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Primary Partnerships


I am delighted to welcome you to an edition which focuses not only upon what has been happening in Park View itself but also in activities which have taken place with our primary partners. A focus of all schools now is to make the transition from the primary to the secondary phase as smooth and painless as possible; gone are the dark days when a child would spend their summer holidays worrying about what would happen to them, and banished with them the myth that stepping up is all about getting your head put down a toilet!

We are very lucky to have a strong, ever growing primary cluster made up of headteachers who genuinely get on and trust each other and schools which have mutual respect for what we each achieve. It is a partnership in which all are committed to putting children come first, a true learning community.

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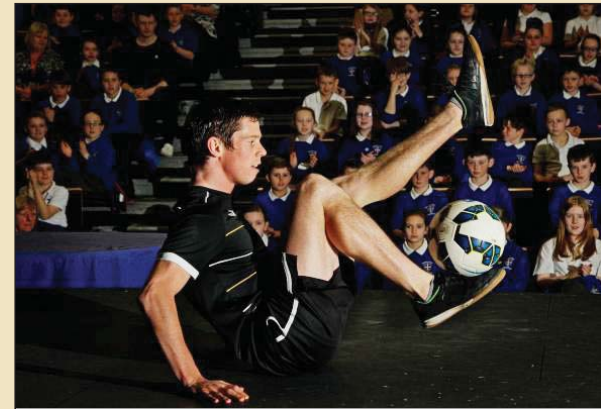
The King With Cold Feet

The Performing Arts Faculty presented a production of the ever-popular 'The King with Cold Feet' over two evenings in June. Year 5 students from several local primary schools including Bournmoor Primary, Lumley Juniors, Woodlea Primary, Red Rose Primary, and Dubmire Primary, as well as Park View students from year 7 to 13, provided a show that was not to be missed, with audience and cast joined in song at the finale of each evening. Sue Moore, Head of Performing Arts at Park View, said: 'The students

worked really hard on the performance and delivered it with great enthusiasm; the production as promised, was an enjoyable and entertaining evening for all involved, both participants and audience.'

Iain Veitch said, 'It is nights like these which live in a child's memory for a long time and which remind us what true education is all about: staff from both sectors and students of all ages coming together to creatively express the sheer joy of being alive!'

Fancy Football



Park View School had the pleasure of hosting a performance by John Farnworth, the top Football Artist in the World. He has won both World and European titles in Football Freestyle and currently holds 5 Guinness World Records. John's performances have taken him worldwide to over 30 different countries, including shows at the World Cup Final, Champions League Final, The Grand Prix and even the West End and Broadway Stages! 230 children from local schools, including Woodlea Primary, Chester-le-Street Church of England Primary, Cestria Primary and Ouston Primary, St. Cuthberts RC Primary, enjoyed the performance, with some even participating in it. All had an absolutely fantastic time.

Fast Football Academy, the organisers of the event, deliver football sessions at Park View School and other venues across the North East. For more information, please go to <http://www.fastfeetfa.com/>

Together We Are Stronger

The CLS Learning Alliance is a school company set up by Park View and eight of its main nursery and primary partners. By combining our collective expertise and resources, we aim to provide our children with the most inspiring experiences possible, both in and out of the classroom, whilst using our size to achieve the best value from all services. On Saturday, 4th July, we launched the company through an art exhibition at the North Lodge site of Park View School. Under the banner, 'Our World', children of all ages explored aspects of their lives, expressing an incredible range of ideas through a variety of media. The result was a joyous expression of collective identity, a show which was bursting with creativity and colour.

A variety of live music was provided by Park View students as were refreshments by the students raising money for World Challenge. Other activities included face painting, cartoon drawings and a competition to design the company's logo – watch this space for the winning design! Iain Veitch, Head Teacher said: 'The company is an innovative way of strengthening our partnership as well as sharing our resources for the benefit of students of all ages. This lovely morning has been the perfect launch for it and I look forward to more, bigger events of this type. I have been stunned by the quality of work produced by the primary students. It has been great to see that our passion for the creative arts is also shared by those closest to us.'



