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FILEY FOCUS

FILEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER. EDITION 7. NOVEMBER 2011.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER:



There is always lots happening at Filey School. November has been another positive and eventful month with a range of events and activities taking place and with much to be proud of and celebrate.

Every month I use FILEY FOCUS to bring parents/carers and members of the community up to date with events at school and to share and celebrate some of the successes of our students. I hope you will find this month's newsletter interesting and informative. I am always happy to receive information about the achievements of Filey School students from students, parents/carers and members of the community. If you would like to draw my attention to something that might be included in FOCUS or you would like to pass on a message of congratulations to students, please do get in touch.

With December upon us, many of us will begin to turn our attention to Christmas and preparations for the festive period. It will be a busy period in school as we have a range of Christmas events to prepare for - further details inside. It is also a busy, and sometimes stressful, time for families and community groups. Many of us have a lot to do before we can enjoy time with family, friends and loved ones when the Christmas break finally arrives. At this time of year we start our winter mornings in the dark and dark descends upon us again often before we get home from work or before we have enjoyed our tea or evening meal.

Fortunately fairy lights and Christmas decorations start to appear in our communities and the lights especially can lift our spirits helping to lighten the darkness that the onset of winter brings.

Of course our modern electric lights are merely a technological development upon the original oil lamps and candles which have been used as a positive symbol of goodness by religions, cultures and societies throughout the world and across the ages. I hope that as lights are turned on in preparation for Christmas they will remind us all that we are approaching the season of goodwill and that we will be able to demonstrate the spirit of the season in our daily lives and our actions.

The business of learning continues though. I continue to look for our students to try to meet the school's Filey 5 expectations: Be on time; Be prepared for learning, Apply yourself to learning, Show respect to all members of the school; Try to GO GREEN (meet targets). Meeting these basic expectations will help students to be successful. This is especially important for Year 11 students who will have trial exams after the Christmas break.

You may have heard that we received an unannounced visit by Ofsted recently. The visit was to monitor our progress in areas identified for development during our last full inspection. More information is available in this newsletter and the official findings of the inspectors will be available in due course when published by Ofsted.

Mr A Dickinson
Headteacher

SCHOOL TERMS & IMPORTANT DATES:

30th November to 3rd December	Year 9 Learning Visit - France
Wednesday 7th December	Learning Choices Booklet available for Year 9 students
Tuesday 13th December	Carol Concert [7pm]
Wednesday 14th December	Ski visit to Austria departs
Sunday 18th December	Choir & Orchestra - St Oswald's Church Lessons and Carols [3pm]
Tuesday 20th December	END OF TERM
Wednesday 21st December	Ski visit returns from Austria
Friday 6th January	Staff Development Day - STAFF ONLY
Monday 9th January	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Monday 9th January	Year 11 Trial Exams begin. GCSE Exams - Y9, Y10, Y11.
Tuesday 10th January	Year 9 Choices Information Evening [6pm]
Friday 20th January	Year 9 Choices Afternoon. School closes for Years 7, 8, 10 & 11 at 1.35pm.
Tuesday 24th January	Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening [From 5pm]
Wednesday 25th January	Year 9 students make their learning choices for Key Stage 4
Tuesday 7th February	Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening [From 5pm]
Friday 10th February	END OF HALF TERM
Monday 20th February	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 6th March	Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening [From 5pm]
Monday 19th March	Year 10 Work Experience - 2 Weeks
Thursday 22nd March	Year 5 Taster Day
Friday 30th March	END OF TERM
Monday 16th April	Staff Development Day - STAFF ONLY
Tuesday 17th April	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 18th April	Possible school production.
Thursday 19th April	Three evening performances. Details to be confirmed.
Friday 20th April	
Monday 7th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 8th May	GCSE exams begin.
Tuesday 29th May	School / House Sports Day
Friday 1st June	END OF HALF TERM
Monday 11th June	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL - Lower School exams begin.
Tuesday 12th June	Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening [From 5pm]
Tuesday 26th June	Lower School Achievement Evening - Year 7 & Year 8
Tuesday 3rd July	Upper School Achievement Evening - Year 9 & Year 10
Wednesday 11th July	Year 6 Parents' Information Evening [6.30pm]
Thursday 12th July	Year 6 Students' Introduction Day
Monday 16th July	Year 6 Parents' Consultation [From 4pm]
Tuesday 17th July	Old School Sports Day
Tuesday 17th July	TALENTFEST 2012 Final [7pm]
Friday 20th July	END OF TERM - END OF SCHOOL YEAR

OFSTED MONITORING VISIT - 17th NOVEMBER



At around 8:20 on the morning of 17th November I was called to reception to meet two unexpected official visitors who were asking to speak with the Headteacher. They were inspectors from Ofsted who explained that as part of the pilot of unannounced monitoring visits they were here to assess our progress on the areas identified for development during our last full inspection in May 2010.

