



From the Headmaster...

Dear Parents

Another busy two weeks of term are reflected in this edition of the newsletter and things are set to become just a little busier as we now start the final 'push' towards the end of term and the Christmas Holidays.

The School play this week will be reported on in the next edition. Suffice it to say for now, thank you to all those parents and pupils who have supported this by attending one of the three performances – it is important for a community to turn out for each other to support such endeavours and I am therefore grateful for the fact that we have had such receptive and encouraging audiences for our young acting talent. Well done to all those involved in the play and in particular to Mrs Normanshire for all her hard work.

End of term concerts and the Wesley Carol Service await and I am looking forward to those immensely – they promise to be excellent occasions and I would again urge as many of you to turn up and support – however cold and wet it is outside, you will be warmed and heartened by what goes on inside! I look forward to seeing you there.

Teaching staff are now fully occupied with reports – a full report at this time of the year is new for 2011 and I am grateful for the efforts of all the staff involved. This initiative is in response to the general impression I have been given about the need for more frequent and fuller communication on academic matters between school and parents. I hope the process is both informative and constructive for you as well as your children.

Please note two other recent communications from me. The first is an emailed letter (hard copy is being sent to those without email) concerning industrial action next Wednesday. The College will be open and other details are in the letter. The second is the annual reminder about the procedures for severe weather should the College either need to close during the day or close before the day has begun. This has been sent as an attachment with this newsletter. I would be grateful if you could all read and familiarise yourself with this. Both letters are also available on the web site.

There is a lot to do before term ends, and I am looking forward to reporting to you more of what your children have been up to in these last few weeks before the holiday. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any issue in particular

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Charity Update



Over £1500 has been raised so far for Children in Need. Thanks to all those who participated in the activities last Friday which ranged from fancy dress and bringing in a teddy bear, to cake sales and waxing the First Rugby team!

Well done to **Ellie Dormer** who has just raised over £500 by having 12 inches of her hair cut off for charity. Ellie has donated her hair and the money to the Little Princess Trust, an organisation that provides real hair wigs for children who have lost their own hair through cancer or alopecia. If any other girls or boys with long hair are interested in helping this worthwhile charity, more information can be found at www.littleprincesses.org.uk

Remembrance Day



The Remembrance Service on Friday 11th November was a poignant occasion and the respectful behaviour of all pupils from Year 2 up was a credit to the College.

A special thank you to **Pravin Smart**, U6DN, who has played the trumpet so movingly during the service for the last 5 years.

Netball Success



Congratulations to both the U16 and U19 netball teams, who have qualified to represent North Yorkshire in the Regional Netball Competition in January. A special mention also to **Katherine Bullock** who has been chosen to play for the Yorkshire Jets National Talent League (NTL) team.

The Friends of Ashville Pupil Challenge

The committee of the Friends of Ashville have issued a challenge to the pupils of the school to come up with ideas for improving the College, which the Friends would fund through their fund-raising activities. Pupils from Year 2 right through to the U6th will be encouraged by their form Tutors to outline their ideas on a short entry form which can be found in the Lancaster Library or from Mr Dolman in Junior School and Mrs Berrie in PrePrep. The best ideas will then be presented by the students in person to members of the committee and College staff before the winning entries are selected and funded.

So far this term the Friends of Ashville Parents committee has raised £2,700 through the bonfire night and has sold out completely for its forthcoming ball. Any parents wishing for more information about the activities of the Friends or how you can help out should email friends@ashville.co.uk indicating in which school your children are and the appropriate Rep will contact you.

Music News

Congratulations to...

...**Hannah Penn**, 9CJP, who has gained a place in the National Youth Choir. This is a tremendous achievement and to the best of his knowledge, Mr Dunford believes Hannah is the first Ashville pupil to join this acclaimed choir.

...**Lily Kerbey**, L6FA, who has produced an album, "First One", which is available to buy on itunes. So far she has had over 400 downloads of her singles, and one of her YouTube videos has received over 19,300 hits.

Sporting Success

Congratulations to **Ben Wilkinson**, Year 7, who has been selected for the Pathways to Excellence Scheme, which is run by the Yorkshire Cricket Board. Ben's selection on the scene is a fantastic achievement that follows an impressive season playing for Harrogate Cricket Club, where he captained the Under 11 team to victory in all tournaments they entered.

Politics class visits Westminster



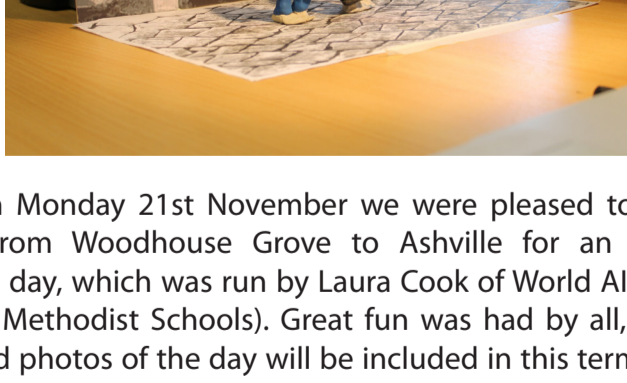
The AS and A Level Politics class visited Westminster on Monday 21st November to see at first hand the seat of government and legislation for the United Kingdom. They had an enjoyable trip and met a number of MPs. A full report of the visit will be included in this term's Ashville News.

