

## A Farewell Message from the Headteacher



May I take this last opportunity to thank the whole of the Marden High School Community for supporting me in the privilege of leading this amazing school.

Together, we've certainly packed in a great deal of activity over the past four years and we've seen a lot of changes. I've tried to place an unrelenting emphasis on our core purpose of teaching and learning and it has been thrilling to work alongside a great staff team in providing exciting learning opportunities for our students.

There are countless individuals to thank, but I must mention my deputy, Daniel Jamieson. He has been a crucial factor in the development of Marden and richly deserves his appointment as headteacher of Burnside Community Business College.

However, I am confident that Daniel and I are leaving Marden in more than capable hands. The governing body has been transformed by our new chair, Anne Welsh, and I know that she will give unstinting and expert support to whoever succeeds me. The inspirational Alison Jackson is poised to take over as acting headteacher until the governors' quest to find my replacement is complete and she will be ably assisted by Joan Bloomfield as acting deputy.

I am leaving to undertake a new challenge as executive principal of Thorp Academy in Gateshead. It's a great opportunity for me to start another journey of school improvement before I finally bow out of education. Obviously, my leaving is tinged with some regret, exacerbated by seeing the diggers arriving to start our new building! Indeed, gaining the funding for a new school might well prove to be the most significant aspect of my tenure. It surely guarantees the future of Marden for another 50 to 100 years. And let's hope that that future includes a thriving sixth form.

Many thanks for all of the good will messages I have received. I wish Marden well.

And don't forget to Carpe Diem!

*Jonathan Morris*

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**Headteacher**



# MARDEN WORLD WAR I PROJECT

## PLACE A PLAQUE DAY

On 13<sup>th</sup> June, Blue Plaques commemorating the lives of the soldiers in Cullercoats who had died in the First World War or as a result of their injuries, were placed on houses where they had lived.

A short biography of their lives which had been researched by the History Detectives was read out by Father Adrian Hughes before each plaque was placed.

There were two in Beverley Terrace, one in John Street and nine in Eleanor Street. In one house alone, three brothers, Ernest, Arthur and George Carr were commemorated. One of the History Detectives actually lives in the house of his adopted soldier.

An address, prayers and blessing was made by Father Adrian Hughes. Head Teacher Jonathan Morris and History Detective Jessica Battersby each read a stanza of the 'Ode to Remembrance'. 'The Last Post' was played by students from Marden High School, Callum Hartwell and Benny Coxon, followed by a minute silence.

Refreshments were served in St George's Church at the end of the service.



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## SHOW AND SHARE EVENT



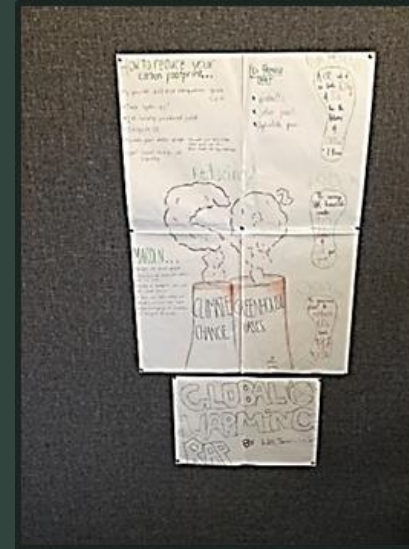
History Detectives, on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, were delighted to show the community the results of their hard work since September, researching their adopted soldier from the names on the War Memorial at St George's Church. Each student gave a biographical presentation of their Soldier's life before they were so tragically killed. Medals and documents were on display and students were able to try on World War I uniforms and gas masks and to handle a grenade and original rifle complete with bayonet. Peter Mortimer recited a poem written from the trenches by a private from 'A' Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Sherwood Foresters in 1915 entitled, 'The Red, Red Road to Hooge'. Refreshments were served including a spicy trench cake.

## CILIP CARNEGIE MEDAL



The CILIP Carnegie Medal is awarded by children's librarians for an outstanding fiction book for children and young people and the winner receives a golden medal, and £500 worth of books to donate to a library of their choice. Students from KS3 met weekly at lunchtimes in the LRC to discuss the books and although the winner, 'Buffalo Soldier' by Tanya Landman, was announced on June 22nd, the overall vote by the shadowing group was 'More than this' by Patrick Ness.

## CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE



In March and April this year, two of Miss Soulsby's Year 9 classes held mini Climate Change conferences. Students worked hard to complete challenges set by the Royal Academy of Engineering and the electrical appliance company, Bosch.

As part of these challenges students investigated their carbon footprints using mathematical calculations, interviewed staff and also carried out an environmental audit of school. They presented their findings creatively in the form of songs, presentations and posters to other students and members of staff. Some students even brought in food related to climate change including a globe cake and transparent mint sweets to represent ice sheets! Miss Soulsby is very proud of all who took part!

# FUNDRAISING AT MARDEN



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## THE TINY LIVES TRUST



Throughout the year students have been raising money through various means for the Tiny Lives Trust. Tiny Lives is a charity which supports premature and sick newborn babies and their families on the Neonatal Unit at the RVI.

