



Pupils' Eye

EDITOR'S COMMENT

This term's contribution seems to be weighted very heavily on the sporting side, proving that size doesn't always matter!! Small schools such as Seahouses can still participate and enjoy a wide range of sporting activities, just the same as the larger institutions! In fact, it seems we have a budding football

pundit in the shape of Andrew Wright, who is developing his own unique style of writing football reports.

Girls' Rugby is an up and coming sport, thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in the recent Six Nations Tournament at Alnwick Rugby Club, inspiring some girls to take up extra training in this

very physical activity!

Netball matches are always eagerly anticipated by the Year 7 & Year 8 teams, who play with good humour and good sportsmanship throughout, whether they are on the winning or the losing side!

Our fund raising afternoon of non-stop music to raise funds

for victims of the Haitian earthquake, provided great entertainment for all participants and we managed to raise an amazing £1085.00, with Claire Waters and Michelle Faghy collecting a staggering amount of £110.50 sponsorship to add to the total.

Well done to all concerned!!

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The Sound of Music By Laura Leadbitter

Since the beginning of the school year, the school band has been practising a variety of music to play to different schools around the area, and possibly at the forthcoming Seahouses Summer Festival.

Two Year 5 pupils, who came in September, have joined the band and are playing extremely well: Jack Leadbitter and Lois Donaldson. They both play the Steel Pans; Lois plays the seconds and Jack plays the guitars. They are really enjoying the band.

Lois commented "I like the different songs we play, and I'm excited about

playing in front of other schools."

Jack remarked, "I like playing the guitars, but I'm keen to play the trumpet. I hope to be able to play it in band in Year 6".



Lunchtime band practice

In the band we have a wide variety of instruments and some very talented musicians playing them.

On the tenor steel pans we have Emma Holohan, Lauren Wilkin and Bronwen Stout. Yasmin

Williams, who keeps the beat in every song, plays the bases. Megan Reid and Andrew Wright play the seconds, with Holly Jackman on guitars.

To add some depth to the band, we have Matthew Stephenson and Andrew Davidson playing the drums.

Laura Leadbitter plays the soprano saxophone, Abbie Donaldson plays the alto saxophone and Rachel Locke plays the clarinet. Gui de Paz Oliviero who plays the electric guitar and Matthew Smith who plays the trumpet, are both talented Year 6 pupils adding to the mix!

We mustn't forget Mrs Adamson, who

organises band and writes out all the music for the different instruments, which must be an incredibly hard job to do!

A lot of children in the band have music lessons and the opportunity of playing in the band helps them to play their instruments even better.

When Year 8 go to high school in September there won't be many people left in the band, as the majority of band members are Year 8s, so if you play an instrument or you enjoy playing the steel pans, speak to Mrs Adamson – I'm sure she'll be delighted to hear from you!

Never Forget Tour—one we'll never forget!

By Abbie Donaldson



On 2nd February all of the cast, band and teachers involved in the school pantomime, were lucky enough to be taken to the Never Forget Tour, a musical in Newcastle.

About a Take That tribute band, the musical featured many of Take That's most popular songs.

'Never Forget - The Musical' is all about the journey of the hero Ash. He finds himself caught between fame and friendship.

Ash is a wannabe singer - songwriter trying to make money to save his mum's

'struggling for money' pub and to pay for his wedding to Chloe.

Jake, his best friend and Chloe's brother, hears about a Take That tribute band.

He manages to get Ash interested and they both audition for a place in the band.

Also there, is Adrian Banks, a bank manager; 'Dirty Harry,' a silly character, who is trying to turn his life around as he is currently a male stripper; and Jose, who is Spanish and has a very frightening mother.

They all make it through and the musical is all about them becoming famous.

As well as real life stories like being

unfaithful to your girlfriend or boyfriend, Ash has to make a decision whether to go it alone and maybe make it to the top, or stay with his mates and keep the band together.

Everyone who went to the performance really enjoyed the music, the



Some of the cast from the Never Forget Tour, which tells the story of the tribute band, Take That

jokes and the whole experience. It was very funny and I'm sure everyone who was there would agree with me.

World Maths Day

By Matty Stephenson

World Maths Day is a huge event which takes place everywhere in the world on the same day in the year and each year, our school participates.

This year, World Maths Day was on 3rd March.

