

Hadrian's (Wall) Paper

Summer 2011

Hadrian School of the Environment, Technology and Design

Produced by pupils and staff from Hadrian School

After three brilliant, action-packed years, it remains a great privilege and honour for me to be involved in the continued development and success of Excelsior Academy, and in particular of course - Hadrian School of the Environment, Technology and Design. As ever, I am astonished by the sheer amount of 'stuff' we have managed to get through this year- this newsletter provides merely a sample! As you know, each year the school just keeps getting better and

better - Key Stage 3 results are up, GCSE results are up and overall Attendance has improved again for the third year in a row! May I take this opportunity to thank our brilliant pupils and, of course, my magnificent staff for their continued hard work and enthusiasm, which helps make my job so interesting and rewarding. May I also thank our parents for their continued co-operation and support. Believe me, I am already looking forward to the exciting journey that awaits in September 2011.



Have a great summer!

*Mr Taylor
Principal, Hadrian School*

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London Adventures

Not one, but two trips to London this year to go to the theatre and see the sites and the bright lights!

Dancing Queens

Promoting the vibrant folk dance and musical traditions of the Czech and Slovak culture in the North East.

Destination ImagiNation USA



The Journey of a Lifetime

On Monday 23rd May a team of five pupils and two teachers set off for Knoxville, Tennessee in the United States of America. The team, known as The Hadrian Time Cerfers, were representing Excelsior Academy and England in the Global Finals of Destination ImagiNation. The team; *Elima Ahmed, Farzana Islam, Charlotte Baird, Ryan Dornan, Attaullah Samadi, Miss Foster and Mr. Davison*, were successful at the national finals in Bradford and were invited to represent England at the Global Finals.

Destination ImagiNation or DI as it is known, is a global organisation offering pupils from around the world the chance to learn and experience creativity, teamwork and problem solving.

DI has been running since 1999 and is growing in strength every year. Over 100,000 pupils entered the DI competition for 2011, spanning over 30 countries. The popularity and importance of DI is evident through its high profile sponsors. Some of the 2011 sponsors included Volvo, Motorola and IBM.

When the team arrived at the Global Finals they were amazed at the size of the event. There were over 1,100 teams consisting of over 8,000 pupils. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies took place at an indoor arena and were

watched by more than 20,000 people, the excitement was palpable. The ceremonies featured fireworks and laser shows; each country was represented by a team carrying a giant flag accompanied by their national anthem.

It was non-stop fun from start to finish. Some of the events included a trip to Dollywood Theme Park, walking in the Smokey Mountains, dancing with thousands of people to a live band and DJ, a fancy dress ball and a shopping trip to an authentic American Mall.

As well as all of these fun events the team had the serious matter of their competition to contend with. The team entered the Mythology Mission category. They had to research six countries and their cultures with a view to creating a five minute improvisational skit. They had to incorporate three props from a list of twelve and also deal with an unexpected problem given to them during the skit. The team also had an Instant Challenge which was kept secret until they entered the room.

The team had an amazing experience and managed to finish 27th out of 79 teams which is a magnificent achievement. Next year we hope to return with even more teams and bring home a 1st place trophy.

Mr. Davison



Farzana: *When we walked into the opening ceremony it was breathtaking.*

Charlotte: *Dollywood was the best theme park I have ever been to.*

Elima: *I had an amazing experience and met lots of new friends from America.*



Ryan: *The pool parties at our hotel were really exciting.*

Attaullah: *I loved the weather, it was really hot. I really liked the huge swimming pool at the University.*

Miss Foster: *Mr. Davison is the greatest teacher I have ever worked with!!*



Ullswater Trip



One cold dreary morning at the beginning of February, twelve excited pupils and an anxious Miss Willshire and Miss Thwaites set off on a school trip to Ullswater. The pupils involved were engaged in many activities, and pushed themselves to limits they never knew existed, but came out with some great experiences and lots of happy memories! Activities included the run and dip (run and jump into the freezing cold lake!) wall climbing, team building, podium climbing, night lining, plus many more. One activity everyone will remember was the mountain hiking (which involved an overnight stay in a stone shack on the mountain!). Five days later an exhausted



group of pupils and staff returned, looking forward to their favourite meals and definitely ready for their own bed! I'm sure there was a lot of sound sleeping done that night!

Samantha McCrudden Rowing Success!



Once again Sam has had a successful year on the indoor rowing machines. She qualified to represent Newcastle at the regional finals in Teeside. Sam came 4th in the individual final and 2nd in the relay. An excellent achievement yet again.

Well Done Sam!!!

Comenius Project



The Final Meeting, Italy, Pompeii.

