



# MILBURN MAIL



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*It is a pleasure, at the end of this very busy Autumn Term to reflect on the hard work and achievements of the pupils and staff in Milburn School.*

*Courtney Shoulder has continued to make us all very proud of her achievement in attaining National Honours for judo. In addition, Dean Martin has represented the County at badminton and Amy Jo Gray is representing the City in cross country.*

*Attendance has continued to improve this term, our overall school profile is over 93% for this term and this compares very well with schools nationally. Parents and carers are crucial to this success by making sure their children are at school every day, equipped and ready to learn. This includes wearing their school uniform correctly and having a fully equipped pencil case and school bag.*

*Thank you also to those parents who attended our Autumn Term Progress Review Day in November. If our pupils are to make the progress of which they are capable then parents and staff must be supportive of each other. Progress Review Day is a means of ensuring that parents are kept fully informed of how their child is doing and how they can help them to improve further.*

*We are saying goodbye at the end of this term to Ms. Burtenshaw. I would like to thank her for her hard work and contribution to Milburn School and on behalf of all colleagues and pupils wish her good luck for the future.*

*We re-open for the Spring term on Tuesday January 3rd at 8:30am for all pupils. Next term is very busy for both Y10 and Y11 pupils with very important examinations in both Mathematics and English. Coursework deadlines are also getting nearer and pupils who are interested in applying to Excelsior College will need to fill in their application forms. For our younger pupils, progress in both literacy and numeracy are very important and parents can help by ensuring that children read regularly at home as well as learning and reinforcing their multiplication tables and basic maths skills.*

*Finally, can I thank you all for your support and take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

## NATIONAL JUDO CHAMPION

In September this year Courtney Shoulder won her 9th Gold Medal of the year.

She travelled to Madeira, and won another Gold Medal, in the Atlantic Cup where she beat players from Portugal, Spain and Italy.

In October she became National Junior Champion in Sheffield. Well done Courtney! What a fantastic achievement. This shows true dedication and has taken lots of hard work.

Courtney is also a very hard working pupil in all of her lessons. It just shows that if you focus and are not afraid of hard work you can succeed. Well done to Courtney and her family.



## UNDER 14 COUNTY BADMINTON

Dean Martin has been picked for the Under 14 County Badminton Team. They played at Sheffield on Saturday 10th December.

Dean, a Year 9 pupil, loves playing badminton and is proving to have a real talent for the sport. He has an excellent attitude and deserves to do well.



# WOR SCULPTURES



Milburn School has joined forces with a local artist to honour the 'Toon' football hero that our school is named after, Jackie Milburn. Eleven of our pupils have been getting busy with clay in preparation for creating a series of Jackie Milburn inspired sculptures to be displayed in Excelsior.

Pupils, helped by professional sculptor, Tom Maley, whose creations include the 2.4metre tall sculpture which took pride of place at the Gallowgate end of St James' Park, worked with our Art teacher, Mr Lee, to create nine pieces of work as a tribute to one of Newcastle United's most famous 'Number 9s' and to reflect the core values of the school.

Mrs Murray our Milburn Specialism Leader said, "It's fantastic that the pupils are learning more about 'Wor Jackie', and working with Tom Maley, who knows the Milburn family well, is a bonus."

Those of us who can remember Jackie Milburn will know that he was a tremendous role model, both on and off the pitch.

Demi Patten one of our Year 9 pupils said, "Art is one of my favourite subjects in school and it's nice to learn from a professional sculptor."



# WOR JACKIE

## Milburn 2012 looking forward to London 2012

*In Milburn we are gearing up for the Olympic Games in London next year. Milburn PE teacher, Mr Marley, has managed to*

*get 100 tickets for the Olympic Football event. This is all very exciting especially as some of the games will be played at*

*our local football grounds. The tickets will be shared out amongst all Excelsior pupils. Well done Mr Marley!*

# MILBURN 2012

# LADETTES TO LADIES

Milburn has been running the 'Ladettes to Ladies' programme for two years now and it has been a huge success. Last year's girls featured in the Evening Chronicle and all said that they had an amazing time taking part.