I have to admit that it was a bit of a shock but, with no time to prepare, staff and students went about the usual business of the school and so the inspectors saw the school as it is.

Inspectors spent lots of their time with us in lessons, observing the quality of teaching, learning and progress and the behaviour of students. They also interviewed a number of staff and students.

At this stage I am unable to give specific details because we are waiting for the official letter confirming the inspectors' findings. Once this is published on the Ofsted website I will provide a summary and information on how to access the letter online.

I can confirm though that the inspectors concluded that Filey School has made satisfactory progress in addressing the key issues identified by our previous full inspection and that we have the capacity to bring about further sustained improvement. If this had not been the case, or if inspectors had identified other areas of concern, our next scheduled full inspection could have been brought forward. Inspectors were satisfied with the progress we are making so they will not be bringing forward our next inspection.

I am pleased with this outcome and I was proud of what the inspectors experienced during their unannounced visit. We had no time to prepare or 'put on a show' so they saw the school the way it is and they experienced a normal day at Filey School and the lessons and activities that were planned for that day.

Special thanks to those students who were selected to meet with the inspectors. They too had no notice, they weren't phased by their meetings and they conducted themselves well.

CONTACT US:

For all comments and enquiries or to provide information about community events that might be included in future editions of FILEY FOCUS please email:

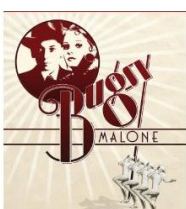
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All telephone enquiries will be handled by our reception team on:

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SCHOOL STAGE SHOW - BUGSY MALONE - APRIL 2012



Following on from the success of the GLEEful concert I am thrilled to announce that we will be staging a production of 'Bugsy Malone' straight after Easter.

More details later in this newsletter.

FILEY LIONS UPDATE:

We are pleased to be furthering our community contribution by working in partnership with Filey Lions Club.

Filey Lions will be hosting their Over 85s Christmas Lunch at our school on Saturday 10th December. Our choir will be performing festive pieces as part of the planned entertainment and students will be assisting and serving guests.



FILEY LIONS CLUB SANTA SLEIGH will be out and about during December. Lions members will be collecting door-to-door and Santa will be available to meet and greet both young and old. Santa and his sleigh will be at the following locations:

Tuesday 6th December from 5.30pm: Lighting of St Catherine's Tree of Light: Memorial Gardens. Donations to St Catherine's Hospice.

Thursday 8th December from 5.30pm: Wharfedale and Pasture Crescent estates.

Friday 9th December from 5.30pm: Hunmanby Village - North of Stonegate.

Sunday 11th December from 3pm: West Road and Scarborough Road.

Sunday 11th December from 5pm: Grove Hill Estate.

Monday 12th December from 5.30pm: Gristhorpe and Lebberston villages.

Wednesday 14th December from 5.30pm: Grange Avenue/Clarence Drive/Muston Road.

Friday 16th December from 5.30pm: Filey Town Centre.

Sunday 18th December from 3pm: Hunmanby Village - South of Stonegate.

Monday 19th December from 5.30pm: Muston/Reighton/Hunmanby Gap/Primrose Valley.

Wednesday 21st December Morrisons Supermarket - all day.

Thursday 22nd December Morrisons Supermarket - all day.

FILEY SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT:

This year our Carol Concert will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 13th December, starting at 7pm.**

It will include traditional congregational carols, readings, performances by our choir, vocal soloists, orchestra and instrumentalists and my Christmas address.

It is always a well-attended festive event and is a lovely way for us to celebrate Christmas together as a school and community. I hope you will be able to join us.



FILEY SCHOOL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA:



Our choirs continue to go from strength to strength. The Chamber Choir gave another great performance at St John's Church on Sunday 27th November.

