang, by winning our first match against Rishworth School (18-9). Our luck only continued on from there as we went on to win the following matches against Hill House School, The Mount, Tranby, Silcoates, Brayton and Scarborough. Until, the final game of the season against Ackworth. It was a nail biting match as each team remained strong and smoothly transitioned the ball down each end of the court. Unfortunately for Read we lost, putting an end to our four year unbeaten netball streak.

Coach's player of the season
Marianne Brumfield

Under 15's

The U15 team has had a smaller amount of girls to work with and there has been some impact of availability on their team performance. The netball season saw some impressive wins against schools that are much bigger than Read. Albeit, we continue to hold our own and have shown some impressive match play. Evie Garrard sums up the season:

The U15 girls have had a very good netball season. We have had some strong players this term who have had to compete against many tough teams. Numerous wins have been experienced and a few close losses have occurred. We played Scarborough College for our penultimate game and were really pleased with a 10-7 victory. Another impressive victory was against The Mount School where we won 17-6. Some matches have been played in cold and windy conditions with challenging opposing teams but we managed to fight through with our heads held high and we came out with excellent results at times. We have travelled to lots of new schools and played people we have never heard off. Overall, the netball season has been successful and very enjoyable.

Coach's player of the season
Evie Garrard

1st

The 2022 netball season saw the Read School 1st team having to up their game and come face to face with the likes of many strong netball squads. Although this was the very first competitive match play in two years for us, we quickly came together as a well, gelled team.

With each fixture played, the Read girls were able to trial and develop tactical set plays along with experimenting with a variety of positions. This allowed us to settle into a much improved style of playing as the season progressed. Despite the tough competition, the 1st team should be proud of what was achieved by everybody as individual players and also as a team. We can look forward to going into next year's season having gained vital experience that will help us to improve our game even further. Well played girls.

Isobel Campbell-Baldwin

Coach's player of the season
Lexie Maw/Isobel Campbell-Baldwin

Year 9 & 10 Netball Tour

In May Mrs Hutchinson and I, headed off to Boreatton Park to take part in the PGL netball tournament. It is the first year we have taken these year groups as we have previously travelled in March, but May was a bit too close for our 1st Team to play with their impending examinations. We left at lunchtime on Friday 6th May and joined the traffic on the M62. It was a long journey across to Shropshire, but we were entertained by the singing and seated dancing. On Friday night, we were shown around and given some dinner before the activities started. There were several activities that the girls took part in over the weekend. We had some fun games in the evening, and during the day they could do zip wiring, big swing, climbing, abseiling, archery, and shooting. These activities all took place when the girls were not involved in the netball matches which ran all day Saturday and Sunday. There were many schools at the competition, including Etone College, Woodhouse Grove, Nicholas Chamberlaine, Thomas Telford, Jane Austen, Red House School, and Urmston Grammar, to name a few. The girls were teamed up for eating times with Urmston Grammar and so they quickly formed a strong alliance over their pizza, and we became a determined force to be reckoned with. We might as well have been renamed 'Readston' due to their encouragement and support of one another. Unfortunately, Marianne Brumfield ended up landing awkwardly in the first match and needed to be checked at hospital. The girls fought on whilst she was away and there were some mixed results in the group matches. Nevertheless, we had qualified for the semi-finals in both age groups and so the girls were on cloud nine. On the Sunday the U15's played some lovely netball but were defeated, putting them into a rather impressive third place overall. The U14's were the last team standing and they played netball that I have never seen! Such composure, determination, and skill. They smoothly got into the final where they were up against a team who on paper they would struggle to beat. In true Read style, we were not interested in the statistics and instead went on court and played our socks off. They finished as champions! What an amazing result.

U14's – 1st place

U15's – third place

Well done to the following girls for their effort and behaviour over such an enjoyable weekend.

Isabel Addinall, Freya Clayton, Evelyn Crompton, Emma Fildes, Zoe Suddes, Marianne Brumfield, Phoebe Hutchinson, Samantha Lowes, Sophie Chamberlain, Ella Frost, Lucy Pilkington, Millie Smith, Lucie Ward, Mary Couch, Evie Garrard.

Mrs Prosser

The team captains write a brief summary of their experience:

Under 14s

The u14 girls travelled down to Shropshire to compete in the PGL netball tour on the 6th May. There were a few tough matches and a trip to hospital, however that didn't matter when the Read girls got into the semi finals. It was a match that demonstrated our pure skill and determination which saw us move into the final against Etone College. It was a very tough match with each side showing good defence and tactics. However there could only be one winner. Read school U14 girls. We would have never been this successful without the ongoing and everlasting support from our loyal teachers, Mrs Prosser and Miss Hutchinson. For that we are truly grateful.

Marianne Brumfield

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Under 15s

In May the U15 girls travelled all the way to Shropshire to take part in a netball tournament. We had a packed day on Saturday with six matches. We had a fairly rough start with a loss, but we managed to win our next four matches. However, we sadly lost our final one of the day which we thought meant we were out of the competition. At this point we all felt defeated as we thought our journey was over. However, the next morning we found out we got through to the semi finals. Before the big game we were able to experience some of the activities that the place had to offer. The big swing was my personal favourite because even though it was terrifying, it was a lot of fun. Later that day, we battled a team in the semi finals and sadly did not make it through but we still finished in 3rd place which was really good. We had an amazing weekend with a lot of great netball being played. It was really enjoyable and we cannot wait to return next year to fight for 1st place.