The Power of Peer Supporters

Well done to Year 7 and 8 peer supporters who have been visiting local primary schools presenting an assembly with an anti bullying message. They are a special group of students at North Lodge who volunteer to be available at break and lunchtime for any student who wants to talk to them or who feels they might need support with relationships. They were warmly welcomed and enjoyed visiting their "old" school themselves too. In addition, their annual visit to the town centre with Easter wishes and daffodils for local residents was a huge success. The school received many emails and letters from people who wanted to express their gratitude for such a kind gesture.

Much more inside



Wish You Were Here...? Park View Travels

Park View in Berlin!



Ten students studying German in Years 11-13 took the opportunity in early March to immerse themselves in the culture and language of the historic and ever-changing metropolis of Berlin.

The cold chill of central Europe made an excellent backdrop for our guided tours of a dark and turbulent period of history. This included Hitler's Bunker, the Berlin Wall, DDR Museum, Topography of Terror, Checkpoint Charlie, Brandenburg Gate and the Holocaust Memorial. In addition to visiting the main sites, the group was also gripped by tours of Hohenschönhausen, a former Stasi prison, and the Stasi Museum, which did a great job of emphasising the ingenious methods used to try to escape across the Berlin Wall.

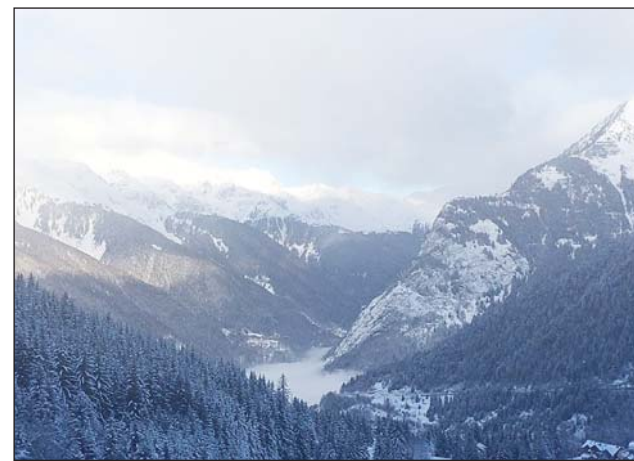
The students relished daily trips to the supermarket Lidl to stock up on typical German food, and thoroughly enjoyed a meal in a traditional German restaurant. Another highlight was the novelty of going to "das Kino" to watch the film "Into the Woods" in German. A really entertaining evening, especially with a bucket of popcorn!

The group was extremely keen to explore Berlin, taking countless photos of the artefacts, monuments, signposts and famous landmarks. Breath taking views from the top of the TV Tower and the dome of the parliament building the Reichstag, proved to be perfect photo opportunities. This wonderful team of students adopted various roles from map reading, to deciphering the Berlin underground system to ordering tickets and food, asking directions and even interviewing the locals, all in German. Mrs Burnett said: "The group were such an asset to Park View, full of passion and enthusiasm for the German language and culture."

Skiing in Alpes d'Huez

This year saw our eighth school ski trip, which was bigger and better than ever!! The ski week is physically tough for the students, as seven hours of skiing a day can really take it out of you, but not once was there a moan; instead, there were requests to stay out skiing longer. As well as skiing, students were introduced to the alternative activity of bum boarding, sliding down the slope on a bottom sized tray which was a speedy, interesting and hair raising experience for all. On the final day, students hit the slopes in fancy dress. Adam Gardner, Year 12 said: "I'm not sure Alp d'Heuz was ready for the onesies, the Thunderbirds, Iron Man, a few 'Wallys' and Mario and friends but we certainly made quite a spectacle! The ski trip was an amazing experience appreciated by all. It was physically challenging but gave everyone the chance to improve on, or acquire, a skill which would be impossible to pursue in Chester-le-Street."

Miss Keighley, the trip organiser, said 'The students were a total credit to themselves and their parents and a superb advert for Park View! Students of all year groups enjoyed a laugh together, helping one another negotiate tricky slopes and generally looking after each other. They have been an absolute pleasure to be with!'



