

A WORD FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

It seems but a very little time ago that I wrote the introduction to my first newsletter and now, at the end of the academic year, I don't know where the time has gone! However, I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Headmistress at Kirkstone House and I have been made to feel very welcome indeed.

I wish to thank Mrs Wyman, Mr G Wyman and Mrs J Wyman for their encouragement and support and to all of the staff, pupils and parents who have worked so closely with me. Schools never stand still and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to continue to take Kirkstone forward.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer.

Best wishes
Cosmie Jones

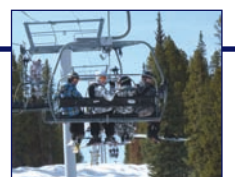
KIRKSTONE IN COLORADO

Students from Kirkstone had an 'amazing' time during their Ski Trip to the USA. In the early hours of 27th March, thirty five intrepid skiers, five courageous guests, three nervous teachers and one even more nervous organiser set off for Copper Mountain, Colorado, via New York.



One week, one broken collar bone, a pair of burnt lips, two birthdays, one first time oyster eating experience, one temporarily lost passport, a small sized pair of Speedo's, one nose bleed, lots of empty after sun bottles, a few misguided stunts (Harry Morley) and a few grey hairs later we returned on the 4th of April our sleepy arrival thankfully not affected by volcanic ash or airline strikes.

Our mornings were punctuated by the call of "SKII-III TIIIIIIIME PEEEPS" from Mr Eveleigh; lunchtimes were a gobble of super sized burgers, pizzas, and burritos; après ski and evenings were full of feeding frenzies (Harry Morley again with a 32oz steak) and a torchlight parade followed by, a semi-aborted trip to the local cinema, ten pin bowling, shopping, wallyball, indoor rock climbing, fantastic tubing, soothing jacuzzis and a trip to the town of Breckenridge, and many other events that make for great memories.



YEAR 9 TRANSITION DAY

In June Year 9 went off to Tallington Lakes for a teambuilding day to mark their transition into the Senior School.

In the morning we did fun activities and we were blindfolded most of the time! This was to make us listen to each other and work as a team. After lunch we went tobogganing and everyone had a great day. Thank you to Mrs Maguire and Mr Miller for taking us and organising it.

Written by Charlie Wallis



YEARS 4 & 5 VISIT SNIBSTON DISCOVERY PARK



On the 23rd June Years 4 & 5 visited Snibston Discovery Centre in Leicestershire.

The children took a fascinating journey around the former site of the Snibston colliery where they discovered 500 years of technological innovation and its impact on our everyday lives.

They participated in a number of activities e.g. Science Play, Extra Ordinary and interacting with the various curriculum based exhibits around the park. The tour of the colliery gave the children a real insight into the mining industry.

The children making fire in the Extra Ordinary Gallery

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO YORK

As the Lady Anne Middleton Hotel was so successful last year, with comfortable accommodation and home-cooked food, it seemed a good idea to take the children again. We were made very welcome and the staff were very helpful.

We had a full, fun packed itinerary as usual which began as soon as we arrived at York Railway Museum. Apart from looking at all the fascinating locomotives, there was a drama workshop where we listened to a train guard who spoke to us as if we were evacuees. He told stories of what life was like during the Second World War. We then improvised on some scenes of our own.

The following day, we visited Eden Camp which is an exciting interactive museum. There are mock scenes of how life used to be during the war which we can walk through using all our senses to bring it alive.

We then went on to Scarborough Sealife Centre where we saw some seals and lots of other interesting marine life. There was a giant turtle in one pool that was thirty years old and had been caught up in the propeller of a boat and badly injured. She made a good recovery at the Sealife Centre but would have to stay in captivity on a strict diet as she had suffered some brain damage and wanted to eat anything and everything in sight, including rubbish such as an old sock and a boot!



The following day was a cave day; we visited Mother Shipton's Cave in Knaresborough before going on to Stump Cross Caverns. We were told some spooky stories about Old Mother Shipton. She was a fortune teller who could see four hundred years into the future and foretold the coming of cars and aeroplanes, the invention of electricity and moon landings made by mankind!

On our last day, we visited York Minster which we had learnt about at school. Our tour guide told us lots of interesting facts and it was amazing to see such wonderful treasures.

On the way home we decided that the bowling night was the best fun !!



YEAR 9 & 10 TRIP TO SEE MACBETH AT THE GLOBE

Here at Kirkstone House School we believe in bringing learning to life. Next term we will be studying Macbeth as part of the GCSE syllabus, so on the 15th June a group of Year 9 and 10 students took the train down to London to see a live performance at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

I think anyone who went, pupil or staff, would agree that it was a very tiring outing! From Kings Cross we travelled around London by tube and on foot. We spent time in Covent Garden before getting to The Globe. After the performance we marched at great speed back to the underground in order to catch the late train, and home to an even later bed.

Tiring though it was, all who went agreed that it was a great evening. There was music, comedy, witchcraft and lots of blood - all that you would expect of Macbeth and a lot more besides! and all set in the unique surroundings of The Globe, which is a replica of the theatre in which Shakespeare himself worked. The experience will undoubtedly enhance our GCSE pupils' work on Macbeth next term, but not only that - everybody thought Shakespeare was FUN!



RECEPTION YEAR 1 VISIT DOLE WOOD AND NURSERY FRESH PLANT NURSERY



The Key Stage 1 children enjoyed a walk around Dole Woods to see the Bluebells. They took their own photographs using digital cameras and they used the prints to produce a painting.

Continuing the theme of wildlife and plants they also visited Nursery Fresh Plants, which allowed them to see plants at various stages of development and to see the production line of a commercial nursery. The Hull family, who own the nursery, kindly provided facilities for each individual child to create their own hanging basket.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

In May Year 9 Bronze Group set out on their practice expedition - would they survive in the 'wilderness' of Rutland? The answer is yes they did, much to the pleasant surprise of Mrs Thurlow. The map reading was nearly perfect and when it wasn't they were still able to find their way back. Unfortunately rain played a significant part in the proceedings especially on the second day, a very wet and cold group were glad to finish their walk on Saturday.

Well done to Year 9 students who also break the record for the most to participate in the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards at Kirkstone.



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS AFTERNOON

On the 17th June Reception to Year 4 held their annual sports afternoon. The weather was glorious and the event very well supported by parents and friends. Mrs Jones attended this, her first school sports event, and presented the winning trophies and medals.



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YOUTH THEATRE

This year we have launched the Kirkstone House Youth Theatre which has proved to be very popular indeed. Pupils in years 5-11 have had the opportunity to attend and much enthusiasm has been demonstrated! Next term the Senior Youth Theatre will be working on 'His Dark Materials' for performance and the Junior Youth Theatre will be working on the play, 'The Hunting of the Snark'. These promise to be very exciting productions with real staging challenges.

New members are most welcome to attend, particularly those in the new Years 5 and 7.

FORTHCOMING DATES

Open Day - October 12th 2010

Austrian Adventure - May 2011

NEW PUPILS DAY

On 23rd June we were pleased to welcome the Year 6 pupils who are joining us next September and they spent the day in the upper school getting to know each other and some of the staff plus becoming familiar with the school. They enjoyed some team building activities on the field with Mrs Maguire and an introduction to Italian with Miss Brooks. In the afternoon they explored the wonders of rocket making and managed to fire some of them quite far!

At the end of the day Mrs Jones welcomed them formally into Kirkstone House School along with the Head boy and girl along with their deputies. Mrs Wyman was pleased to meet the pupils and their parents and we completed the day with a cream tea.

Finally we would like to wish everyone a very relaxing summer holiday