Mary Couch

Rounders

It has been a superb term of rounders for all of the teams. The progress that has been made is very evident and it has been obvious in our results against other schools.

As always, we play much larger schools and these fixtures are against A teams on all occasions. One impressive fact is that we were unbeaten across all age groups in the second half of the summer term. We played schools such as The Mount School, Ackworth School, Brayton Academy, Tranby School, The Grammar School at Leeds (GSAL), St Peters and Scarborough College. The girls have been outstanding in terms of their commitment, sportsmanship and enthusiasm to learn. Below are a few highlights of the season for the teams, written by one of their team members.

Under 12s

When we started the summer term it was the rounders season, we started off with lots of new people and we needed lots of practice, but we have worked hard and now we are a strong team with 13 girls and 9 of us playing weekly. We have had some great matches ending in wins and some close loses. Our first match we had a great win against The Mount school we got 13.5 and they got 5.5. No matter if we win or we lose we always walk away with a smile on our faces and get ready for our next match. A highlight of the season was a match against GSAL where we won 17-12. It was also great that we were unbeaten in the second half term and in our return fixture against The Mount, we extended our lead to win 19 - 9.5. The team were particularly on form at Ackworth School culminating in another victory; 13.5 - 7.5. Another victory against Tranby School 13 - 6, has shown how well we have played. We have worked so well as a team and our fielding has improved significantly since the beginning of the season. Overall, I think we did great as a team this rounders season, we improved lots and will do even better next time.

Matilda Wormald

Coach's player of the season:
Lucy Platt/Jennifer Walmsley

Most improved player:
Aimee Keefe/Lucy Thomson

Under 13s

After Easter we switched to rounders for summer term sports. Everyone was excited to play in warmer weather and hopefully hit some big scores. Our first match was on home ground against The Mount school. It was a high scoring match resulting in a draw and a good start to the season (with lots of supporters cheering us on). Tia was named player of the match after some great fielding and hitting some impressive rounders. Our next match was away against Scarborough College. We made a long trip to the seaside town but did not manage a win. That said, we took some good feedback from the Scarborough teacher who said that we had fielded well. I was personally happy to be named player of the match. One of our turning points was against Brayton Academy where we were really closely matched and they only needed to score five rounders in the second innings to beat us. We all played so well, getting numerous players out and securing victory with just a rounder and a half difference. We were all really pleased to have pulled off the win and believed it was the start of a winning streak for the rest of the season. This seemed to be the case and we went into the second half term beating Ackworth School and The Mount School. We really gelled as a team.

Lucy Butler

Most improved player:
Lucy Baybut

Coach's player of the season:
Lucy Butler/Evanna MacMillan

> **No matter if we win or we lose we always walk away with a smile on our faces."**

Under 14s

Beat ackworth and The Mount (previously drew with Mount)

For the first match of the rounders season, the U14 girls had a challenging and competitive game against The Mount school. With Read winning the toss we decided to field first. Thanks to our quick fielding and hard work on second and fourth base, we managed to get a number of the opposition out and keep their scoring to a minimum. It was now Read's turn to bat and because of our big hitters we were able to score enough rounders to break away from The Mount, putting them under pressure for the next innings. Once again it was our turn to field, good communication between all the players enabled us to keep the score low. Although we were only just at the start of term, our batting performance was strong, with Read claiming our first victory. From here, we progressed to a winning rest of the half term, beating The Mount School 16 -14 and Brayton Academy convincingly. We even turned our hand to some tennis and we pulled off an incredible 52-20 win.

Freya Clayton

Most improved player:
Phoebe Hutchinson

Coach's player of the season –
Emma Fildes/Freya Clayton

Under 15s

At the start of the rounders season Mrs Prosser and Miss Hutchinson set us off to a strong start in our games lessons, practising all of our fielding and batting skills after the long three terms away. Mrs Prosser gave us different places on the field to find where we worked best, giving new opportunities and finding our strengths and weaknesses. New girls were added to our team, learning a sport they had never done before and this was a success making Read's school team even stronger. When playing against GSAL, they didn't make it easy for us to show off our best qualities, putting up a fight but going on to win made the Read school girls leave with a smile. We then continued a winning streak with victory over Ackworth School 20 - 16.5 and The Mount school 16 - 14, who we had previously lost to at the start of term. It really shows the progress we have made.

Millie Smith

Most improved player:
Evie Garrard/Verity Haigh

Coach's player
Mary Couch/Millie Smith

As usual, we finished very strong. I look forward to seeing what the Autumn term brings.

Mrs Prosser

Senior Sports Day

The sun was shining on Wednesday 29th June 2022 for our Senior School Sports Day.

We had our traditional track and field events, but with the additional adapted version of activities we introduced during Covid. This allowed the pupils to showcase their tennis, table-tennis, badminton and rounders skills so there was something for everyone. There were some outstanding performances skill and fitness wise, in addition to scenes of kindness, support and determination.