International Week

In celebration of International Week, students at Park View experienced aspects of different countries and cultures. The students took part in a variety of activities including sampling food from around the world and guessing which country each originated from. The Sharon fruit from Israel was a particularly new taste for most students. Other activities include Salsa Dancing, Eastern Games and taster sessions in non curriculum languages such as Portuguese. During the week, Year 7 also campaigned to save the planet, writing to the Prime Minister and producing awareness leaflets on issues from around the world.

International week fits in very much with our philosophy that students need to be equipped with an international outlook if they are to take their place in a global economy. For this reason, we not only ensure that all the young people in our care learn to understand and appreciate foreign cultures and customs but also that all can be triple linguists at both GCSE and A-level, should they wish to. In an age of globalism, multinational corporations and long distance travel, our students would miss out on too many opportunities later in life if we did not equip them to take advantage of all that the world has to offer.



Oxford and Cambridge Capers

Year 12 students visited Somerville College Oxford University for a 3 day residential. Working alongside the Admissions Officer and other college academics, students had a taste of what it would be like to study at this prestigious university. Students practised interview techniques, completed workshops in humanities and science and took part in an educational programme at the Ashmolean Museum, guided by one of the curates. As well as educational activities, students were given sound advice on personal statements and qualifications to apply for Oxford University. All had a fantastic time!

A group of Year 12 students also visited the

University of Cambridge for a 2 day residential, staying at King's College. Robert Peverley, Adam Gardner, Daniel Mulroy, Govind Harikrishnan and Chris Turnbull were given the opportunity to experience student life at King's College and attend sample lectures in the Arts and Sciences. The Arts group took part in a seminar on The Enlightenment followed by a tour and exhibition at the University Library. The Sciences group took part in a seminar on Temperature Perception in Plants and were fortunate to be able to visit the Sainsbury Laboratory, an 11,000 sq.m. plant science research centre which is rarely open to the general public. This was followed by a guided tour of the

Botanic Garden, providing further information on plant sciences. The students gained an invaluable insight into studying at Cambridge and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.



Antonio Lulic Goes Back To His Roots



During April, as part of his UK Tour, Antonio Lulic returned to Park View School to perform on the very stage that sparked his love for performing. Raised in Great Lumley, Chester-le-Street, and son to a South American exile, Antonio was an ex student of Park View School before attending the University of Leeds to study a degree in English and Creative Writing. He then moved to London to follow his dream of becoming an international performer and has toured relentlessly, building a loyal fanbase around the world. He is a folk-rock singer-songwriter whose deep and gravelly vocal combines with a powerful yet intimate lyrical style to deliver passionate and uniquely soulful music. At the end of his British tour, he joined Ed Sheeran to support him on his tour in South America.

Iain Veitch, Head Teacher at Park View School said: 'We are honoured Antonio decided to include Chester-le-Street in his UK tour; it was a privilege to have him back on home soil and in our school setting.'

Antonio also welcomed two present students from Park View School, Katie Smith and Jack Mylchreest, to support him at the concert.

Mad About Medicine



A group of year 11 who are interested in applying to Medicine took part in a visit to HYMS University. They experienced a practical session linked to clinical skills and were given an introduction to the university's chosen mode of delivery, which matches very closely to Park View Learning. They had the opportunity to talk to current undergraduate students at the university as well as academics. They were given information about personal statements and grades needed to apply for medicine. This experience was inspirational for students, and cemented the idea in their minds that medicine is the path for them.

Run for Fun

Fifty children from Red Rose Primary, Cestria Primary and Newker Primary took part in a 1 mile Fun Run at Park View School on Saturday 18th April. The Chester-le-Street Fun Run, in association with Chester-le-Street Athletics Club, was a pilot for 2015. The event was a success, with all children completing the run and receiving medals. 2016's Fun Run is expected to be bigger and better involving more local children from the Chester-le-Street area with a local charity focus. Organiser, Terry Young said: The event was only possible because of the support from the volunteers and our sponsors Start Fitness, Richardson Designs and, Shepherd and Shepherdess Inn. The runners, some of whom were entering this event for the first time, did themselves proud. Iain Veitch, Head Teacher at Park View School said: 'Congratulations to all the children who took part in an event which can only grow in popularity. Who knows, I may even be tempted to dust off my running shoes for next year!'

