



# The Netherhall Echo



Welcome to the newsletter, bringing you up-to-date information about the school.

**24 February to 27 March 2020**

**Issue 19**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Following the announcement from the Government on Monday 23.03.20 and due to there being no identified demand for us to provide childcare for the children of key workers, I have made the decision to close Netherhall School until further notice.

Teachers are working remotely and will continue to provide your children with homework via Edulink One or other online learning platforms. There is a dedicated help desk for parent and student IT support; our IT manager will answer any queries you may have.

Please use the contact details below:

Parents / Guardians: [itsupport@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:itsupport@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk)

Students: [www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk/students](http://www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk/students)

The main reception phones have been redirected if you need to get in contact: 01900 813434

I hope that those of you who are unaffected by the Coronavirus stay well and those of you affected recover quickly. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in what are very challenging times.

I will endeavour to update you as often as I can however, please use the school website for all the latest information.

Best Wishes,

Mr. D. W. Tromans  
Headteacher

## Netherhall School and Eddie Shimmings



Netherhall School says a huge 'Thank you' to the excellent Eddie Shimmings, courtesy of Garry and Janice Shimmings for their continued support, and for their sponsorship of the year 7 boys' football team kit. The team loved wearing their new strip and looked very smart, which they will be wearing in the Cumbria County Cup Final!

**Mr N Fulton**  
**Head of PE & Year 7 Football Team Manager**

## Netherhall School and Kevan Gorge Consultants Ltd



Netherhall School says a huge 'Thank you' to the excellent Kevan Gorge for his continued support for Netherhall School and for his sponsorship of the year 8 boys' football team kit. It is greatly appreciated, the team looked very smart and they loved wearing their new football team kit, which proudly bears his name.

**Mr P J Lister**  
**Head of Computing & Year 8 Football Team Manager**



## Netherhall School and Iggesund Holmen Group



Netherhall School says a huge 'Thank you' to the excellent Iggesund Holmen Group for their continued support for Netherhall School and for their sponsorship of the year 9 boys' football team kit. It is greatly appreciated, the team looked very smart and they loved wearing their new football team kit.

**Mr A Scott**  
**Maths Teacher & Year 9 Football Team Manager**

## Netherhall School and The Rotary Club of Maryport



Netherhall School says a huge 'Thank you' to the excellent Rotary Club of Maryport for their continued support and for their sponsorship of the year 10 boys' football team kit. The team loved wearing their new strip and looked very smart.

**Mr D W Tromans**  
**Head Teacher & Year 10 Football Team Manager**

# Netherhall School School Council



On Wednesday, 26th February, the students of Netherhall School Council had the opportunity to meet with the planning team responsible for a regeneration project of Maryport's Senhouse Street and the Prom. The team appointed by Cumbria County Council were keen to consult with the young people of Maryport as to what they feel are the priorities for improving the town in terms of aesthetics, function and facilities. It was a very productive meeting with excellent insight and contributions from the Netherhall School students and, we look forward to seeing the outcomes from the consultation.

**Mr L J Wassell**  
**Netherhall School Council**

# World Challenge

Students in year 9, 10 and 11 have been given the opportunity of a lifetime: to visit the second largest rainforest in the world; to walk with the man of the forest; to challenge themselves, and discover a part of themselves they never even knew existed.

In collaboration with World Challenge, Netherhall School will be taking a group of students to Borneo, in South East Asia. The third largest island in the world, Borneo is split between three different countries, and over 170 indigenous languages are spoken. An oasis of tropical rainforest, Borneo is a haven for wildlife, being one of only two places in the entire world that you can still encounter Orang-utans in the wild.

Our trip will begin by flying into the capital of Sabah, Kota Kinabalu. The city is vibrant and lively – not what you would expect when you think tropical paradise. We'll be immersing ourselves in the local culture: roaming the street markets and examining their wares as well as sampling the infamous Malaysian street food. The team will have their own budget to look after, so exchanging their money into the local currency and deciding how they will spend it throughout their trip is part of the experience.

After buying supplies, it's time to head into the jungle. Experienced trek leaders will guide us through the depths of the rainforest for four days, teaching us about the wildlife and vegetation, as well as jungle survival skills as we go. After cooking our own meals, we will set up camp in our hammocks under the stars, surrounded by the sounds of the rainforest. At the end of our trek is the opportunity for some thrills: zip-wires, high ropes courses and white water rafting being some of the options available.

Unfortunately, like most other forests of the world, this rainforest paradise is under threat from deforestation due to logging and palm oil industries, destroying an ecosystem that boasts astonishing biodiversity. Plants and wildlife in Borneo are suffering the consequences of these destructive industries. As part of our trip to Borneo, we will be taking part in ecotourism initiatives that encourage local communities to develop more sustainable methods of providing income, as well as replanting trees and the monitoring of local wildlife.

To bring our trip to a close, we will be visiting the Sepilok Orang-utan sanctuary, where young, sick or injured orang-utans are rehabilitated for rerelease into the wild. We will spend time learning about this process and observing their natural behaviours, as well as the threats that are now posed to the endangered species. Just next door is the Sun Bear sanctuary, where we will learn about Sun Bear conservation and rehabilitation.

Finally, we have one last night in Kota Kinabalu (KK), to relax and reflect on our experiences. The fundraising for the trip is completed solely by the students, allowing them to develop their entrepreneurial skills along the way.

**Ms S Parker**  
**English Teacher and World Challenge Leader**





# Accelerated Reader Top Achievers

## Year 8



## Year 9



Well done to all the students who have achieved 100% in their accelerated reader comprehension test. Keep up the excellent work.

**Mrs K Mumberson**  
**Librarian**

## **Managing Medication Procedures - Important information for parents/carers**

We recognise that from time to time students may require medication within the school day. However, we do have to adhere to guidelines to ensure the safety of our students. With this in mind, we would like to point out some procedures that we must follow:

- Some students may need to take prescribed medicines during their time in school. This will usually only be for a short time period, e.g. to finish a course of antibiotics. Parents/guardians must come into school and arrange this with reception.
- Children should not be sent to school with their own medicine (prescribed or non-prescribed) as this poses a health and safety risk to other children.
- Staff will not administer non-prescribed medication i.e. paracetamol, unless there are exceptional circumstances and where there is specific prior written permission from a parent/guardian.
- If a child suffers regularly from frequent or acute pain parents should refer the matter to their child's GP.

Parents/guardians have the prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide the school with timely, complete information about their child's medical condition. If your child has a medical condition that we do not know about, please contact the school, your child's Head of Year or Mrs B Johnstone.

SPRING TERM 2020		
STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM DATES
Tuesday 7 January	Friday 27 March	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February
Number of school days – 54		
KEY DATES		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 Options Deadline	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 11 Sixth Form Options Deadline	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Parents Evening	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Belgium Trip	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 12 Work Experience	