Hannah Warne of Year 7 is pictured above with her mum who works on the ward, alongside Hannah and her Mum are Miss Parker and her little boy Riley who was on the ward when he was born very early.

## Charlie Bear for Cancer Care Bake Sale



After a busy morning helping out with the art decoration of the 'Marden Wall', we carried out a bake sale in the staff room to raise money for Charlie Bear for Cancer Care. The morning went very well raising over £40, which will be added to the Just Giving page Hannah has set up:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Dorah-Goodall1/>

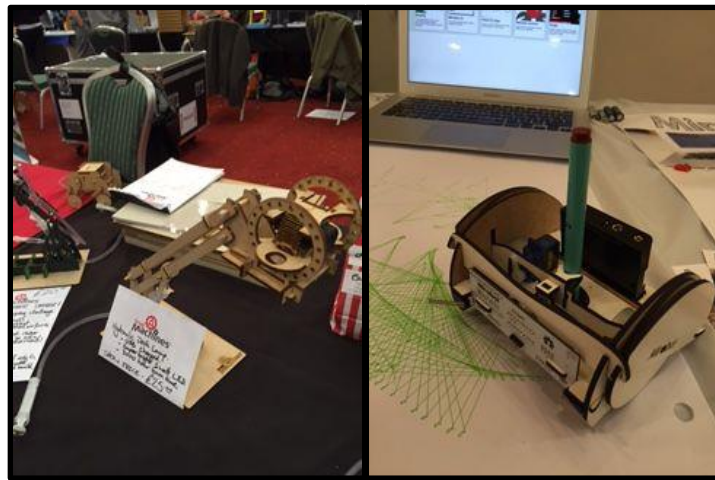
Thank-you to everyone who bought a cake or donated and thank you for letting us sell our cakes in the staffroom at morning break.

By Hannah Sparkes and  
Matilda Noble (daughter of  
Mrs Noble)

# GOODBYE MARDEN CLASS OF 2015



WISHING YOU EVERY SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE



## THINK CLUB ZERO

Think Club Zero was a workshop hosted at Northumbria University for two hours after school on a Wednesday. There were people from different schools around the area and four pupils from Marden. Collectively we made two exhibits shown at Maker Fair at the Centre for Life; A light wall (which won an award) and pendulum musical instrument. After these exhibits were complete people in the group made individual projects including the pinball machine and light up cricket ball and small motor powered carts. It was a good opportunity to get experience and enhance our CV's and it will start again in September. By Lewis Caswell

## THE MARDEN WALL

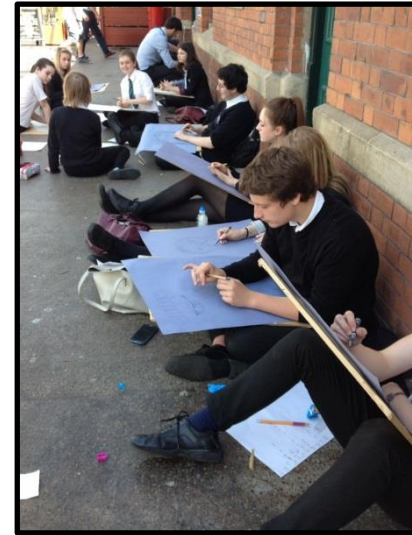
As part of Achievement Week fifty students from every year group again opted to cash in their merits for an Art morning! This year the department decided to decorate part of the fence surrounding the site for the new building. Students designed their own motifs based on the work of artists Jean Michel Basquiat, Keith Haring, Friedensreich Hundertwasser and art featured on the Berlin Wall. This was a great opportunity for students to be creative and have some fun at the same time.

Once they had their image outlined they were straight off to draw it out then paint it on the fence behind the food cube. Students and staff alike worked very hard to make sure the whole wall was completed in the two hours allotted.

The event also gave students the opportunity to brighten up their own outside space, whilst at the same time working as part of a team. It was a very enjoyable morning - we all agreed it had been a fun thing to do.



# THE YEAR OF DRAWING



On Friday 3rd July twenty students from our new GCSE Art group visited Tynemouth Station to begin the first part of a project linked to 'The Year of Drawing'. The event was led by artists Chris Folwell and Anton Hecht from Commercial Union Studios and The Customs House Gallery. Chris and Anton asked the students to create 'Photofit' style images from detailed descriptions of each other, or from descriptions of photographs of well known celebrities.

Over the summer Chris will be an 'Artist in Residence' on the Tynemouth Station: he will be making 'photofit' style portraits of passengers who pass through the building, in order to capture the ever changing 'faces without names' on the station. The work will incorporate printed descriptions, key words, text as image and portraiture.

Anton describes the project as 'using techniques of photofit drawing; not so much what you see, but translations of descriptions into imagery'. The intention is to link our Marden High drawings to the work Chris produces over the summer. Our students will produce 'Photofit' style drawings in a further drawing workshop on 16th July. The final pieces will be exhibited 'bunting style' on the station concourse.

The Customs House Gallery works closely with 'The Friends of Tynemouth Station'; so this is a great opportunity for Marden Students yet again to showcase their work in the station gallery.