Animation Workshop Day



On Monday 21st November we were pleased to welcome pupils from Woodhouse Grove to Ashville for an animation workshop day, which was run by Laura Cook of World AIMS (World Action in Methodist Schools). Great fun was had by all, and a full report and photos of the day will be included in this term's Ashville News.

Year 7 Trip to Harrogate



On the 7th November 2011 the whole of Year 7 went on a field trip through Harrogate. We started by going down a public footpath where we marked down the amount of houses, how old the houses were and the different land uses of the area. We stopped and sat down to count the amount of traffic for five minutes. Then we did a bi-polar-analysis on the area, which is rating the area on different things affecting the environment e.g. the amount of litter and noise. We did the same thing in four different areas each one closer to the CBD (central business district). When we returned to school we began writing up our field work producing graphs and maps to analyse.

Written by **Charles Appleby**, Year 7

Sports Update

Rugby

Saturday 19th November:

Ashville v Worksop College
1st XV match abandoned.

2nd XV lost 54-0.

U15A won 13-5.

Tries: **Ryan Sims** and **Hugh Corbett**

Penalty: **Ollie Ward**

U14A won 57-0.

The match had to be stopped 10 minutes in to the second half. This was the tenth straight victory for the team and they are presently placed fifth in the country according to the Schools Rugby website.

U14B won 59-19.

Tries: **Lewis Robinson** (3), **James Alldridge** (2), **Donald Zimmermann**, **George Thompson** and **Cameron McDade**

Conversions: **Dan Rice** (3), **George Thompson** (2), **Cameron McDade** (2)

Ashville v Hill House, Doncaster

U13 lost 55-14.

At times the play was fluid, however a lack of communication and speed caused for serious issues.

Special mentions go to **Ho Yeung Tom** and **Matthew Guest** for their sterling efforts.

U12A won 26-17.

Tries: **Charlie Papworth** (2), **Ben Considine** and **Kane Brown**

Conversion: **Harry Thompson** (3)

Ashville v Fulneck A Team

U12B lost 27-15.

Tries: **Ben Thompson**, **Rhys Thompson** and **Michael Cormack**

At the end of the match the Fulneck coach was full of praise for the ability of the Ashville team and the manner in which they had conducted themselves on and off the pitch.

Girls Hockey

Saturday 19th November

Ashville v Bradford Grammar School

U12 A&B: The U12's are continually improving and need to remain positive against the tough opposition. Once again we learnt some valuable lessons and we will bounce back and try again next time! **Sophie Newsome** deserves special mention for her outstanding performance in defence.

U13 lost 3 – 1

Goalscorer: **Rebecca Mountain**

The U13's had a fantastic game against Bradford and showed determination and support in their first ever 11-a-side match. They maintained width on the pitch and played positively at all times. Special mention should go to **Rebecca Mountain**, **Taylor Wiley** (who both played a full game for the U15's first!), **Sarah Rider**, **Becky Foreman** & **Alice Varney**.

U14: lost 1 – 8

Goalscorer: **Hannah Penn**

After a reasonable start the U14's lost heart in the second half, which is disappointing and out of character.

U15: drew 0 – 0

The U15's had a fantastic game against a side that they beat easily last year. We did have our opportunities to win the game but retention of the ball was perhaps our downfall on this occasion. Every player worked hard and special mention should go to **Kate Morris**, **Jess Culleton** and **Esmee Mitchell** for their individual performances.

2nd XI: lost 0 – 1

This was a good performance from the Ashville team who fought hard against a mixed 1st and 2nd Bradford XI. A fantastic result and congratulations to all players.

1st XI: won 6 – 1

Goalscorers: **Jemma Reast** x 2, **Lara Wilson**, **Becky Grey** x2, **Emma Elson**

Another fantastic win for the 1st XI who played tremendously well and were deserved winners. At half time the score was 0 – 0 so you can imagine was a final 20 minutes it was!! **Jemma Reast** was player of the match but special mention should also go to **Lara Wilson** and **Hania Thompson**. My thanks to **Courtney Thompson** and Hania Thompson for captaincy which continues to inspire great performances!

Commendations

Well done to the following pupils who have received certificates of commendation:

STUDENT	BRONZE
Year 7	
Oliver Considine-Tyremann	
Matthew Collier	
Tom Booth	
Lucy Pilling	
Year 8	
Ryan Stanga	
Alistair Bradley	
Harry Newsome	
Jack Moxham	
Year 10	
Sanachie Pattanchaisiri	
Evie Nicolaidas	

Notices

Website

We hope you are finding the new website useful, please give any feedback to ashville@ashville.co.uk. Galleries of photos are added all the time, so please do visit these pages. There are currently new photos on from the Year Seven Fieldtrip to Harrogate and the Year 10 trip to the Tate in Liverpool. Please visit www.ashville.co.uk/gallery

Old Ashvillians

Informal Christmas Drinks are being held on Monday 19th December 7-9pm in the Memorial Hall for all Old Ashvillians. If you are an OA, or know any OAs, please do let them know about this complimentary event, the first of its kind.

Apex Rugby Performance Coaching

Apex Performance Coaching Academies offer quality coaching sessions, planned to develop all players. The 2012 Harrogate District Rugby Academy will be hosted by Ashville College. The Junior Academy will run Wednesday nights, 5.30pm to 7.00pm, and the Senior Academy will run Monday nights, 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

To reserve a place please follow instructions on the flyer attached with this newsletter.