



The Grapevine

George Pindar School Newsletter

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DIGITAL DEMONSTRATION



Callum Seastron and Dan Timlin demonstrating a tablet.

Jazz Court is a purpose built development in the quiet community of Eastfield, near Scarborough. A selection of apartments with a range of on-site services and facilities are available to its residents. Students from Years 7 & 8 visited this week to give assistance to residents who use digital equipment.

Mrs Bilton, who coordinated the visit, remarked on the students' ability and understanding of the products and the outstanding way in which they advised and demonstrated the use of them. This is a great way for young people to work within their community and show their understanding of the digital media products that are available.

ICT Teacher, Mr Lee, who also attended, said "The students were great, they showed their brilliant ICT skills and gave the residents lots of useful tips and suggestions to enable them to make the most out of their equipment."

CADBURY WORLD VISIT WAS SWEET!

On Wednesday 3rd February, 38 chocoholics in Years 9 and 10, studying for GCSE Business, descended upon Cadbury World for the day to learn about the amazing world of chocolate and business. Upon arrival, the students undertook a tour of the exhibition looking at the History of Cadbury World and also the journey of a Cocoa Bean from the plantation all the way to the shelves. They began to consider the impact of Fair Trade and how important it is to preserve precious resources in order to provide a luxury item to the rest of the world – chocolate. An interesting fact students learnt was that there is a concern that farmers are not growing as much of the cocoa bean due to increasing costs. This means less chocolate and could result in the price of chocolate increasing by 2020. Students viewed some of the Cadbury's Bourneville factory where they make the Crème Eggs

"Free chocolate, what's not to like?"

Students got to sample some chocolate (of course) and learnt about the process of tempering chocolate to make it smooth. They took a trip down memory lane with advertisements from over the years as well. Students got to visit Europe's largest Cadbury's shop and pick up some extra chocolate supplies for their journey home, friends and family. Following on



Touring the factory

from this, they got to enjoy the new 4D cinema experience which was a rollercoaster of an experience to say the least. They ended the day with an interactive educational talk where they investigated Cadbury's Business and improved their knowledge. They also learnt key facts such as "10 bars are made every second... A mile of chocolate bars is made every 45 minutes... And 1.5 million Crème Eggs are made every day"!!

"I love the chocolate tasting"

A fantastic day was had by all, with impeccable behaviour from the students, and everyone went home extremely happy.



The marvellous chocolate factory



Seeing chocolate made was a 'stirring' experience!

YEAR 7 READING CHALLENGE

Over the past eight weeks selected Year 7 students have been taking part in 'The Reading Challenge'. This has involved them staying behind after school every Tuesday and reading a variety of books. They have then written up book summaries and taken the relevant Accelerated Reader tests on the computers. They read individually and in groups, having the opportunity to discuss what they had read. They also continued the challenge at home where parents got involved, supporting their children with the reading.

The whole idea behind the scheme is to improve reading ages, which are of great importance as students move higher up the school and towards their exams. Most exams are pitched at a reading age of fifteen years and we strive to support the relevant students in achieving this level. We also hope to foster a love of reading as it can be such a rewarding escape from the stresses of everyday life in the internet age.

As well as improving their reading levels, the students also enjoyed taking part in the reading challenge. Working in small groups, the students felt more confident discussing the books with their peers and it helped to develop their communication skills, which are transferable throughout all areas of school and a great preparation for the future.



Cody Martin, Anthony Henderson and Megan Patel with a selection of books that they read

LOST PROPERTY

Amongst other items, there are several outdoor coats in lost property at Student Services that have been found since Christmas. If you think they may belong to you, please come and have a look.



FOLLOW THE SCHOOL ...



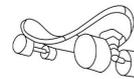
Reminder that you can now follow the school on Twitter. Our account is @georgepindarsch
 For school sports news on Twitter follow @gpschoolpe
 For news from the Music Department, please look for GPS Music on Facebook.
 For ICT news on Twitter follow @mnp_Lee

SPORTS DIARY

- 22/02/16
Y9 County BB @ St Aidan's
- 23/02/16
Y8 District 7-a-side Football @ Ryedale 1.30pm
- 24/02/16
Y7, 8 & 9 Girls' Netball & Boys' Football @ Filey
- 25/02/16
All Years District Rugby Finals @ SRUFC 4 - 5.30pm
- 27/02/16
Gymnastics Competition @ Whitby Leisure Centre 9.30am
- 29/02/16
Y8 County BB @ York College

SKATEPARK CLOSED

Parents and carers, please be aware that the skatepark next to school is now closed as it is unsafe for use. Please do not allow your children to use it. Thank you.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance is slowly improving as students work towards 'The 20 Day Challenge' which requires them to be in school for the 20 days from 18th Jan to the end of half term. 330 diligent students remain in the challenge and stand to win a prize for their effort. Current attendance is 93%, which is on the up, but there is still plenty of room for improvement!

If you would like support with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact our School Attendance Officer.

Remember - every day counts!

KEY DATES FOR PARENTS

Friday	12 - Feb	Break Up for Half Term
Monday	22 - Feb	Return to School
Thursday	25 - Feb	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Monday	29 - Feb	Year 11 Skills Village Visit
Thursday	03 - Mar	World Book Day
Wednesday	09 - Mar	Parental Engagement Evening