In every Maths lesson held on 3rd March, pupils went onto the computers, linked to the World Maths website and took part in a Maths game.

Every pupil in school had their own account and display image.

Both of these would show up when connected to the game and whilst playing.

The game enabled our pupils to play against people from all over the world, answering Maths questions.

There were over 235 countries that took part this year; with 1,133,246 students in 56,082 schools, answering 479,732,613 questions to set a new world record!!

Lets Get Cooking—And we did!

By Aaron Peacock

This year our school was given some extra money to help teach our students to cook, as we have done in previous years.

This scheme is called 'Let's Get Cooking' and the funding allows school to purchase ingredients and equipment so that pupils involved in the cooking club don't have to pay for anything.

Mrs Donaldson and Mrs Convery run the sessions every Friday afternoon, with the help of three Year 8 pupils, chosen for their aptitude and reliability: Jasmin Cockburn, Aaron Peacock and Lauren Wilkin.



Year 7 preparing to make Chicken Biryani

For the first half of the spring term Year 6 pupils were taught how to make Rainbow Couscous and Pear and Peach Turnovers. They were both delicious.

For the second half of this term it was Year 7's turn.

In groups of 8 or 9, pupils have been making Speedy Chicken Biryani which was a huge success as everyone loved it.

Both year groups have learnt new cooking skills such as using the 'claw' and 'bridge' methods to chop vegetables like onions, for example, as well as really enjoying themselves.

Next half term it will be Year 5's turn to learn how to cook more delicious food.

Another event that 'Let's Get Cooking' funded, was held for Year 3 & 4 pupils from

Embleton First School, who were invited into school to experience a Chinese Cuisine session involving Stir Fry Vegetables and Fortune Cookies! (As well as learning how to use chopsticks!!)



Embleton First School pupils ready to try out Chinese Cuisine!

Years 3 & 4 ICT Wizards

By Connor Gardner

Year 3 and 4 pupils from Embleton and Ellingham First schools have been coming into our school to complete a project run by Mrs Patterson, our ICT Coordinator. Mrs Patterson selected some Year 8's to come along and help the little ones if they got stuck with anything.

Connor Gardner, Andrew Wright, Megan Reid, Bronwen Stout, Joe Carruthers and Amy Dawson were the helpers.

All were a bit nervous at the start because the Embleton and Ellingham pupils had never met us before, but we all made friends and became more relaxed.

The task the pupils were set was to make a presentation about their local area, or our area, Seahouses.

There was a choice of programs to use: PowerPoint, Movie Maker, Photo Story or any one used before in the first schools.

The majority of Year 3 and 4 chose to do their projects on Photo Story because they liked the look of it and they couldn't wait to speak through the headset about what they had written on their Photo Story. Some of them wanted to get on with the speaking straight away because it was the most exciting bit of it.

Not everyone used Photo Story: quite a lot of children used PowerPoint because they thought that looked good as well. Some pupils did their project using a program that they had been taught at first school.



First School ICT wizards!

Year 7 & 8 Netball

By Lindsay Manion

At Seahouses Middle School, we have a Year 7 and a Year 8 Netball team, although there are two Years 6's - Holly Livsey and Sophie Reid, and one Year 5—Lauren Baillie—on the Year 7 team!

We have recently had two netball matches against other schools, the first being on Monday 9th March against Glendale.

The Year 8 score was 10-6 to Glendale in the end and the Year 7 score was 12-8.

Even though we lost both matches, team spirit was excellent and everyone played very well. Glendale were just the better players!!

The second game we played was on Friday 12th

March against the Dukes School.

However, we were playing against people a year younger than us as Dukes only had brought Year 6 and Year 7 teams.

So we knew it would be more difficult for them, playing against people bigger and older than themselves.

The Year 7 game was great to watch and all of the players played excellently. The final score was 13-0, so a very well done to Seahouses!

The Year 8 game was also great to play and, again, everyone on the court played very, very well.

With a final score of 8-0, we all should be really proud of ourselves.

Six Nations Rugby Tournament—for Girls

By Rachel Locke

On 9th March, most of the Year 8 girls competed in a Six Nations Rugby Tournament at Alnwick Rugby Club.

There were six schools altogether and each school represented a country. We were lucky enough to represent England.

