

Polam Ponderings

Easter 2010

Congratulations to:

Carrie - new Head Boarder
Ada and Sara – Deputy Head Boarders
Sara - Head of Harmony
Chloe – Head of Peace
Elliot – Dep Head of Harmony
Rachel – Dep Head of Peace

Thank You to:

Stacey
Kelly
Ingrid
Florence
for all of their hard work over the last year.
And also, of course, to all the House Staff for their
patience and energy.

New Arrivals

Rebecca arrived in January into M5 and needed to adapt quickly to the freezing temperatures compared to her home in sunny Barcelona! Antonia (L6), who has attended the school for many years, decided to become a Boarder this year to help bridge that gap between the security of home and the independence of leaving it! Hannah joined Yr 6 just two weeks before the end of term and has settled in really well.

Charity

Florence has been involved with a lot of fundraising work as part of her role as Head Student; most recently organising a fun sports day in aid of Sport Relief.
Ten of the Boarders also took part in the Sport Relief Mile either at Catterick Race Course or Saltwell Park in Gateshead. A great day out and uplifting to be part of a national event with thousands of people taking part across the UK!

School Events

The Upper Sixth continue with their A2 Chinese lessons on Saturday mornings. Ivy and Jennifer enjoyed a night bowling with Interact.
All of the M5 girls enjoyed a good week of Work Experience; even if they did come back exhausted! Pengma and Verity were part of this year's Junior Choral Speaking group which won the Darlington Festival Competition. All of the Junior girls took part in a whole school concert and really enjoyed their singing and choral speaking.
Afton stayed up at Hadrian's Wall finding out what it was like to be a Roman Soldier.
Carrie, Brittany, Savanna, Lucy, Claire, Katie, Bethany, Pengma, Ellie, Verity and Afton continue to represent the school in sports; Brittany, Ivy, Jennifer, Sian, Rachel and Elliott are working towards Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.
Stacey, Carrie, Sara, Chloe, Kathy, Antonia and Ingrid all had the amazing opportunity to perform in Durham Cathedral as part of a combined choir and orchestra from all ten independent schools in the region. It was a wonderful evening which raised £4,500 for Teenage Cancer Trust.
Of course many of the girls also benefited from visits to the theatre, art exhibitions and the geography field trip.

Boarding Activities

Despite taking place during half-term many of the Senior School Boarders took the opportunity to watch the celebrations for Chinese New Year held by Darlington town and several of the girls ran a stall doing face painting.

Whilst the snow did restrict travel for the first few weeks of term it also gave the opportunity of sledging, snowman building and the occasional snowball fight!

Visits took place to Durham, where we came across several groups of Morris Dancers, to the pantomime, the swimming pool and to Hill Hall Farm, Lanchester where the girls had the chance to cuddle rabbits and guinea pigs, stroke various goats and sheep, hold the new born chicks and also feed the lambs.

We also took over one of the Chinese restaurants in Darlington as part of our celebrations for Chinese New Year.

We finished the Term with an Easter Egg Hunt around the school grounds and an egg decorating competition the judge (Mr Bell, Catering Manager) had a very difficult decision to make as many entries were outstanding.

Boarding Inspection

This took place in February. Please see the Head's letter for more details.

Contact Details

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Mundane Stuff

The charity shops are pleased to accept all of the un-named laundry we amass, which apparently belongs to no-one! Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Name tags can be ordered from the school shop.

*If your daughter wishes to stay with friends overnight at any time there is no problem with this, but we do need your **WRITTEN** permission for this by Thursday of the weekend of the stay.*

Happy Easter to everyone.

Hope you have a good break even if you are working for exams.

See you on 19th April

Jill Garvey