



### Week Commencing 8th February 2016

#### **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz!**



The Wizard of Oz was a huge success last week. It was a fantastic collaboration between staff and students and successfully demonstrated the talents and wonderful resources in the school. Thank you to everyone who supported the show.

Here are some comments from audience members:

*"On behalf of Reach Out we would like to thank you for a brilliant performance this afternoon. The show was amazing, all pupils did really well and it is a credit to the school and all who helped. We look forward to the next invite."*

*"Congratulations on a brilliant production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. We were impressed with the acting & singing, the dance & costumes, and the clever use of technology"*

*"Thank you for all your hard work in pulling the show together. Everyone involved should be very proud, it was great."*

Some pictures from the performances are attached to the bulletin.

#### **Happy Valley and BBC Radio Leeds**

James Senneck and Cori Love attended BBC Radio Leeds Breakfast Show last Friday, with Miss Bozzo to discuss their roles in the new series of Happy Valley. They came across as true professionals and even managed to plug the school production of the Wizard of Oz. Happy Valley began on Tuesday night and James has a regular role throughout the series. Cori and the school appear next Tuesday so keep your eyes peeled for Ryburn!

#### **Dance Academy Success!**

The Ryburn Dance Academy once again qualified for the Northern Final of the National Schools' Dance Competition. The competition was held at The Cast performance venue in Doncaster on the Monday 1st February. The dancing in all categories was extremely strong and there were lots of extremely talented dancers performing. Ryburn entered a KS3 piece and a KS4 piece and both dances were performed to perfection. The RDA Juniors were awarded 1st place and were a massive 40 points above the runners up. The RDA Seniors came an impressive 2nd place, missing out by only six points. All members of the Academy have spent hours rehearsing for this competition and did themselves and the school proud. The RDA Juniors will now compete at the National Finals in July.

#### **Ryburn 'Fills it's Boots for Flood Relief'**

A massive 'Thank You' to the students, parents and carers and staff at Ryburn for their extremely generous donations to the activities carried out in aid of Flood Relief.

Over the past 6 weeks we have donated the equivalent of nearly **£3,500** through non uniform days and the voluntary fundraising day on the 26<sup>th</sup> January.

One month on from the Boxing Day floods, on a third fundraising day organised by Calderdale Schools' Parents and Friends Associations, students wore their boots, (or trainers) and took part in 'Welly Wanging' – judged by the Ladies World Champion 'Welly Wanger', our own Head of Year 11, Mrs Mitchell (it's true – Google it!!) and bought buns to once again support the cause.

The money collected was donated to the Community Foundation for Calderdale who will distribute to those in need. Thank you again!

## **Ryburn Oscars**

Tickets will soon be on sale for the Ryburn Oscars, which will be taking place on Thursday 3rd March, 2016. All Media and Film students' work will automatically be entered but other students are invited to compete for an Oscar and prize – more details coming soon.

## **Duke of Edinburgh**

We are launching this year's Duke of Edinburgh Award with a Parents' Information Evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6:30pm in the Lecture Theatre. The award is open to all students in Year 9 and above. This year we hope to offer the Silver Award as well as Bronze, if there is sufficient demand.

## **Ryburn Sixth Taster Day for Year 11 Students – 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the first Monday back after half term, Year 11 students will be having a taste of what life is like at Ryburn Sixth. Each student who has expressed an interest in 'staying on' into the Sixth Form will have a selection of four 'Taster Lessons' during the day, as well as a presentation on 'University Life' from Huddersfield University. Year 11 students do not have to come to school in uniform and will be able to use the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Common Room, where they will be able to sample the cuisine. Year 11 students who intend to leave Ryburn to go on to Apprenticeships or Vocational College courses, will be involved in an alternative Taster Day organised by the schools' Careers Service.

**Year 12 and 13 students do not have to come to school on this day.**



## **International Book Giving Day**

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International Book Giving Day is a volunteer initiative aimed at increasing children's access to and enthusiasm for books by giving books to as many children as possible. It takes place on 14<sup>th</sup> February each year and this year Ryburn is supporting the initiative by asking students and staff to donate one of their old books, which is still in a good condition, in order to distribute them to children's groups affected by the recent flooding. We will be collecting books in the Library on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and then distributing them as soon as possible. It would be great if we could help rebuild the book collections of as many local groups as possible with your help.

### **Cook It Club for Year 7 and 8 students – and Parents!**

If you are in Year 7 and 8 and are interested in learning to cook, we have a new after school club that will be just to your taste!