This was the first of a number of engagements that our talented singers and musicians are booked to attend in the build-up to Christmas.

Details of forthcoming performances are shown below:

DATE & TIME	EVENT	PERFORMERS
3rd December. 5:15pm	Moonlit Market. Filey Sea Cadets, Southdene, Filey.	Choir
4th December. 9:45am	Christingle Service. St Oswald's Church, Filey.	Chamber Choir
6th December. 5:45pm	Light Up A Life Ceremony in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. Memorial Gardens & Evron Centre	Choir
8th December. 6:30pm	Christmas Tree Festival Concert. St John's Church, Filey.	Choir & Soloists
10th December. 11:45am	Rotary Over 85's Lunch. Filey School Hall.	Choir
11th December. 5:30pm	Nativity Carol Service. All Saints Church, Wold Newton.	Choir & Soloists
13th December. 6:30pm	Filey School Carol Concert. Filey School Hall.	Choirs, Soloists & Orchestra
14th December. 9:30am	Probus Carol Concert. Filey Methodist Church.	Chamber Choir
14th December. 1:15pm	Carol Singing. Ackworth House Nursing Home.	Choir
16th December. 1:00pm	Christmas Lunchtime Concert. St John's Church Hall, Filey.	Choir & Soloists
18th December. 3:00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols. St Oswald's Church, Filey.	Choir & Soloists
19th December. 1:15pm	Carol Singing. Silver Birches, Filey.	Choir & Soloists
20th December	End of Term Assemblies	Choir & Soloists

This is a really busy schedule. All performers are currently putting in lots of work to prepare for so many appearances. The amount of time being given, the dedication of students involved and their talent are admirable. I know that their performances will be of the usual high standard as a result of all the hard work that goes into preparing for them.

Thanks to all students involved - It is good to see our school and students getting involved in so many community events during the festive season.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK - 14th to 18th November:



A range of activities took place during anti-bullying week to help students understand what bullying is and what the effects of bullying are.

The focus for the week was verbal bullying but we took the opportunity to emphasise the message that all types of bullying are unacceptable at Filey School.

All students took part in anti-bullying lessons during PSHCE, older students participated in workshops that focused particularly on bullying related to gender and sexuality issues. A range of students were also involved in dance, music and drama workshops. These culminated in a performance to Year 7 and parents/carers that was excellent, particularly given the limited time available for preparation and rehearsal.

Student Leaders attended a full-day conference on bullying to help them clarify their understanding of what bullying is and plan some strategies to prevent bullying that they can be part of. They will be sharing their work with students in assemblies and in future editions of FOCUS.

I provided all students with a green wristband bearing the statement "BEAT BULLYING FILEY". Students were asked to wear the wristband as a sign of their commitment not be a bully, not to ignore bullying and to play their part in tackling bullying. I was pleased to see most students wearing their wristband throughout the week. Many students are still wearing one. It is an acceptable part of school uniform and I hope that all those students who are against bullying will continue to wear the wristband.

Anti-bullying week also saw the launch of our anti-bullying page on the school website. There are links to useful websites that provide information and support for both students and parents/carers. There is also a REPORT BULLYING button. Students can now click this button to send a report of bullying to a mentor who will ensure appropriate action is taken. Reports can be anonymous. Students who use this facility will be given a unique passcode so that, even if their report is anonymous, they can access their report to add information and view mentors' replies.

This reporting tool is available to all students - those who are being bullied, those who are aware of someone else being bullied and bullies who are seeking help to change their behaviour. Anyone who knows of incidents of bullying can help us to address it by reporting it.

The REPORT BULLYING button can be accessed via the website: www.fileyschool.com

Parents/Carers and other adults could also use this tool if they know of incidents and details of bullying that we should be aware of.

Please remember that children and young people who experience bullying may continue to suffer unless it is reported. If we don't know about it, we can't take steps to try to address it.



Shopping online this Christmas?



Christmas shopping List

Mum - Top from John Lewis - £47

Dad - Drill from B&Q - £69

Gran - Slippers from Debenhams - £24.00

Tom - PS3 games from Amazon - £38.00

Milly - Dolls House from Early Learning - £70

Me - Gorgeous dress from Boden? - £125

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HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATE:

The profile of our houses and the competition between them has raised significantly this year. As well as the usual sporting competitions, students are awarded points for their house for a wide range of activities and achievements. Recently these have included points for swimming, A-grades for effort and application to learning, attendance, meeting GO GREEN attainment targets and commendations.

