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HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

Red Nose Day Activities

Once again parents, pupils and staff dug deep to raise money for Comic Relief. On the day before Red Nose Day we held a coffee afternoon with a Mary Berry inspired 'Great Bake Sale', a raffle and sweepstake. That was followed on the day itself with a come to school in your pyjamas/fancy dress day. We also sold red noses in the weeks running up to the day. This helped us raise a grand total of just over £250 for Comic Relief – a very impressive total for such a small school. Thanks to everyone who helped us do this. Mrs Lagun



Work experience

Hillcrest is so proud of our Year 11's and the fantastic reports received from each of their work placements. Michael worked at HiQ Garage Blyth, Thomas at Shoe Zone Ashington, Callum at Redesdale Primary Wallsend, Jordan at Blyth Valley Arts and Leisure, Paul at Hillcrest and Rhys at Princess Louise Pre-School Nursery Blyth. Some positive employers comments include: 'He is listening and acting upon instructions given by the supervisor. He is mixing well with the team', 'He has completed all tasks in a professional manner', 'Always on time, often early and stays late'. I am also pleased to say that some of the employers have said they will take our students back for 1 day a week, for their sixth form placement. Well done boys! Mrs Mead

Museum Trip

Year 7 went on a trip to the Great North Museum, Hancock. We visited all the exhibits and the students showed great interest in them. We had our picnic lunch and went to Exhibition Park, there we explored the play areas and tackled assault courses. We had one final treat in store – an ice-cream in McDonalds on the way back to school. We had a lovely time and are at present planning our next trip. Mrs Ford

Merit Trip To Cinema

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of taking out pupils who had chosen the cinema for their Merit Reward. We went into Newcastle and saw the latest in the 'Die Hard' movies with Bruce Willis. The behaviour of all the pupils was absolutely first class showing our Merit System clearly works and rewards those pupils who behave as they should. Mrs Lagun

Year 10 Work Related Learning

After raising money through selling food and drinks before Christmas, the Year 10 class were able to treat themselves to a day out this term. They all chose to go Ice skating at Whitley Bay Ice Rink. It was a very cold day indeed and after spending two hours sliding around on the ice, with most of the students managing to stay on their feet, we headed off to sit by a roaring fire drinking warming hot chocolate in Seaton Sluice. It was a lovely day out and the students' behaviour was excellent.

Mrs Brandon

Exam Success

Luke Morrison is the first Year 7 Hillcrest student to gain the Bronze Award in OCR Entry Level Science. Normally students start the course in Year 10 but at Hillcrest they are starting the course in year 8 so that they can concentrate on GCSE work in Year 10 and 11. Luke is currently working with the older Year 8's. Mr Davidson

Leaving

Next term will be my last as Head Teacher at Hillcrest School. I will be leaving/retiring at the end of the Summer Term and the process of appointing my replacement is underway. Once I am in a position to let you know who will be taking my place, I will be in contact again.

There will be a new face on the staff after Easter, Mrs K Biggs has been appointed to replace Mrs Reynolds who retired last summer. Mrs Biggs has a broad teaching experience. We are delighted to welcome her to our staff.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Mr Gibson