



THE GLEANER

Litcham High School's Weekly Newsletter

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Staff

One of our longest serving teachers retires at the end of the summer term. Mr Corrigan has been at the school for nearly 32 years, much of the time as head of mathematics. With such length of service, he has often found himself teaching the children of former students! The maths department at the high school enjoys an excellent reputation throughout the county for its consistently good results and we owe him a huge debt of gratitude for ensuring that young people have left the school with good mathematical skills.

Although she has been at the school for much less time than Mr Corrigan, head of modern foreign languages, Mrs Richardson, has most definitely left her mark on the school and on MFL teaching in the area. Under her leadership, languages have flourished and the school has attracted languages college status. Specialist status has also enabled the school to support primary modern languages in the Litcham Learning Community of schools.

We have also said goodbye, albeit a second time, to Mr Pike. He retired as head of religious studies and of upper school in 2008 but we were fortunate to retain his services until now as a classroom assistant. We wish all three a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

Miss O'Leary leaves us to take up a new LSA post at Terrington, St Clement's High School and we wish her every success.

Our very best wishes also go to Miss Patterson who will become Mrs Millett on Saturday, 14th August.

Specialist Status

We have been notified by the local authority that the school has been redesignated as a specialist science college for a further three year period. I would like to thank head of science, Mr Hazelhurst and science community coordinator, Mrs Ridge, for their huge contribution to the success of the specialism and the onerous re-designation process.

A bonus has been the parallel re-designation of our additional high-performing school specialisms in languages and sport. This means that we will be able to continue the programme of outreach support work in the three specialist subjects with the primary schools in the Litcham Learning Community and provide extra opportunities for our own students.

Mr Nicholls

Curriculum Enhancement

Biscuit Challenge - Over two days students made nearly 1,000 biscuits, with various design cutters including



pac man, hearts, an anchor and stars. Various flavours and fillings were used and the packaging was just as colourful as the products. It was very difficult to pick the best biscuit and box at the end of the day as the overall standard was very high. Ira, however, deserves a special mention for winning the wooden spoon for the most disasters in a day - only to then drop them as she left the room! Well done Year 9.

Ms Addy

Real Time News - The idea of making a paper sounded such hard work, but with help it turned out to be great. I would recommend it to anyone who has the chance.



James Laing (8W)

On our Curriculum enhancement week we did a newspaper day. We had to create a front page - we spent a whole day on this topic. It was fun. We had a press conference to get details, we wrote the story and then printed and published the paper for people to read our fantastic piece of work. There were prizes and certificates.

Bradley Davies (8W)

The Real Time News day was a fun and exciting look into how real life reporting is. The main brief was to make a front page of a newspaper with a headline story, adverts and other additional stories. We had to pick up the stories from a file, starting with rumours into full stories for the cover. We had meetings throughout the day, including a press conference. With the information we had to write a story, which had to be changed as the day went on. By the end of the day, everybody had made excellent front pages and we ended the day with a debrief and the announcement of the winners. Overall, the day gave me an inside look on how hard it is to be a reporter and that things can change very quickly no matter how hard you worked. The day was very factual and fun.



Coburn Chambers (8S)

Stock Exchange Challenge

On 29th June, Year 10 students participated in an Enterprise Day. The day was to experience buying and selling shares of companies. We had to watch a big screen to find the prices of the shares and buy them cheaply and sell them expensively. As the finance manager, I had to control the money. Scott Dimbleby was extremely good at making decisions and taking calculated risks. He spent £25,000+ at once, and we won the challenge. However, teamwork was definitely the key. The day was thoroughly enjoyable and a great experience for all. The winning team consisted of Molly Gould, Scott Dimbleby, Bethany Dixon and Ryan Brown.

Molly Gould (10C)

Fantasy Football

The presentation for Litcham High School's World Cup Fantasy Football League took place on Wednesday. JJB Sports vouchers were given as prizes to the top 3 places together with souvenirs for the winners of each year group.

Overall winner with 147 points - 'GregorysGirls'

(Mr Gregory - far too much time spent working out formations and how to win!)

Second -first student and winner of all Year 10 with 142 points - 'All-Stars' (Joey Cross)

Third with 141 points 'harris united' - Jonathan Harris, Year 8

First Year 9 with 109 points - 'Massingham FC' (Will Harman)

First Year 7 with 116 points - 'weird guys which will win' (Benas Kuizinas). Mr White

Year 7 Visit to Kinnerton Chocolates, Fakenham

On Tuesday 20th July, the winning team from our recent Chocolate Day went to visit the Kinnerton factory. We were amazed how much chocolate was made and how loud the machines were. We were allowed to make the product we designed on Chocolate Day called *Deuce* and we decided that it was delicious. We also made chocolates in the shape of frogs and hearts. Afterwards we had a tour around the massive factory, it was mind blowing. When the tour was over, we were each given a 'goody bag' filled with chocolate.

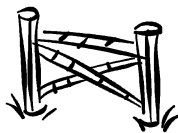
Kofi Burks, Craig Smith, William Barlow and Zoe Earl

Year 11 Leavers' Prom

People of Litcham turned out in droves to witness the magic of prom night, as year 11 students wowed the crowd with glamour, glitz and gorgeously glorious attire! Classically vintage throughout, the students embraced the theme and arrived in the style we have come to expect. Mouth-watering food awaited everyone and the school hall was transformed into a ballroom, with crisp white tablecloths and seat covers to match.

Mrs Alger

Western Area Show Jumping



On 11th July the first Western Area Inter-schools Show Jumping competition was held at Lime Kiln Farm, Thurston. Four of our young riders competed in what proved to be a popular, well attended event. The team consisted of Bethany Blake and Kizzie Mountain from Year 8, Leanne Mears from Year 9 and Zoe Meen from Year 11. All the girls enjoyed themselves, as did the horses (we think). Although no one achieved a clear round, all the girls competed well. We are hoping that this will become an annual event and we will be looking to enter, possibly, two teams in next year's competition.

Mrs Lockwood

Summer Concert



We enjoyed a superb end-of-term concert, with a vast range of music and performers. From sparkling soloists to the impressive vocal range and discipline of the recently formed choir, this was a concert that had something for all tastes. Thanks to all the musicians who took part and to Mr McEvansoneya for producing the event.

Mr Nicholls

Channel Swim

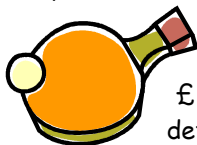
Many of you will know Mr Robson from Dereham swimming pool and your children will have been taught to swim by him. During the summer holidays he will be attempting to swim the English Channel as part of a relay with his wife and two boys. Not only is he attempting to swim to France, but he is going to try to swim back again! The channel is the busiest shipping lane in the world and seen by some as the most testing open water swim. If anyone would like to follow his progress or sponsor him you can go to www.northnorfolk crawlers.wordpress.com where there is a link to both the justgiving sites and the facebook group for up-to-date information. He is raising money for RNLI, Big C and Macmillan.

Mr White



Litcham Youth Club Sports Activity Week

This will be held, here at Litcham High School, every afternoon between 1.30 pm - 4.00 pm, week commencing Monday, 26th July. Sessions will be £6.00 each or £25.00 for the week. For further details please contact Richard Bailey on 01328 700539.



Ali Fisher, Extended Schools Coordinator

Have a good break everyone. I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday, 6th September, 2010.

Mr Nicholls