The current house point totals are:

BRIGG	CARR	GLEN	WOLD
6676	6094	6348	6139

It is a close competition so far, with two terms still to go. There will be plenty of opportunities for students to gain points for their house throughout the remainder of the school year.

We want to give all students the opportunity to succeed and contribute to the success of their house. If any student, parent/carer, member of staff or member of our community has suggestions for future house competitions or achievements that could be awarded house points, please share your ideas with Mr Messenger.

At the start of the year students were given a badge to identify their house membership. This badge is an acceptable part of school uniform. Many students continue to wear their badge but it would be good to see all students wearing their badge as a sign of house identity.

EMS: ENHANCED MAINSTREAM SCHOOL (Autism) UPDATE:



After a long wait, our EMS base is almost complete. Building work was finished earlier this term and fixtures, fittings and furniture are now almost all in place.

Our EMS team continue to provide support to other schools in the area and to students at Filey School. Teaching assistants from other schools have visited to see our facilities and discuss the support we may be able to offer.

Mrs Gillon hopes to be able to provide a more detailed update, complete with photographs, in the next edition of FILEY FOCUS.

SKI VISIT:

66 students will be leaving for Austria on Wednesday 14th December to take part in our Ski visit. They will return on Wednesday 21st December.

Previous Ski visits have been hugely successful and this is always a popular activity. Plans are already underway for the 2012 visit.

Students taking part this year should receive a letter from Miss Bettley shortly, detailing the finalised schedule of activities.

COMMUNITY MUSICIANS - CAN YOU HELP?



Our school singers and musicians continue to deliver impressive performances both in school and at community events. We are pleased to get involved in our communities in this way.

Music really does have the power to bring people together and performances give children and young people the opportunity to showcase their talents and develop their self-confidence and a range of skills.

We would be delighted if we could further involve members of our communities in musical performance at Filey School. One way we might achieve this would be to enable our students to perform with and learn from adult musicians. This will give them the chance to perform as part of a larger group of musicians, further develop their skills and confidence and enhance the quality of the sound we are able to produce. It will also help to develop communication and relationships between our young people and adults in our communities.

If you are a musician and you would like to perform at major events with our student singers and musicians, please contact Mr Chatto at school.

FILEY SCHOOL RADIO

I attended a PTFA meeting recently that was more like an episode of 'Dragons Den' thanks to a group of students who are budding radio producers and broadcasters. Jared Shooter, Ben Lyon and Mark Henderson (supported by Mr Moore) made their pitch, trying to secure financial support for the introduction of Filey School Radio.

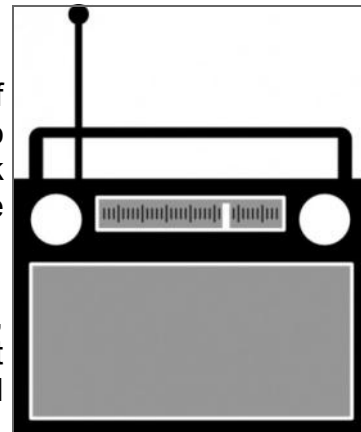
The boys plan to record regular podcasts that will include music, school news, interviews and features broadcasts. These podcast radio shows will be available to download and listen from the school website.

I was impressed with the idea, with the potential of a podcast radio at our school and with the commitment, creativity, confidence and presentation skills of the students involved.

Our PTFA were equally impressed and they agreed to provide funds to help pay for the required broadcast license and some essential equipment.

Watch out for podcast radio programmes on the website in the near future. Suggestions for future podcasts should be emailed to admin@fileyschool.n-yorks.sch.uk

Thanks to PTFA for their generous support for this innovative project.



COMMUNITY EVENTS IN FILEY FOCUS:

If you would like publicity for your community event or service to be included in a future edition of FILEY FOCUS please provide details by email or contact school by telephone.

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GLEEful CONCERT - 17th NOVEMBER:

GLEEful

The unannounced visit by Ofsted on 17th November didn't put off our talented singers. The full choir and solo performers staged a concert including songs inspired by the hit TV show 'Glee'.