BBC Radio 1 Visited Park View School



Radio 1 DJ and TV presenter Gemma Cairney visited Park View to understand what feminist issues really matter most to girls today, hoping to generate a wider debate about what we can do to address them. Working with Southbank Centre and inspired by the WOW – Women of the World Festival, Gemma will be creating a 3-minute documentary capturing the frank and honest opinions from groups of secondary-school girls from different backgrounds and parts of the country. The finished film will be shared via social media in the run up to Southbank Centre's WOW Festival as well as during the festival as part of a panel discussion led by Gemma. A permanent online presence for the film will allow ongoing discussion beyond the WOW 2015 Festival. Some of our Year 9, 10 and 11 girls took part in the interviews, sharing their concerns and answering Gemma's questions to contribute to the project.

Business Links

Year 10 students have been given a fantastic opportunity to work with a local business, Dicksons Butchers.

At Park View, we are always looking to set up links with local business to provide students with real world experience, so when Dicksons approached us to be involved with designing one of their Special Edition Sandwiches we jumped at the chance. It always helps to see how what we learn in school relates to the "real" world.

Students will visit the manufacturing unit, meet the design team, experiment with flavour combinations and then face the judging panel. The winning sandwich will go into manufacture and be available in stores in the coming weeks- be on the lookout for the tasty treat which will be easily identifiable due to its packaging emblazoned with the School Logo and the winning students names.

We have already visited the newly refurbish Dicksons store on the high street for the grand opening. The store looked great with a wide range of options including a build your own hot or cold sandwich bar.



Charitable Work

The members of Park View Student Council were so moved by the plight of those caught up in the Nepal earthquake that they decided to raise funds for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. The School Council asked Year 7 and 8 students at our North Lodge site to give up a treat for the day and donate the money they would have spent to the appeal. In just 30 minutes, the school council raised £160.

Iain Vietch, Headteacher, said: "I never cease to be amazed by the generosity of our students as they always go out of their way to support those who are less fortunate than themselves. As a school, we always strive to help those in need, in our own country and overseas, regarding ourselves as truly part of a wider community."

Great Gardening

As the North Lodge community garden entered its second year, the students sold their first produce of the season, baby leeks and bags of fresh herbs. All were snapped up by staff and proceeds were used to buy more seeds and plants for the garden. The gardeners are planning what to grow in their two new beds, which have been provided by funding from the North of England Horticultural Society- it looks like parsnips and butternut squash are going to be the new additions to their produce list this year! Since the North Lodge Garden is growing so well, it has been decided to expand the project to Church Chare and we now have a site which is being developed alongside the Student Council of Cestria Primary School. We are grateful to Councillor Tracie Smith who has supported the project financially



Sport at Park View

Individual Achievements

Ben King (Year 13) has been accepted for a sports scholarship in USA to start in January 2016, hopefully in California. He will study for a Business degree and play rugby. Ben currently plays on the wing for Houghton Rugby Club.

Blake Keeble's season in the U16 Newcastle Eagles ended on a high. His team beat the Bradford Dragons to get through to the third round of the playoffs, and the final 8 in the UK before then losing in a hard fought game to Newham in London. This was the furthest any of the junior teams have progressed in the five years he has been with the Eagles School of Excellence.

More importantly, Blake has had a great year of development as a player, emerging as team captain and leader. He has done Park View proud this season with a number of outstanding individual performances - memorably he scored 26 points in an overtime victory over nearest rivals Doncaster and had his highest ever scoring total against Rotherham, with 36.

Elle Brown (Year 8), our star swimmer, competed in the British Championships and performed in a stunning way, particularly considering she was up against 14 year olds and was the youngest competitor. She did not make it into the finals but it was a great experience swimming in the same event as Hannah Miley and Aimee Wilmott. She was first in her own age group for the 200 Butterfly.