The other schools that competed were: Lindisfarne Middle School (Scotland), Rothbury Dr Thomlinson Middle School (Ireland), Ponteland Middle School (Italy), Coates Endowed Middle School

(France) and Newminster Middle School (Wales)

Every member of each team was given a T-shirt with the name of the country they were representing on the back.

Each team played three games and the two teams who won the most games, played against each other in the final.

Those two teams were Lindisfarne (Scotland) and Ponteland Middle School (Italy).

The team that won was Lindisfarne who were

representing Scotland.

Unfortunately, we came last but we had a great time.



Seahouses Girls' Rugby Team

At the end, prizes were given out for best player in the team and most improved player.

In our team, the best player was Lauren Wilkin and the most

improved player was Jasmin Cockburn.

Lauren's prize was a rugby ball signed by the women's England rugby team and Jasmin's prize were signed pictures by Tamara Taylor who is an ex-England player.

At the end of the tournament, each player in every team got a goodie bag for taking part: this included a T-shirt, poster and pen.





Seahouses Under 13 Football

By Andrew Wright

Glendale 3 Seahouses 0

Seahouses turned up on a cold day up at Glendale and the Seahouses team didn't really look ready for the challenge ahead.

The starting eleven for Seahouses was: Eden Patterson in goal; the back four were: Kieren Taylor, Luke Dickson, Matty Stephenson and Andrew Wright; the midfielders were: Holly Jackman, Alex Robson, Jack Convery and Connor Gardner and the strikers were: Chris Gardener and Josh Robertson. Also not to forget the two subs: Joe Davies and Euan Dawson.

At the start of the match, Glendale were all over Seahouses and it didn't look like we had much of a chance from the start.

I think the score at half time was 2-0 to Glendale.

But when we started the second half I think the little break and team talk made us play a lot better.

We were getting more chances but we didn't get them in the goal.

Then when we had lost the ball from an attack, Glendale scored and put the game away and our heads dropped.

Also some time in the

second half, the two subs came on for some fresh legs.

At the end it finished 3-0 unfortunately.

My man of the match was Chris Gardener.

Seahouses 2

Belford 2

Seahouses were at home to Belford and it was a better day for football, looking like Seahouses might win on the day.

The starting eleven for Seahouses was the same as the Glendale game but Holly Jackman went into defence and Andrew Wright went into midfield with the subs staying the same.

At the start of the match, the game was fairly even, until Chris Gardener snuck in a really easy goal.

But a goal's a goal and we were in the lead 1-0 Seahouses.

Then a couple of minutes later, a spill from the keeper of Belford and Chris got another goal!

Suddenly it was looking good for us at 2-0.

Then Belford got a goal which may have been offside, but we were winning at the time.

When half time came, that might have been

a bad thing, because Belford were a lot stronger in the second half.

Also we brought the subs on later on in the second half with Andrew and Connor coming off and Joe and Euan coming on.

Belford just kept pushing and pushing so we knew the goal was coming and it did!

Heads yet again dropped after that.

Nothing really happened after that and it was 2-2 final score.

My man of the match was Luke Dickson.

Seahouses 5

Dukes 4

The game where there is always a bit of a rivalry and our team seemed to be looking forward to the game.

The starting eleven didn't change and a new face was on the sub bench: Michael Dawson because of Joe and Euan not being able to play.

At the start of the game we were playing well, but Dukes got the upper hand because they scored the first goal from a good attack.

After their first goal they scored a second and the game looked like it was going their way.

But we had a few really good chances: the first from Jack, who hit the

bar from about eight yards out; then just really after that, we had another chance from Andrew, who missed an absolute sitter from six yards out.

It looked like luck wasn't on our side.

But then still in the first half, Connor, Jack, Alex and Chris all scored goals for us from good attacks and suddenly we were in the lead!

All of the goals were good goals but Alex scored a really fine goal.

Half time struck and we were winning, but we had to bring Michael on for Holly because she had to go somewhere.

In the second half, Dukes were a lot better but Chris scored again making it 5-2 and the game was surely ours.

But we were wrong: Dukes managed to score two more goals to the shock of us all.

Also in the game, Matty made an awful challenge on one of their players but nothing seriously happened and the boy was fine.

The Dukes pushed and pushed in that game but gladly they didn't score and the final score was 5-4 to Seahouses.

In this game, I couldn't choose a man of the match because actually everyone played really well throughout most of the match!