However, in the end the final results concluded with Unicorn on top, Phoenix closely behind, and Dragon in third place on this occasion. Well done to all of the pupils for their effort, and also to the spectators and staff for their encouragement and contributions.

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Table Tennis

House Table Tennis Knockout Tournament

House Coordinator Freddie Thomlinson along with his team of House Captains, back in a orchestrated two House Table Tennis Knockout tournaments which were fiercely contested with some impressive performances on show.

KS3 saw in the semi finals Declan Corbally (Dragon) defeat Harry Huddlestone (Unicorn) & Oliver Worthington (Unicorn) defeat Hack Huddlestone (Unicorn).....

An unbelievably close final saw Oliver Worthington of Unicorn just pip Declan Corbally (D) 11 - 9 in the deciding game.

KS4 was equally impressive with Oliver Sugden (Dragon) defeating Andrew Payne (Unicorn) & Sophie Marshman (Dragon) defeating Zach Lewis (Phoenix).....

An exciting final saw Sophie Marshman of Dragon just pip Oliver Sugden (Dragon).

Well done to all who joined in and represented their house, and especially the high level of table tennis on show!

PE Department

Year 11 Guard of Honour

On 23rd June our Year 11's like similar pupils across the country, finished their last GCSE exam.

Not only was this a five week marathon of exams but this Year 11 'Covid' cohort who have been taught online through two lockdowns was the first one in two years to take GCSEs. We are so proud of every single pupil for the resilience, determination and good humour they have shown throughout. To mark the occasion and as their send off, Year 11 pupils received a guard of honour from staff and pupils today before tucking into well-deserved pastries and hot chocolate. Well done to all and we share your relief that GCSEs are over. Congratulations Class of 2022!

End of year Rewards trip

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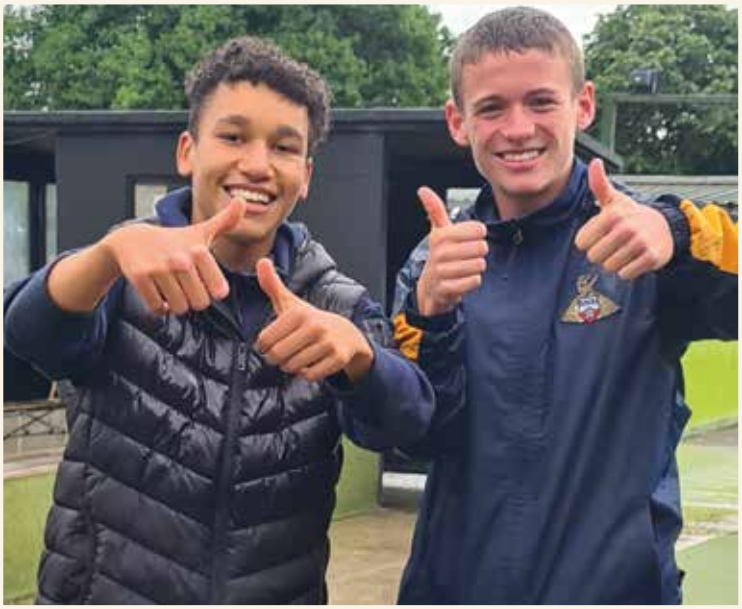


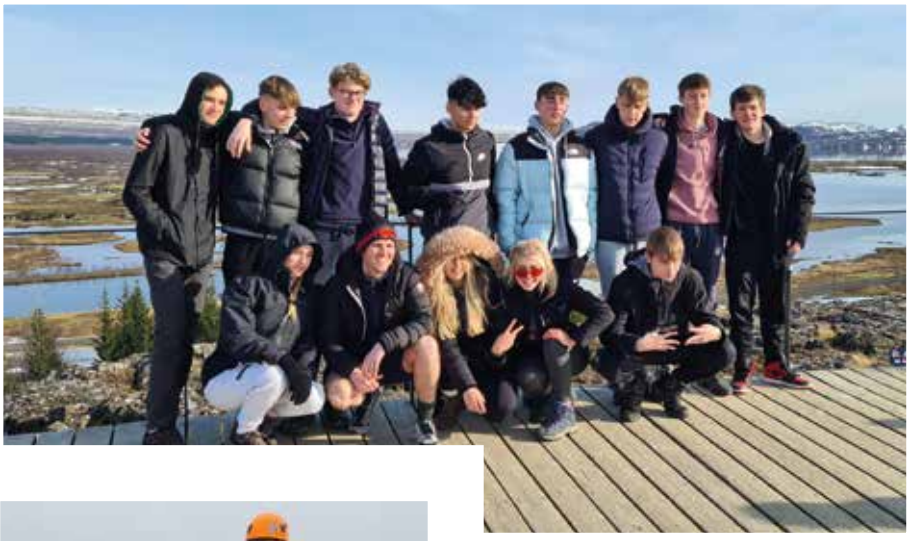
Year 9

Lightwater Valley

Year 9 pupils enjoyed an end of term rewards trip to Lightwater Valley.