Philippa Ellis (Year 7) won three medals at the North East Indoor Track and Field Championships at Gateshead. Philippa won gold in the U13 Long Jump and Shot Putt and Bronze in the 60m Hurdles!



Neve Jackson (Year 9) represented England Schoolgirls (U15) in an international versus Wales, winning 4-1. Although she did not score, she had a fantastic game, a stunning achievement! (Neve Jackson, front row, far left)

Congratulations to Park Views very own Miss Keighley, whose Newcastle Ladies Hockey team became National Trophy champions in April. Great to see a member of staff competing on a national stage with so much success!

Athletics

It has been a great year so far for Athletics at Park View School.

In the West Wearside District Championships our Year 8/9 Girls and Year 10/11 Boys won their team competitions. From this, many of our individual champions will go on to represent the District in the County Championships

Four teams competed in the District Pentathlon Championship, with all students competing in the high jump, the long jump, the hurdles, the shot and the 800 metres and some also going into individual events. Miss Keighley, PE Teacher said:

"The students were fantastic, as always. The Girls A team won the whole competition and were crowned champions! Notable performances came from Eve Southern (2nd overall a year young) and Xsara Burgess (5th overall)". Eve will go on to represent County Durham at the County Championships!

The Year 8 and 9 boys athletics team represented the region in a competition in Hull on 11th June. All athletes were competing a year young. The boys performed extremely well to finish 8th overall in a field made mainly up of private schools. Special mention goes to Josh Bishop, who won 100 metres, Aaron Trotter, who won 200 meters, and Matthew Ward, who finished 2nd in the shot put and 2nd in the hurdles.

The Year 7/8 girls and boys competed in the TWSS Pentathlon at Monkton Stadium. There were some brilliant individual performances with Phillipa Ellis coming 2nd overall, and Eve Southern coming 3rd overall, both competing against 60 other girls. The girls A team came 2nd. All represented the school brilliantly.

Park View were also represented in the U13 Boys Team which won the regional cross country heat in Hull and now will go onto the national finals in Manchester.

School Teams

Beaten But Not Battered At Basketball - In the one and only defeat of the season, Year 11 boys lost their Tyneside Schools Final to St Cuthberts. Co-captain (and star player) Blake Keeble was injured with a broken finger - he went instead as coach to the team but we were narrowly defeated by very good opposition.



The Year 7 and 8 boys cricket team won the Area Inter Cricket Competition at the beginning of June. They went through the tournament unbeaten and will now go on to represent the Durham and Chester le Street area at county finals day held at Maiden Castle, a fantastic achievement!

In more success, the Year 9 and 10 boys cricket team are through to the quarter final of the County Cup after 2 good wins.

The Year 10/11 Boys' Table Tennis Team came 4th overall in a recent competition amongst Durham schools and played really well. Mr Wilson said: "The team were 4 of the loveliest lads you can imagine: Tom Starkey, Haydn Williamson, Scott Burgess and Jordan Fleming. They were a pleasure to be with."

Cross Country

In an amazing victory in Ashbrook Road Relay Race, our cross year group Cross Country team destroyed the opposition from the region's independent schools to win gold at the prestigious Ashbrook Road Relay Race. A fantastic achievement!!

Swimming

Park View was represented in force at the North East Regional Swimming Championships at Pond's Forge International Sports Centre in Sheffield. Swimmers from South Yorkshire to Scotland competed over two weekends in June in various different strokes and Park View was represented with swimmers from Derwentside and Chester-le-Street Swimming clubs. The swimmers involved were Oliver Wallace, Aaron Beckford, Elle Brown, Lewis Maxwell and James Davison. Elle and Aaron were gold medal winners with Lewis picking up a silver medal and all made the finals throughout the championships. Excellent performances from talented athletes!

Olivia Nelson, Elle Brown, Oliver Wallace and Heather Wilkinson were selected to represent Durham (and therefore England) in a tri nations swimming tournament against Hungary and France.