An appreciative audience of nearly 200 people enjoyed the 2-act concert which gave them a real taste of what to expect when the school's album is completed. Soloists gave impressive performances, as they always do, and the choir created a fantastic sound when so many voices sang together. There were over 80 students on the stage, more on the stairs either side and solo performers too. The sight and sound of so many students performing together was impressive.

Live accompaniment was provided by our house band, made up of Mr Chatto on keyboards, Mr Ord on drums, Mr R Ellis on bass and Mr Senior making his debut on guitar.

Well done to all involved ... and, having heard a recent rehearsal I am looking forward to the next big performance at the carol concert on 13th December.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL 2011:

This year's Children in Need television appeal broke all records, with over £26 million raised on the night of the marathon BBC broadcast.

Filey School students approached me with ideas for fundraising. Students wore spots, bought and ate cakes, took part in Christmas craft activities, threw wet sponges at teachers and got involved in a range of other activities that were all organised by students.



Our young people raised £530. Another example of Filey School students coming together, thinking of others, making a difference and having fun at the same time.

CAROL CONCERT COLLECTION:

Each year we take a collection at our carol concert in aid of a chosen good cause. This year our collection will be split between Macmillan Nurses and the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation who are currently providing invaluable support to a member of Filey School staff.

A-LIST REWARDS EVENTS - Week beginning 5th December

Each half term we will invite students with high numbers of A-grades for effort and application to learning to take part in planned rewards activities.



Based on the October effort and application grades the students listed below will have the opportunity to go skating at 'Ice Factor', the outdoor rink at York Designer Outlet. There may even be time for a spot of Christmas shopping or window shopping for ideas for this year's letters to Santa.

Transport will be provided and the cost of ice-skating will be subsidised by the rewards fund set up with money raised by the sponsored walk earlier this year.

Henry	Ankers	Megan	Allison	Isabelle	Brignall
Lauren	Blanchard	Cassandra	Anderson	Jessica	Cammish
Hannah	Brignall	Eleanor	Arkininstall-Jones	Chloe	Coates
Lucy	Butler	Chelsea	Arnell	Kiera	Dobson
Harry	Clark	Peter	Barlow	Chloe	Frampton
Paige	Dyson	Andreea	Botez	Robert	Green
Joe	Green	Ellie	Brook	Chloe	Greenley
Jemma	Greenin	Danielle	Butcher	Kerrie	Greenley
Katie	Greenin	Thomas	Crookes	Anoushka	Harrison
Sian	Greenley	Charlotte	Donkin	Leanne	Harvey
Emily	Hardwick	Rebecca	England	Maddison	James
Maria	Hornsey	Alexandra	Fishburn	Evie	Jenkinson
Beth	Jenkinson	Florence	Hargreaves	Kate	Jenkinson
Jack	McManus	Lucy	Haydon	Georgina	Johnstone
Anna	Palmer	Courtney	Jones	Philippa	Launchbury
Megan	Pickard	Philip	Mead	Rebecca	Palmer
Jessica	Robinson	Joanna	Pattison	Matthew	Pickard
Matthew	Robinson	Sarah	Pickering	Stacie	Roodhouse
Sam	Robson	Caitlin	Render	Rachel	Samuels
Charlie	Sinclair	Holly	Scoles	Lucy	Snell
Zoe	Spurgeon	Rebecca	Simmons	Gemma	Stanton
Amy	Till	Jack	Smithson	Joe	Terry
Georgina	Warters	Robyn	Trowsdale	Josh	Till
Shannon	Webb	Rebecca	Wainwright	Jade	Van Der Vegt
Megan	Williams	Sophie	Walters	Faye	White
Thomas	Wrightson	Marcus	Archer	Jessica	White
Robson	Shannon	Emma	Barlow	Stephanie	Wiltshire

Well done to all students on these lists. I am pleased to see so many students becoming A-Listers. I hope they all enjoy their reward and that there will be even more students on the lists next half-term.