Read in *Iceland*

Forty eight pupils and six staff travelled to Iceland at Easter for a long awaited educational visit, our first since February 2020! The breathtaking itinerary included:



Day 1:

First on the agenda was the Reykjanes Peninsula, where the group visiting the bridge between Continents....then swiftly on to the Reykjanes lighthouse , Gunnuhuver hot springs, Brimketill (Lava rock pool), the Seltun Thermal area in Krysuvik, Grindavik for lunch with an endless amount of pizza. Then before heading to the hotel we enjoyed Lava Tubing at the Lava Tunnel in Raufarholshellir to finish off a busy afternoon.

Day 2:

A quick breakfast then straight to Kerio Crater, then onto the much anticipated Secret Lagoon for a dip, moving on to the Strokkur Geyser to have a spot of lunch at the Geysir Centre. Then moving onto the magnificent Gullfoss waterfall and finally to the Thingvellir National Park exploring Almannagja which is the greatest rift between the European and North American Plates! Finishing with an evening of games and quizzes. A brilliant day seeing some breathtaking scenery in perfect weather.

Day 3:

The day kicked off with whale watching and what a fantastic experience that was! First sighting was a pod of harbour porpoises, followed by a brief glimpse of the Minke whale and for the finale it was a majestic performance from a hump back whale!

Then on to the Perlan centre for the Wonders of Iceland, Glacier and Ice Cave Exhibition.

We then had a bus tour of Reykjavik, followed by a walk through the town. Despite an exciting late night with the sky initially showing potential.....the clouds unfortunately put a stop to the eagerly anticipated Northern Lights but an early morning get up was required in preparation for another action packed day.

Day 4

It was a very early start today; much to the delight of the group and Mr Voisey!

Straight to the Lava Centre for a spot of interactive Geography, including a rooftop view of 4 volcanoes. We then donned our crampons with ice-picks in hand to hike the spectacular Solheimjokull Glacier..... wow. A bite to eat then onto a tour of the South shore seeing the magnificent waterfalls of Skogafoss & Seljalandsfoss, as well the 'Black beach' of Reynisfjara to view Dyrholaey Arch. A busy but fantastic day!

Unfortunately – as they say – all good things must come to end. What a superb experience with some impressive lifetime memories shared by all. Thank you to the pupils who were an absolute credit to Read throughout the trip, the parents for all their support to make it happen and of course Mrs Scholefield for her colossal effort to coordinate such an impressive school trip. Roll on the next one!

Mr J Matthews

Boarding at Read

In 2022 the Boarders' common room and girls' rooms received a long-awaited makeover.

Next up: boys' boarding!

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The boarding pupils absolutely fell in love with Starlight from The Wonkey Donkey visitors centre, and we all contributed to adopt her for a whole year.”

Read School ladies Netball team

Read School Netball Team, formed in 2012, is celebrating its 10th birthday this year!

The team is currently made up of past and current pupils, staff, and friends and family of Read School. We started our competitive netball journey, 10 years ago, in Division 7 of the North Yorkshire County Netball League (it was a criteria that all newly formed teams joined the lowest division). However, year in and year out, we managed to successfully climb up the division ladder until we found ourselves in Division 2.

With each match, we grew stronger as a team, and reaching the dizzy heights of Division 1 was well within our reach. That was until the pandemic hit in 2020, forcing all competitive netball to come to a halt. After what seemed like an eternity for us netball enthusiasts, in September 2021, we received exciting news from the North Yorkshire County Netball League Committee that the season would be restarting without Covid protocols and we could finally return to the game we all know and love! After 18 months without netball, the team was both nervous and excited to begin the 2021/2022 season. It was a tough start, we faced some strong teams early on and struggled to gain momentum, and we therefore suffered a few losses in the first half of the season.

Despite the slow start, after the Christmas break, Read School Ladies were ready and raring to go and secured four victories in close succession. This included a 55 v 45 win against York RI (a well-established club with six teams in the league). We performed consistently well throughout the second half of the season and held our own against the strong Division 2 teams. We won our final match, against York City Cannons, with a score of 47 v 40. This resulted in us finishing in the top half of the league table – a great accomplishment for us! Having successfully retained our position in Division 2, we are now striving to build on this success and gain promotion to Division 1, next season. This is of course our ultimate goal- watch this space!

After our valiant performance in the North Yorkshire County Netball League, as Captain, I was approached by a Division 1 coach who wanted to formally invite Read School Ladies to compete in a summer league, specifically for Division1 teams, because she was so impressed with us. We had made our mark! The matches were tough but we gained

valuable experience and in true Read School fashion, played some of our very best netball.

It is with much pride and pleasure that I have been able to welcome new additions to our team this year. Isobel Campbell-Baldwin (Y12) and Mary Couch (Y10). Both girls started their netball careers back in Read Junior School and it is wonderful to observe the skilful and dedicated players they have become. I am happy to announce that both girls will become permanent members of the squad for the upcoming netball season in September 2022.

Netball is an extremely enjoyable sport and is becoming more and more popular. If there are any parents or past pupils who would like to be involved with the Read School Ladies Netball Team or would like any further information, please contact Alice Campbell-Wood on 07484703666.

Alice Campbell-Wood.