The programme is designed to assist young girls in reaching their full potential with regard to attendance and behaviour. They also cover topics such as, Healthy Eating, Sex Education, Drugs and Alcohol and Internet Safety so that the girls are confident when discussing each of these issues.

The girls have diaries in which staff monitor and record their attendance and behaviour. After the six week programme ends, the girls have a graduation ceremony to which their parents are invited, but only if they have successfully completed the course and behaviour and attendance have improved. Our current Ladettes are doing really well. They are: Bethany Tilley, Anisa Ashraf, Jordan Robertson, Jordan Cleminson, Amy Tierney, Marie Kerr, Rebecca Harrison and Katie Chisholm, all from Year 9.

For more details on Ladettes to Ladies please contact Miss Nelson



In November, six Year 10 pupils were selected to go to the Lake District for a week of outdoor activities. Some of the pupils had taken part in similar trips last year. However, there was a big difference this time: they would be joining almost 60 other young people from around the country and would be expected to work in teams with people they had only just met. This was initially a big challenge and pushed the pupils

## ULLSWATER 2011

out of their comfort zones, which was one of the main aims of the week-long course.

The pupils (Serena Hawthorn, Majorie Mailer, Claire Dixon, Jonny Bone, Ryan Tams and Adam Brewis) participated in a number of outdoor activities including rock climbing, canoeing, gorge-walking, high ropes, hillwalking, camping. Each pupil faced their own personal challenges, and with the help of their teammates overcame them. By the end of the week everyone had a tale to tell about their own highlights and their own favourite moment.

The week culminated with each team doing a presentation to the other teams, and also invited guests from the Keepmoat group of companies, who had very generously funded the trip for all of the young people.

Thinking about personal highlights, it would have to be said that Ms Swindon's own favourite moment was when she and Majorie Mailer thrashed Ryan and Jonny at pool followed by table football. Happy days.



# EXCELSIOR BREAKFAST Roadshow

IN LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Throughout the Autumn Term we have taken our Breakfast Roadshow into six of our Primary Schools and what a welcome we got!

A good example of this was in Bridgewater School where we were greeted by 80 pupils and 40 parents. They sampled some scrumptious food including bananas, figs, papaya and dragon fruit as well as porridge, healthy smoothies, cereal bars and 'cooked on the spot' omelettes. Milburn's Mr Murphy cooks a mean omelette! Our Change4Life colleagues were also present to give advice to the primary pupils and their parents on providing healthy, nutritious and balanced breakfasts. When asked 'why we do these roadshows?', Mrs Murray, our Specialism Leader in

Milburn said, "We introduce foods which the children might not have heard of before, as well as giving simple demonstrations of things parents can cook easily, and quickly before school. It is proving to be a really popular event and, as our focus in Milburn School is to drive forward the Healthy Lifestyle agenda, we feel a good, nutritious breakfast is the key for pupils to come to school prepared to learn and work hard".



In Excelsior all of our pupils can have breakfast in our Level 3 dining room, every single day, if they want to. Miss Anderson and her catering team are always on hand and always very welcoming.

## Important Dates

- Academy closes for Christmas  
16th December
- Academy re-opens for Spring Term  
3rd January
- Academy closes for half term  
10th February
- Academy re-opens  
20th February
- Academy closes for Easter  
30th March
- Academy re-opens for Summer Term  
16th April
- May Day  
7th May
- Academy closes for half term  
1st June
- Academy re-opens  
11th June
- Academy closes for Summer Holidays  
20th July

## Review Days

- 30th March
- 28th June

## Training Days

- 2nd March
- 29th June

# EXCELSIOR AWARDS 2011

The Excelsior Awards ceremony at Newcastle Civic Centre was, once again, a great success. Milburn School was well represented in all the award categories, both for work in Milburn, and within the whole Academy. Photographed below are the award winners from Milburn School, some of whom now attend Excelsior College, having achieved success at GCSE.

One of our Excelsior Special Awards winners, Dzikamai Mudamburi, also achieved recognition for his work in Performing Arts, starring as Buggy Malone, the lead role, in our Excelsior performance of Buggy.

The Special Award for 'Contribution to the School' went to our Milburn rising star, Dzikamai Mudamburi.