On Thursdays from 4pm-5.30pm after half term, Mrs Ward will be offering free cooking sessions for you to take part in – and you get to eat what you cook! The only set-back is you have to bring a 'grown-up' with you. This activity is funded by Calderdale Family Learning, and all the costs of the food you cook is covered. The activity is designed to get you and your parent/carer or even older brother or sister doing a fun activity together. The sessions will run up to the Easter Holidays initially.

Letters have been sent out this week so if you would like to take part, please return your reply slip with your name, and the name of the adult who will be accompanying you, and your form, to either Mrs Ward or Mrs Allen in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Office. We only have room for eight couples, so get your slips back fast!

**Year 12 and 13 'Mock Exams' start on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and personalised exam timetables have been issued.**

We would like to say a huge thank you to all students and parents who were involved in the recent Erasmus+ hosting visit which was such a huge success. 19 teachers and 23 students from Denmark, Greece, Turkey, Germany, Slovenia and Portugal spent a week with us. They were very impressed by the standard of our performers in the welcoming ceremony and toured the school before spending the afternoon in lessons with their hosts. Other activities during the week included an afternoon trip to Haworth and a day in York. The main event of the week was the meeting of the Children's Parliament which was led by Mr Evans. The Year 8 Erasmus+ group are now looking after the mascot from Slovenia and are already involved in the activities leading up to the next visit which will take place in May. Members of Year 10 who are participating in our second Erasmus+ project have reflected on their experiences in Portugal and the group has expanded to include those students who will travel to Poland next month. Ms Swindell is coordinating the preparations for this visit to the school in Warsaw which is called LXV Liceum Ogólnokształcące z Oddziałami Integracyjnymi im. gen. Józefa Bema.

### **Interested in learning British Sign Language?**

As part of our Community Learning activities we are looking into offering an after-school six week short course in British Sign Language, after Easter.

Participants will learn the basics of the BSL and fingerspelling and will receive a certificate from the Deaf Education Advocacy Fellowship on the completion of the course.

There will be a small charge to take part of approximately £25 per person (to be confirmed)

This activity is open to parents and carers, staff and Ryburn Sixth students. If you would like to take part, please contact Mrs Allen in the Ryburn Sixth Office ASAP

### **Sports Roundup**

The year 10 rugby boys are through to the 1/4 finals of The Rugby League National Cup.

Year 7 girls football are through to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the English schools cup. They beat Astley Sports College and will now play Wright Robinson Sports College on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

Anabel Stott is the Intermediate U19 Yorkshire Trampolining Champion. She will now compete in the National Finals in March.

The Year 7 girls netball team are undefeated so far this season.

Congratulations to all those selected to run for Calderdale in the West Yorkshire Cross country Championships.

Caera O Neil finished 11<sup>th</sup> (Year 7 Girls)

Travis Atherton finished 14<sup>th</sup> (Year 7 Boys)

Amy Cowton finished 12<sup>th</sup> (Intermediate Girls)

Anna Butterworth finished 21<sup>st</sup> (Intermediate Girls)

Sian Beeley finished 27<sup>th</sup> (Intermediate Girls)

### **Indoor Athletics.**

Teams from **Year 7 and 8** competed in the annual Calderdale Schools Indoor Athletics Event at North Bridge Leisure Centre. Thirteen schools took part during the morning, our pupils were a credit to the school with outstanding performances individually and as a team. The Year 7 boys lead the way finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, Year 7 girls finished 4<sup>th</sup>, Year 8 boys 7<sup>th</sup> and the Year 8 girls finished the event 10<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all involved.

### **Football**

The **Year 9 football** team are currently top of the West Yorkshire Premier League with two games to play. In the last game we comfortably beat Buttershaw 6-3, Finn Sutcliffe notched a hatrick, Lucas Newsome got two and an own goal completed the scoring.

## Year 7 Football

The same squad of 8 players (minus Ben Fallon who was ill), who had successfully won the Calderdale 5-a-side tournament, travelled to Mirfield Free Grammar school to represent Calderdale in the West Yorkshire 5-a-side finals.

Playing against the champions of Kirklees, Leeds North, Leeds South and Wakefield the squad made a fantastic account of themselves.

Their only defeat of the tournament came against the eventual champions, Minsthorpe, narrowly missing out 2-1 to a last minute goal.

Eventually, the squad finished second in the county after goals from Travis Atherton, Todd Horner, Alfie Smith and Sammy Hopkinson, fantastic performances from Alastair Scott and Sam Whitton, and some crucial saves from goalkeeper Tom Kenny. A great effort and a promising sign for the future. Well done!