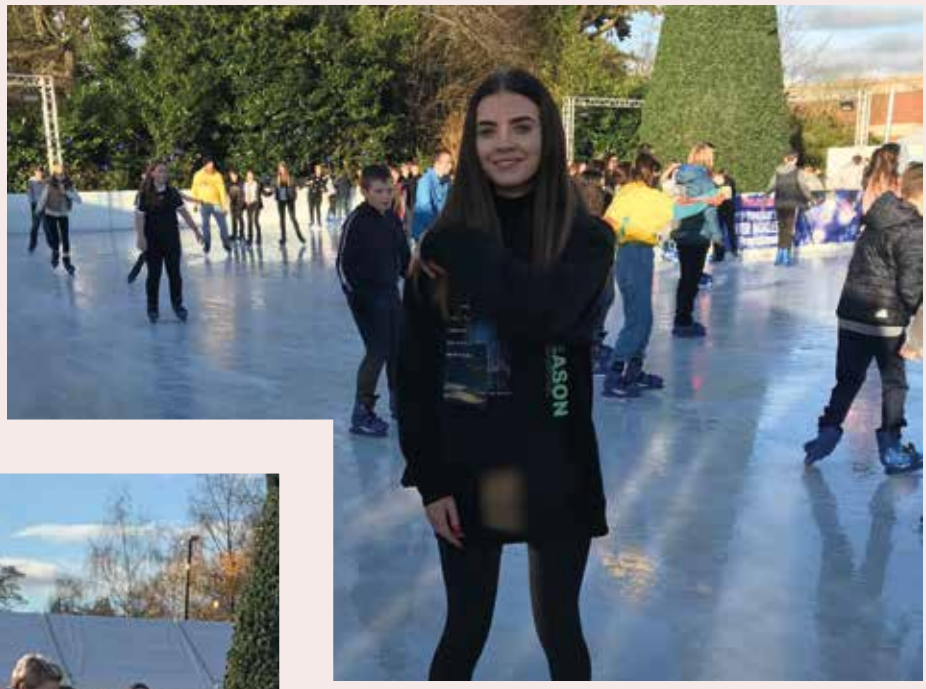
Ten years of Read School Ladies Netball.

The photos shows past and present members of the team.

Current members of Read School Ladies Netball Team include: *Alice Campbell-Wood, Isobel Campbell-Baldwin, Sue Prosser, Isla Macpherson, Ellen Chantry, Jackie Eccles, Nikki Newsom, Jazmine Hutchinson, Sara Scholefield, Bryony Chapman, Mary Couch, Clare Harrison.*

Sixth Form
Christmas Activity day

A wonderful day was planned at the end of the Autumn term in December 21. The students embarked on a trip to the Designer outlet to have time to complete Christmas shopping and then take part in ice-skating. Lunch was then organised through Pizza Express so the whole team could relax and enjoy the celebrations.



End of year team building and Activity day for Sixth Form.

On Thursday 28th June the whole of Sixth form took part in the last activity day planned for this academic year. The group set off on two school buses firstly to York go Karting centre at Monks cross. They enjoyed racing each other once they were split into two main groups. The competitiveness was really noticeable between the students.

Overall Charlie Nicholson took the title as the fastest with Jake Sowden coming in second and Connor Shields third. The students absolutely loved the challenge and fun was had by all.

We then moved on to Allerthorpe water park to enjoy a shared picnic, all students families contributed to the picnic and we enjoyed the lunch session under cover provided by the owners of the water park due to weather conditions.

Once the rain subsided the group participated in the water sports enjoying the activity centre of slides and total wipe out challenges. They could also enjoy paddle boarding or kayaking if they so desired. The day was a great success and a lovely way to end the time in the sixth form centre.

Sixth Form

Tembé visit

Sixth Form pupil Estelle organised for the Business studies students to go and visit her Step father's business in Doncaster. The trip consisted of a tour of the unit and an understanding of how the business was formed and how it has diversified over the years.

The company is a wholesaler to the DIY industry. We were allowed to go into the finance office and see the process involved in charging for order. We also went into the sales office where the group witnessed orders being placed onto the systems.

We then had a tour of the warehouse where they could witness the picking and packing area for the orders placed. The aim was to show the inter-relation between all departments within the organisation. The students were able to engage with the marketing team for the business as well as the CEO who conducted the presentation of the business.

Mrs Kavanagh

Quiz Night

Estelle and Hannah embarked on organising and running the Sixth form quiz night as part of their EPQ's (Extended project qualification). The girls had to organise the team in Sixth form into roles and responsibilities. They had to oversee and organise the planning and preparation for the event. They engaged with suppliers to the event and negotiated prices for the food on the night. They arranged for raffle prizes to be donated by all the sixth form members in order to help support the fund raising on the night. As Estelle was also engaged on the Leith programme, she organised cakes and pastries for the event which were sold as desserts for the cause.

The event was a great success and a real focus for the girls to plan and organise all activities they had embraced while studying for this qualification.

Monies raised from the event have been spent on upgrading the second common room for the Sixth form, they purchased a beautiful corner seating sofa, accessories for the room such as lamps and plants. They also negotiated with Apleson for a drinks fridge and collaborated with Howdens to make a casing for the drinks fridge to sit into.

Out of School Achievements

Read School pupils are a talented bunch and their achievements outside of school are regularly celebrated.

