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Happy New Decade, Happy New Year...

Welcome to a warm, wet, windy start to the 2020s - a new decade (and the decade when we reach our 200th year!) It's been another busy term for our pupils...

Junior Multisports Day

In January our younger sports stars joined 12 schools at Dearne Valley Leisure Centre for a multisports competition. Pupils competed in different Athletics events and as always were keen to win! Our team particularly loved the relay and huddles competitions and the pupils' adrenaline was high as they cheered each other on. The girls worked especially hard on their ball throwing and 'fielding' skills, in the standing long jump and in target throwing were Lucy came first place!

We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and no one wanted to leave but sadly we had to leave for school 20 minutes before the end of the event. Thanks to Active Fusion



Enterprise Challenge Day



In January all of secondary also took part in a different type of challenge. Ben's "Inspirational Learning Group" team of business and design experts came in to work with pupils on the Ryman's 2020 Enterprise Challenge.

Our pupils had to work in teams to design a mascot to represent Ryman's, then create a range of new products and an advertising story for their idea.



All of our pupils rose to the challenge, creating some brilliant designs and even going on stage to show off their mascot and tell their story.

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Deaf Professional Rugby Visit

In February school pupils and college students all attended an inspiring presentation by an outstanding role-model, the profoundly deaf professional rugby player Jodie Ounsley. During her talk she discussed her life and how she became a professional England Rugby 7s player, explaining how she was born early and was one of the youngest to have a cochlear implant fitted - at only 14months old. Jodie also explained how it has not stopped her from achieving her sporting dreams. She used to be a British jiu-jitsu champion and ran the 100m in the Deaf Olympics too. What an amazing talent she is!



After half an hour of speech and answering many questions from our fascinated pupils and staff, she taught Deaf school pupils how to play rugby. Our children were so excited and enthusiastic to learn from her and it was a fab session having her inspire our Deaf pupils. Everyone enjoyed the day and we all hope to see or meet her again sometime in the future.

Derby Deaf Football Competition

In February, all our secondary pupils went to Derby for the Deaf 5-a-side football tournament. This year there were even more other deaf schools for across the nation excitedly competing with each other trying to win their matches. All of our pupils absolutely loved the atmosphere, the competitive games and the opportunity to mix with so many other Deaf young people. The level of competition was high and sadly our Doncaster Deaf School girls and senior boys teams did not get through to the semi finals. However our junior boys team did, before being knocked out by 2 goals to 0 by a strong Heathlands team. All of our players got medals for playing so hard. Well done to everyone involved,
Miss Taylor



February was also time for the whole school to take part in the fun 'sign2sing' fundraising activity. All of our pupils got together and followed the famous Fletch (Jayne Fletcher) and another fabulous positive song, copying her BSL signed singing on the big screen.



sign2sing fundraises for the Deaf health charity SignHealth and is the biggest a mass participation signing event in the country. Between 3rd and 9th Feb 2020, hundreds if not thousands of children across this country performed one or more songs in BSL following the sign2sing videos. SignHealth have worked for many years to improve the mental health of deaf people and we were pleased to raised money for them. Thanks everyone for joining in with Jayne on screen and Miss Taylor in the hall.



Careers fair + Enterprise Finals

After the busy enterprise challenge day, our teams were invited to take part in the Doncaster finals competing against 5 other special schools.



To help them prepare a famous enterprise star, the winner of Young Apprentice Ashleigh Porter-Exley, came to visit our pupils and help them to film presentations of their designs.

On February 13th all of our secondary went to the huge Doncaster Careers fair at the racecourse.—pupils enjoyed learning about all the different jobs and college courses there and trying the hands on activities.



In the afternoon 5 of our teams took part in the final of the Rymans Enterprise challenge. Judges watched our pupils video presentations and 3W bravely stood and signed live in front of everyone talking about their ideas. The judges were so impressed that 3W won first prize for the "Best Presentation" - well done!

DATES FOR NEXT HALF TERM...

Mon 24th February New Half Term begins

*Enjoy your half term
holiday....*

Easter and Spring are coming!