A-LIST REWARDS EVENTS - Week beginning 5th December - Continued

Eleanor	Ankers	Hannah	Wilkinson
George	Atkinson	Helena	Yeadon
Rowan	Bielby	Regan	Adams
Shenel	Biggins	Reece	Arnell
Claudia	Bowes	Ryan	Clark
Abbey	Brook	James	Corner
Megan	Crookes	Dylan	Daniels
Courtney	Davis	Matthew	Duley
Jay	Durkin	Lewis	East
Nathan	Ewen	Ashley	Harrison
Rachael	Francis	William	Imeson
Edward	Franklin	Samuel	Jeffries
Charlotte	Halifax	Joseph	Lee
Victoria	Hall	Ellery	Liley
Ella	Harrison	Caitlan	Lund
Jessica	Heap	Isabelle	Mackley
Cara	Hitchens	Shannon	Mullen
Abigail	Hutchinson	Katie	Nicholson
Ewan	McNeil	Laura	Reynolds
Jules	Moore	William	Scott
Amy	Napthine	Harvey	Smart
Georgia	Pledger	John	Storey
George	Richardson	Bailey	Thornton
Maisie	Robinson	Oscar	Tyler
Ellie	Rogers	Ben	Welsby
Daniel	Trowsdale	Olivia	Yalezo
Alexander	Warters		

All of these students are entitled to their reward event because they have worked hard and consistently applied themselves to their learning across the range of subjects. They are all meeting our FILEY 5 expectations. By being on time, being prepared for learning, applying themselves to their learning and showing respect to all members of the school, they are giving themselves the very best chances to be successful and GO GREEN by meeting their attainment targets.

Rewards events like this one to 'Ice Factor' will be available each half-term to all students who are awarded high numbers of A-grades for effort and application in their reports.

There will be another reward event after Christmas based on effort grades from the December reports.



ART FESTIVAL - The Old Boatyard - SCARBOROUGH

Three Filey School students have been selected to enter their art work in a competition being held in Scarborough.

Liz Craven, Robyn Magson and Callum Wells have each produced a piece of high quality drawing work which has been professionally framed. The competition will be judged by international artist Clive Head and presentations will be made by Councillor John Blackburn, Mayor of the Borough of Scarborough.

The competition is part of the Art Festival at the Old Boatyard, 35-36 Sandside, Scarborough, YO11 1PQ.

The festival will take place on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December, 10:00am - 5:00pm. The festival boasts *'100's of paintings on display by international and local artists'*. Visitors to the festival are encouraged to *'Discover the great wealth of artistic talent in Scarborough'*.

There will also be a children's art corner, face painting and mug and T-shirt printing.

FILEY SCHOOL TOOK TIME TO REMEMBER:

The whole school stopped to observe 2 minutes silence at 11am on 11th November in an act of remembrance. There was an atmosphere of respect and reflection across the school.

Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies represented the school at the act of remembrance at the Memorial Gardens in Filey.

Remembrance assemblies also took place during the week leading up to 11th November. These assemblies were led by Beth Atkinson, Chair of Student Voice, Mr Donaldson and the following students:

Chloe Greenley, Amelia Harrison, Lauren Arthur, Becky Green, Pescara Stephenson, Chloe Kay, Amelia Rudeforth, Georgia Render, Scarlett Hill and Shannon Mullen.

Well done to all. It takes real confidence to stand in front of a full year group and deliver an assembly. An excellent job done by all.



SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL:

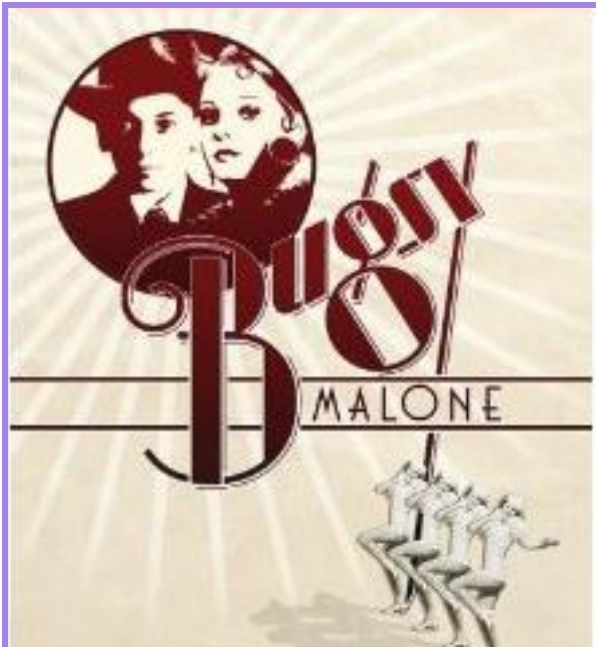


Members of Filey School Student Voice identified the shoebox appeal as a good cause that they felt we ought to support.