Aimee Keefe

Year 7

Aimee Keefe has gone from strength to strength this season. Her primary focus currently is her athletics. She had a superb cross country season during the winter where she won the North Yorkshire Schools Cross Country Competition and she was also second in the Northern Counties Schools' Competition. Aimee's achievements have not stopped there as she went on to take seventh place in the National U12 Cross Country Final in Loughborough. She has also placed eighth in the Northern Counties U13 Cross Country Finals when representing the City of York Athletics Club.

She is now working on her track season, coming fifth in the 800 metre final at the Yorkshire Track and Field Championships in Barnsley. Aimee is also representing the City of York in the Premier Division of the Youth Development League.

Aimee also continues to train with Doncaster Dartes swimming club and she competed at the Yorkshire Championships in February – qualifying for the 800 metre freestyle at the North East Regional Championships in Leeds.

What impressive achievements for Aimee.
Mrs Prosser

Andrew Payne Shooting

This year Andrew has balanced his studies with his impressive shooting prowess!

Last October he competed in the British Grand Prix, which he won to become the British U21 Champion. The day after he went on to shoot the UK Championships, which he also won. So he became the UK U21 champion. (Not sure exactly what the difference is!!)

Back in April, he competed in the British Shooting Shotgun Series round 1. He went into the final in second place and came out with a silver medal. He lost the gold by only 1 clay! These scores also counted towards the England Team selection.

The next weekend he was back in action as he competed in the England Team selection competition. He won bronze in junior (U21), and came a fantastic 5th overall (out of juniors and seniors). He won his class.

The England Team selection shoots are to gain a place to shoot for England in the Home Nations (England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales). This year it will be held in Southern Ireland. He has also been selected to shoot in the Junior World Cup, Germany in May, but unfortunately have had to decline his place due to GCSE Examinations.

Home Nations was next up: where he has to shoot 4 out of 5 selection shoots, he shot all 5. Andrew came 6th in England, seniors and juniors combined, but as he is U21, he got selected to represent England as a junior. He is only 1 of 2 U21's to have been selected to shoot for England in August!

Darcey Kidd
Year 8

Darcey only started playing golf a year ago and is thoroughly enjoying it. Being only twelve years old and new to the sport she has been striving to qualify for a handicap in order to start trying to improve her game and start to compete in competitions.

She was recently given her handicap of 32, of which after such a short period of time, is an achievement in itself. Through determination and dedication she hopes to rapidly improve on her handicap over the summer, when she will get to play on a regular basis and hopefully the weather will be more conducive to golf.

Darcey's name has recently been put forward by The Oaks Golf Club to Yorkshire Ladies County Golf Association (YLCGA) and is subsequently being considered for county junior coaching and she will be taking up the invite for upcoming training sessions to be considered for playing for the county in future.

What an amazing achievement in such a short time.

Ella Frost
Year 10

Ella Frost is a multi-disciplined Pentathlete and Tetrathlete from Year 10.

She started the academic year last September with an invitation to the Youth Sport Games run by the Youth Sports Trust at Loughborough University. Ella enjoyed hearing talks by former Olympic athletes, seeing various demonstrations, participating in a variety of sports and competing in Laser Run for Northern England. A wonderful experience of a lifetime!

Later that same month, the British Eventing season opened up and Ella was fortunate enough to obtain corporate sponsorship to compete with her new horse, Dusty.

They started to achieve numerous successes, posting many double clears, so they quickly moved up a level to BE100, receiving a superb 3rd place at the Oasby Horse Trials.

Alongside Eventing with her horse, Ella participated in a full Pentathlon competition in October (run, shoot, swim, ride and fence) obtaining 5th Place in the U15 Girls (1st for Yorkshire) and numerous Pony Club run Triathlon competitions, winning many and qualifying for the Triathlon National Winter Champs. She also qualified and attended the British Schools Pistol Shooting Champs in February run by British Shooting, and qualified, then attended the British Riding Club Intermediate Champs in April obtaining individual placings in the dressage and show jumping with the team crowned 'Reserve Champions' in the 90cm show jumping class!

Whilst all this was going on, Ella and Dusty started a new discipline called 'Working Hunter' Showing classes with the aim of trying to qualify for 'Horse of the Year Show 2022 (HOYS).' They were overly excited, practised hard and won a few local shows in preparation for the qualifiers. All was going well until tragically Dusty went lame with a tendon injury and is set to be out for the rest of this year.

After Modern Pentathlon removed the ride aspect, Ella has decided to concentrate on the Tetrathlon once Dusty is fully recovered.

Mrs Prosser

Evanna MacMillan Gymnastics Year 8

Evanna has been performing and competing in gymnastics since the age of 4. She trains with Selby Swans display team and she is a member of the tumbling group. Evanna recently performed at Gym Fusion 2022, which was a gymnastics show held at The Barbican in York. Their routine was a great success and the team are now working hard towards their next event which will be representing Team GB at Gymnaestrada 2023 in Amsterdam. The World Gymnaestrada is a global, non-competitive event held every four years with the largest number of active participants in any gymnastics event. Participation is for everyone, regardless of gender, age, race, religion, culture.

What an exciting event to be a part of! I will also be attending with my daughter who participates with Evanna, and it should be an experience to remember.