## Rugby

The **Year 11 rugby league** team marched into the Quarter Finals of the Yorkshire Plate competition, comfortably beating a spirited Oakbank team 18-35. Keelan Foster scored 17 points, with 2 tries, 4 conversions and a drop goal. The other tries were scored by James Ainley, Ben Martin, Ted Conlon. and Ellis Broadbent who also added a conversion. We now face Shelley College away for a place in the semi finals. Good luck lads.

## Cricket

The **Year 8 cricket** team made it three wins out of three with victories over Calder High School and Halifax Academy.

Against Calder High, Ryburn made a total of 75 runs from 16 overs and were able to bowl their opponents out for 62 to take victory. Against Halifax Academy, Ryburn made an impressive 112 for 2 and were able to limit their opponents to a score of 105 for 6 to get another win. Stand out performers so far have been Gavin Whipp (7 wickets and 53 runs in three games, retiring once) and Ryan Martin (6 wickets and 17 runs in 2 games). In the last game of the group stages Ryburn face Todmorden High School and are hoping for the win that will see them qualify for the semi-finals by coming top of their group.

## Basketball

**Year 7 Basketball** The Year 7 basketball team put in a fantastic effort to come second in the Year 7 Calderdale basketball championships. Ryburn were able to beat Sowerby Bridge High School and Trinity Academy before narrowly losing to Brooksbank in their last game.

Stand out players were Archie Lovatt and Harvey Oldroyd.

**Year 9 Basketball** The Year 9 basketball team were again unlucky in the Year 9 Calderdale basketball Championships at Sowerby Bridge High School. Ryburn won four games out of six and were unlucky to lose to Brooksbank 5-4 in the deciding game to a basket scored in the last three seconds of the game. This team have improved massively this season and will look to improve even further for next years fixtures. Stand out players:

Myles Chillcott and Hasnain Ali.

## Science News

To celebrate the acknowledgement of four new elements completing the seventh row of the periodic table the Science Department ran a competition to name one of the new elements. With over 60 entries it was hard just to choose one, however, the winning entry was written by Mia Richardson in 9-5. Here is her entry "I have thought of the name UNIVERSIUM, symbol Uv, for the new element. I think this name would be good because elements can be found all over the universe." Well done Mia and all the other entrants.

## Science Scholar's Programme

Twelve students from Year 10 are looking forward to a day at Sheffield University at the end of this month for the launch of the Scholars' Programme with The Brilliant Club. Over the next two months they will be working closely with a Ph.D. supervisor to learn about research methods in Social Sciences at the end of which they will be writing a 2000 word assignment which will be assessed at Key Stage 5 level. The programme will conclude with a University-style graduation event in the summer term.

Core Science GCSE exams for Year 10 are 12 weeks away. Revision guides and workbooks are available from the school shop at £2.50 each.



# Extra Curricular Activity Calendar

## Lunchtime

## After School

<b>MONDAY</b>	Netball (10/11) – Sports hall Football (7) – Astro/Wembley Film Club (All) - Lecture Theatre Comic Book Club - S24	Netball (7) – Sports hall Senior Ryburn Dance Academy (invite only) - Theatre
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Basketball (7/8/9) - Sports hall Football (9) – Astro/Wembley Gaming/Minecraft (7/8) - 301 STEM club (All) – 118 Debating Society (All) – 108 Brass/Wind Group (Instrumentalists) Drama Distinction Club (All) – 210 Voice Academy (All) - 224 Maths Club (All) - Maths Computer Room Flight Simulator Club	Hockey (All) – Astro Turf Ryburn Recyclers (All) - 215 Junior Ryburn Dance Academy (invite only) - Theatre
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Astronomy (GCSE) – DV Lab Film Club (All) - Lecture Theatre	Gymnastics (All) – Gymnasium Football (11) - Wembley
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Football (8) – Astro/Wembley Rugby (7) – Rugby Pitch School Magazine (All) – 108 Disport (Invite only) – Sports hall Chess Club ( 7/8/9) – 220 Netball (8/9) – Sports hall Soul Band (invite only) - 224 Media Club (All) – M1 Maths Clubs (All) - Maths Commuter Club Flight simulator Club	Girls Football (All) – Astro Turf
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Art Club (7/8) – 211 Amnesty International Youth Group( All) - 202 Scrabble Club (All) – 109 Horrible Histories (7/8) – 207 Football (11) – Astro Turf Top Vox (Invite only) – 224 Dodge ball/Boccia (invite only) Dance 4 All - Theatre	