They were able to pack and wrap 31 shoeboxes which will be given to children and people less fortunate than ourselves in developing countries. Thanks to all who donated to the appeal. An excellent example of charity and global citizenship.

More details at: www.samaritanspurse.uk.com

BUGSY MALONE



SPRING SHOW

18th, 19th & 20th
April 2012

**Auditions for lead roles will
be held before Christmas.**

**Students should sign-up at
the Performing Arts Studio**

CERTIFICATES EVENING:

2011 leavers joined us on 22nd November for the presentation of their examination certificates. Certificates were presented by Councillor John Blackburn, Mayor of the Borough of Scarborough, and Councillor Richard Walker, Filey Town Mayor.



Members of the Chamber Choir impressed with another excellent performance and the Borough Mayor spoke, giving insight into the Mayoral office and offering praise and congratulations to former students.

We would like to extend our very best wishes for the future to all our former students.

NO SMOKING PLEASE:

In Accordance with NYCC policy and UK law, Filey School is a non-smoking site.

Unfortunately, as in many other schools, some of our students have taken up this expensive, unhealthy and potentially lethal habit.

Students who are found smoking on the school site will lose all social time for 3 days. Students repeatedly found smoking at school may be internally excluded.

However, we recognise that nicotine is highly addictive and that it is difficult not to smoke once the habit is established. To help those students who have taken up smoking we will be organising workshops, in conjunction with external professionals, to give advice and support for stopping smoking.

Parents/Carers can access support to help their child stop smoking via a GP, by telephoning the NHS Smokefree helpline on [0800 022 4332](tel:0800 022 4332) or by visiting www.nhs.uk/gosmokefree.

Support packs can be ordered from both the helpline and the website.



PE & SPORTS UPDATE:

U16 girls football team cruised through the County Cup quarter final, beating Thirsk School 5 - 1. Outstanding performance by Ashlee Brack who scored 2 goals and dominated midfield. An early OG from Thirsk. Molly Sinclair and Beth White also on the score sheet.

Year 8 girls performed well at the area football 7-a-side tournament at George Pindar Community Sports College.

Boys rugby - All years have been outstanding at SRUFC tournaments. Years 8 and 9 remain unbeaten. Strong performances by Year 11 & 10 and the new Year 7 also look like an outstanding team.

Years 7, 9 and 11 football teams have all qualified for District Cup semi-finals.

Unfortunately, the Year 11 football team were knocked out of County Cup by Archbishop Holgate's School in York.

Well done to all students who get involved in extra-curricular sports and represent our school so well as members of sports teams.

UNAVOIDABLE SCHOOL CLOSURES:

By this time last year we had already had some bad weather and snow that caused us to close school early on at least one occasion. Let's hope that we can avoid harsh weather this year so that we can keep school open.

The decision to close school is never taken lightly. I will always try to keep school open when possible during winter weather. However, if it does become necessary to close school, we will use the following methods of communication to get that message to you as soon as possible:

- SMS text alerts to parents/carers.
- Announcement on Yorkshire Coast Radio and Radio York.
- Notification on my blog on the school website.
- Recorded message on school switchboard, available by 'phoning school.

Please assume that school is open unless a school closure is confirmed by the above means.

If it became necessary to close school early, due to an emergency or bad weather, we would use the same means of communication.



FILEY SCHOOL ALBUM:

Our school's first album should be available before Christmas.

Three tracks have been recorded already. Samples are available on the school website.

The remaining tracks will be recorded on Monday 5th December.

The album will contain two tracks performed by the whole school choir and the remaining tracks will feature performances from vocalists who performed in TALENTFEST FINAL 2011.

The album artwork will be designed by a Filey School student. The competition to select the artwork closes on Friday 2nd December.

We hope to have copies available for sale at the carol concert.



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ST JOHN'S CHURCH
WEST AVENUE
FILEY



OPENING CONCERT
BY
FILEY SCHOOL CHAMBER
CHOIR
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SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER
5PM

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FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 11AM - 4PM
SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 10AM - 4PM
SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 11AM - 4.30PM

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