Mrs Prosser

Freya Clayton
Year 9

Freya Clayton from year 9 made her debut for the Yorkshire U15 team this year. This involved a festival at Lancashire with two teams representing the counties of Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire. Freya's team played four very tough matches and won all of them. She played number 9 scrum half and got some amazing comments and feedback from the coaches. Freya is playing ahead of her normal age category and we are excited to see where she goes next.

Mrs Prosser

George Breheney Cricket

Read's U15's skipper and talented cricketer George Breheney was rewarded for his cricket efforts this year. At the end of March and beginning of April trials took place for the Yorkshire Cricket Board East and Central regional under 14 squad. George was successful and was named in the squad of 14 players.

Hannah Morgan
Skiing – Year 13

Hannah started to compete in ski cross in 2017 and due to non-availability of training switched to slalom in 2018. She is currently ranked 16th in the country for U18 indoor slalom despite only competing once in the last year and having virtually no training available.

She competed in several Alpine races in the 2 years before COVID struck, achieving good seedings. 2021 was supposed to be her winter on the mountains to see how much she could develop but COVID put a stop to that. To get the necessary evidence for her PE A level she went out to Tignes for 2 weeks to train and compete in the GB Alpine Championships in April this year, her first International competition at FIS level. Training was in lovely conditions however race days saw ice and poor visibility, the courses were set at World Cup level. The slalom races did not go to plan and she skied out. However, of 49 starters in the first GS race she was one of only 25 to finish both runs with similar results in the second. She ended up finishing 11th at U18.

Hannah shows so much potential and we look forward to following her progress.

Mrs Prosser

Harry & Jack Huddlestone

Football – both boys have continued their journey with Doncaster Rovers Football Club with a vigorous training schedule throughout the year and have been rewarded with a 2 year contract renewal.

Cricket – following a very successful cricket season Harry, as wicket keeper and with the bat and Jack, as pace bowler and accomplished batsman secured their selection in the U15 & U17 Wakefield and District sides enjoying some strong performances against other sides.

Lucy Platt Year 7

Lucy is a very keen rider and an active member of Badsworth Pony Club. She currently competes up to 80 cm on her 13hh pony, Cherry Blossom who she has produced herself from a youngster. Lucy's most recent achievement was an impressive third place at Epworth Equestrian Centre's 70 cm Cross Country Competition. This has meant that Lucy has qualified for Elland Lodge Cross Country Competition in September.

What impressive achievements on top of being a very able and committed sports performer at Read.

Millie Smith

Year 10

After commencing the 2021-2022 football season recovering from knee surgery, Millie Smith has gone on to represent Brayton Belles U15's throughout a competitive season in the City of York girls football league. Millie, who has played in various positions, prefers a midfield role. Finishing 2nd in the league this year was an impressive achievement. Furthermore, the team were the only ones all season to beat the overall winners Fulford, in a tense season finale. The icing on the cake was victory in the cup competition over Scarborough. What an impressive season for our football superstar.

Mrs Prosser

Jake Sowden Year 13

Jake Sowden has been playing golf since he was six years old. He is our current Head Boy at Read School and has won numerous competitions. Jake has spent three years in the England Regional Squad along with being chosen as captain for the Yorkshire Boys. He has also competed in national, international and world championship events over the years. At the end of June he won the English Schools National Golf Championships! What an impressive achievement and future he has ahead of him.

Mrs Prosser and Mr Matthews

Samantha Lowes - Year 9 and Kimberley Lowes - Year 7

Samantha Lowes in Year 9 started Skiing at a very young age along with her sister Kimberley in Year 7. A family holiday spurred her on to learn the skill of skiing and so started her time at the Snozone in Castleford. She quickly progressed into the Lions Ski Club where skiers can learn how to instruct and coach. Samantha has competed in competitions and won on numerous occasions, recently being voted the most improved skier.

Samantha and Kimberley's dad is a volunteer instructor and before Covid they went to the Canadian Rockies in Banff National park and enjoyed two fantastic weeks. One of the runs that Samantha did was a terrifying run called Waterfall, which in summer is an actual waterfall but in winter freezes over and is covered with a thin layer of snow. Samantha took this in her stride and went straight down. Although Samantha is very accomplished in her Skiing she actually prefers having fun on the slopes and is considering the role of volunteer instructor in the future. Kimberley is also enjoying her skiing and is making superb progress. She recently achieved the fastest time on the slope during the Mini Mayhem event at Castleford, where she had to race through gates whilst being timed. Kimberley is similarly considering the race or coaching route in the future.

What superb commitment.

Mrs Prosser

Phillip Suddes

Swimming achievements

Phillip Suddes, Year 10, found out that he has qualified for the Swim England National Summer Meet in August. This swim meet is Swim England's biggest domestic swimming event of the year. Phil trains with York City Baths Club at pools in the city 7 times a week, additionally he does 2 core stability and stretching sessions with his coach and 2 gym sessions. His competition calendar has seen him in Stockport, Sunderland and Sheffield and in 2022 he has improved times in all events. This will be his first time at the SE Summer Meet in Sheffield but keep your eyes open for him in the future..... he missed qualification for the more prestigious British Summer Championships by less than 0.2s.