Hadrian staff Mr Temple, Mrs Kay and Miss Thwaites have been involved in an international Comenius project travelling with sixth form students across

Europe. The project is based upon a common storyline where two fictional characters (Laura and John) travel around the different countries, encountering different

customs, traditions and ways of life, allowing the students to express themselves through different media and get first-hand experience of how other students learn in different countries (Portugal, Greece, Spain, Poland, Sweden, France and Italy).



Performing Arts Trip to London

On March 10th a group of 23 pupils from Hadrian and Milburn School embarked on a three day trip to London. The trip was organised by Mr Davison from Milburn and the aim was for pupils to carry out research, both pre and post show, in two productions as part of their BTEC Performing Arts course. Over the course of the three days many of the famous London sights were visited including the London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament and Oxford Street. A particular favourite for the staff involved

was the London Dungeons, mainly because some of the year 10 boys (who shall of course remain nameless (*Wisdom and Terence*) screamed the whole way round!! The trip was thoroughly enjoyable and all

involved have become experts at travelling on the tube.... we did seem to spend a lot of time on it!!

We hope that all of the pupils involved enjoyed the experience and would recommend going on it next year.



Hadrian Year 10 Girls Trip London!



On 20th May 2011, twelve girls and two teachers went to London for the weekend.

During our time there we did loads of fun activities. These included:- Visiting the London Eye, The London Dungeons and the Hop On Hop Off London Tour Bus.

On the Friday, after we arrived at Kings Cross Station we made our way to The Arran House Hotel to get ready for the evening entertainment!! We set off for our meal and then went to the Lyceum Theatre, Wellington Street to go and see the Lion King.

On the Saturday we did a lot of fun filled activities too. We started off by going on the Hop On Hop Off Tour bus and visiting all of London's famous attractions. We then went to the London Dungeons which was very scary, but fun.

After the dungeons visit, we went on a boat trip and arrived at the London Eye where we saw many great attractions from up above. In the evening all the girls and teachers went out for a final meal together and had a walk around looking at all the different shops and places. After that we went back to the hotel to start packing and get ready for going home on the Sunday. On the

Sunday we went to the Natural History Museum and finished our trip off by going shopping on Oxford Street. We then went back to the hotel, got our stuff and headed off for our journey back home to Newcastle :-)
We would like to thank Miss Payne, Miss Ashurst and Mr Taylor for a fantastic trip and amazing experience which we will never forget -Thank You!

Written By Sophie Chapman & Victoria Kerr Yr10



Hadrian Dancing Queens

This term a small group of Eastern European pupils from Hadrian School have been taking part in a dance enrichment programme. By running these dance sessions, our aim is to promote the vibrant folk dance and musical traditions of the Czech and Slovak culture in the North East.

Mrs Winn and Iveta Dudiova have been working hard with the pupils to develop their dance skills and help the pupils to express their

own identity through music and dance.

Since March the pupils have performed 6 times. Some of their appearances include:-

The International Roma Festival Day, The Celebrating Diversity Programme and numerous Excelsior Academy events.

Due to the growing popularity of the dance sessions we are hoping to roll the enrichment programme out through the

Academy and to our Primary Feeder Schools.

Well done girls for all your hard work and dedication!!



Kindles

This year Mr Ratcliffe and Ms Cain's mentor class were chosen to use the Kindles during reading time as a reward for good behaviour. They have all responded positively and have enjoyed the variety of reading matter which kindles provide. Even the slower and reluctant readers were encouraged to sit quietly and focus. We believe that reading time in our class has seen an improvement in literacy levels and concentration. The pupils love them too!!!

Quotes from the class:
I think the kindles are interesting because the books are good!
They're mint!
I think the kindles are very good and it has cool books and interesting..... they need more comics please!!
I find the books on kindles interesting!

The kindles are great and have good books. It would be better with music!!
I think the kindle is interesting because there is a lot of books for the reader!

They're cool!!

Attendance Matters!

Hadrian pupils' Attendance is improving - It's official! We are delighted to inform you that for the third year in a row, overall attendance in Hadrian School has improved. Well done and thank you for helping us to achieve this. We believe that if all pupils and their families continue to make a huge effort to keep attendance very much in their thoughts, and ensure that children attend school every day, we can keep improving this year upon year. If you have any issues or concerns I am happy to speak to you about this and may help resolve any problems.

Please call Reception on 0191 22 88 400 and ask for Miss Naylor.

Dates For Your Diary

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| Academy opens for Autumn Term <small>Phased Induction for students</small> | 5th September |
| Academy closes for half term | 21st October |
| Academy re-opens | 31st October |
| 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 |