Keep up the hard work and commitment young man

Rosie Hickling

Year 11

Rosie Hickling had a fabulous start to her indoor season ranking 8th in the UK for the 80 metre hurdles in 2021. She gained a bronze medal at the Northern County Championships in January this year and reached the semi-finals of the National Indoor Championships in February.

Rosie's outdoor season has been fantastic so far. She won gold in both the North Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Championships. Since then she has represented her county twice, securing first place in both competitions including an inter-county event held at York in which ten counties were present. Her new PB has surpassed the qualifying time for English Schools and she is thrilled to have been selected to represent North Yorkshire at the forthcoming English Schools Championships in July. She will be competing in both the 80m hurdles and the 4x100m relay.

Rosie was delighted to receive an invitation to apply for a sports scholarship at a university of her choice in America. This is definitely something to consider for the future.

What superb achievements Rosie has had and a potential scholarship too.

Mrs Prosser

Sophie Marshman

Year 11

Sophie has been playing tennis since she was nine years old. She has won numerous Grade 3 (regional level) tournaments and competed in two Grade 2 (national level) tournaments. Sophie has reached the Aegon National Finals with her team which was played at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton. She is the current Women's Yorkshire Doubles Champion which was played in August 2021. Sophie also recently represented Yorkshire in the under 18 county team

Oliver Sugden

Yorkshire Rugby

Oliver Sugden had a strong season in the Yorkshire U16's squad playing his last game of the year against Harlequins U16's and managing a 37 -16 win. Oliver trains regularly and has enjoyed playing in a talented squad as tighthead Prop. Throughout the season he has played in games against – Bath, Sale Sharks, Newcastle Falcons, Gloucester and London Irish. A picture of him and the squad.

Nice work Oliver – keep up the good work.

Zoe Suddes Year 9

After six years of elite girls football, Year 9 pupil Zoe, has played football with Barlby Raiders in the Selby & District Junior League. She made the switch to left midfield from left back and has had a superb season in the rain, hail, howling wind and, more recently, sunshine. All of her teammates are boys and opponents have been predominantly boys, some of them towering over her, but that has spurred her on to play smarter, tackle harder and be stronger. She has proven herself week in, week out, winning Coach's Player and Parents' Player of the match on many occasions. She has persevered and dug deep in the midfield showing grit and determination – even coming close to scoring her first competitive goal several times. Zoe has also represented Read in the U14 team with the boys and is excited to continue playing the game for the foreseeable future.

What a determined footballer Zoe has shown herself to be, with such commitment to the sport.

Mrs Prosser

William Payne

Cricket – following a very successful cricket season of pacey swing bowling and powerful batting William secured his selection in the U15 & U17 Wakefield and District sides enjoying some strong impressive performances against other sides.

GCSE Results Day

Arguably the most important day in the Educational Year when Year 11 pupils receive GCSE results. There was again much to celebrate, despite the past two years being such a difficult and demanding time for all concerned.

Congratulations to our GCSE cohort of 2022 on their fabulous achievements: an overall pass rate of 92% and 51% grade 6-9 (B and above in old money). There were some fantastic individual pupil results with over 30% of the cohort scoring top grades of A-A* (7-9). Year 11 pupils have also achieved great things outside the classroom, including CCF leadership positions, Duke of Edinburgh awards and a wealth of experience in representing their school in sport, culinary endeavour and performing arts. Our pupils' resilience, good humour and talent certainly deserve to be celebrated as much as their results.

A-Level Results

Congratulations to our Upper Sixth students who on 18th August collected their A-level and BTEC results and celebrated individual and collective success. The 'Class of 2022' have had to cope with so much through the Covid period and richly deserve success and particular recognition as they move on to the next stage in their life. Record results were achieved by the School with a 100% pass rate and 97% of all grades achieved at A*-C. There were lots of individual success stories, including Jane Caukill who achieved AAA, Dan Pierce AABC, Hannah Morgan BBBC and Estelle Nicholson with a double distinction in the BTEC Health & Social Care as well as a merit in the Leiths School of Food and Wine certificate. All of our young people take with them so much more than grades, with a wealth of experiences, skills, memories and a network for life. We are extremely proud of each and every one of them!

Summer School

At Summer School pupils learnt textiles decoration and construction techniques to create a bespoke cushion cover.

Angela in Y5, Pippa and Maddie in Y6, Lucy in Y8 and Isabelle and Percy in Y9 practised the techniques of applique and fabric painting, as well as learning sewing machine basics. The pupils achieved excellent results in just one day, especially as most had never used a sewing machine before.

Etihad Stadium

On the Summer School agenda was a visit to the Etihad Stadium – home of Manchester City FC. Some real wow moments and even bumped into Pep!

York Roman History visit

What a fabulous day Read School summer-schoolers had on their Roman History visit to York and how lucky are we to live so close to this beautiful and historic city! Who knew that only 3% of the original Roman site in York has been discovered?

Another day, another recipe…. pizza and brownies. Well done to our intrepid bunch of cooks who kneaded, stirred and baked their way through temperatures so hot that they melted the chocolate.

“Tell me and I forget
Teach me and I may remember
Involve me and I learn”

Benjamin Franklin
(1706 - 1790)

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