

Hadrian News

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Barcelona, June 2010

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END OF YEAR AWARDS 2009/2010 AND THE WINNERS ARE...

I-POD Winners
Scott Knutsen
Habeeba Haque
Wayne Goodwin

£10/£5 Gift Winners
Anis Mohd Sohami
Sam McCrudden
Wayne Tait
Keith Myers
Rozan Mahdi
William Sutton
Dylan Ramsay
John Neailey
Attiya Iqbal

Maths Summit Thank you
Shannon Lumbard
Habeeba Haque
Sheraleigh Sutton
Courtney Myhill

Barcelona

June 2010



Eight Hadrian pupils and three Excelsior College students met Mrs. Kay and Mr. Birrell at Newcastle Airport at 7.30 on a sunny Monday morning bound for Barcelona. Nobody was late; everybody had their passports and Euros; Mrs. Kay's meticulous preparations meant that everything was in place; and we were ready to go.

Some parents waved us off with tears in their eyes; others threatening to move house!

The flight was soon over and we arrived in a very hot and sunny Barcelona in the afternoon. A short bus journey took us through Barcelona city centre to our hostel where we were to stay for the next four days.



Once unpacked, the group met to embark on our first of many Metro trips into the city. We explored a couple of plazas (where the pigeons ended up more like Christmas turkeys as our pupils fed them and fed them!) and Las Ramblas before arriving at the restaurant for our evening meal. The pupils were really impressed by the numerous street performers - especially the statue-like ones who suddenly moved to scare them!

After a good night's sleep and an early breakfast Tuesday's massive tour began. Our 'day-rider Metro specials' were to be well used as we visited the impressive Sagrada Familia cathedral; the Parc Guell (brilliant OUTDOOR escalators)



before Senora Kay found us a brilliant Tapas Restaurant to sample a typically Spanish lunch.



Once replete we got on yet another Metro and journeyed to the Nou Camp - home of Barcelona F.C.



The tour of the stadium was really enjoyable - many of the pupils having their photograph taken with the European Champions League trophy! Back on the Metro and back to the Ramblas for the evening meal. We had a pleasant walk around the harbour area before 'Metroing' back to the hostel. Mrs. Kay, by this stage, thought that her feet no longer belonged to her, and she promptly went off to bed!

Refreshed and raring to go we set off for Salou for a day at Port Aventura Theme Park. Mr. Birrell, foolishly, allowed himself to be persuaded to go on a water ride and got absolutely soaked.



The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their day, and were suitably tired by the end of the last night shopping in Las Ramblas.



The souvenir shop and sweet shop owners were very sad to see our group leave Barcelona as their profits had risen significantly during our stay! Ladies wigs; gobstoppers; fans; football shirts; pick and mix and bulls were the most popular choices.



Thursday morning, sadly, came all too quickly and it was time to pack up; leave the hostel and head off to the airport for the journey home. Another peaceful flight ensued, but there was still time for the 6th formers to get the air stewards to announce to the whole plane that

Mrs. Kay was going to have her 30th birthday on Saturday. Mrs. Kay went a lovely deep shade of red!
Back in Newcastle there was a joyous reception from the families as we returned. Our short, but fantastic, trip was over, but the memories will last much longer.
All eleven students were brilliant - well behaved; helpful and great company. A special mention must go to Mrs. Kay for her brilliant organisation before the trip, and her amazing, fluent Spanish while we were there, and to Mr Birrell who ensured we stayed safe from scoundrels on the Metro!
Here's to the next trip!!



Vamanos muchachos!

Creative Arts Exhibition



On the 16th & 17th of June, Excelsior Academy played host to its second annual, Creative Arts Extravaganza. Students from across the Academy entertained guests with a series of fast paced performances, celebrating the wide range of creative talents and successes of our students, including; fashion, drama, dance, music and the arts.

Our students were a credit to both themselves and the Academy, showcasing their creativity, talents and professionalism.

Ms. Susan M Coles, an Art, Creativity and Educational consultant for the North East, commented:

"I was totally engaged, and in awe, at the fast paced and visually exciting range of events, plus entertained and intrigued by the wonderful compeering, the sounds and vision and the involvement of so many enthusiastic pupils- from all backgrounds and abilities.

The Arts are a liberating and essential part of any child's education and the event last week reinforces this".

Well done to all those who were involved in this years event, It was truly spectacular and next year promises to be even better.

Cod to Coal



Throughout the year a number of students have been involved in a project named 'Cod to Coal', a project based on local heritage and traditional industries of the area. Numerous educational trips were organised to Woodburn Museum, Newcastle Mining Institute, Tow Law Wind Farms, Shotton Surface Mine and Beamish.

One of the main highlights was an adrenaline fuelled ride in Land Rovers at Shotton Surface Mine as well as getting a gift.....a lump of coal!



Hadrian Physical Education 2009/2010

Boys' P.E.

Most of the Hadrian boys enjoyed a full Physical Education curriculum again this year. Activities on offer were football; rugby; basketball; fitness; athletics; cricket, and the Year 7s also were able to go to Elswick Pool for a term and a half of swimming lessons. Some boys made full use of the

extra-curricular activities on offer. The following boys represented Excelsior Academy in the named sports:

Athletics

Ryan Dickson; Alan Kilty; Stephen Mair; Ryan Winter - Year 7
Ryan Winter represented Newcastle in the County Championships.
Artur Zych - Year 8

Cross Country Running

Ryan Dickson; Connor Eaton; Stephen Mair - Year 7
Dean Sayers; Artur Zych - Year 8
Dylan Ramsey - Year 9

Football

Kevin Ditshego - Year 7
Artur Zych - Year 8
Wisdom Ekeke; Jordan Jones; Dylan Ramsey; Terence Tshuma - Year 9.



Girls PE

Samantha McCrudden has had a brilliant year. She represented Tyne/Wear in the indoor rowing county finals. This

event was held at Durham University. Samantha achieved a Gold medal in the 10,000 metres relay. Her talent was spotted by an eminent coach from the Tyne rowing club in Newburn and she has been invited to go to their training sessions. Samantha is a talented "all rounder" and excelled at our recent sports day. She ran the final leg of the

4X100 relay. She received the baton in last position and sprinted into first place. Well done Sam.

Senior Netball

Our senior Netball team who boasts three Hadrian players-Andrea Scrimshaw, Danielle Prudhoe, and Margarida Kane had an unfortunate season. They played 9 matches and failed to secure a win. They were

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Massive Attack

Paintball

Seaham 20th July 2010



Hadrian pupils and staff experienced high powered excitement at the Massive Attack Paintball Range in Seaham. After a safety talk from the site marshal, each pupil was kitted out with military protective clothing and divided into two teams. The range has fantastic facilities both at base camp and out on the battle fields.

Various games were played like 'Capture the Flag' and 'Last man Standing' - all games involved pupils and staff working as a team forming strategies to overcome the enemy. At the end of the day some pupils were a little bruised but all great fun and can't wait to do it again!



Group photo - left to right Dylan, Wayne, Tyler, Scott and Artur

Main group photo - The whole team on an armoured vehicle at the paintball range.

Battle photo - The green team gets ready for battle.

Player photo - Tiffany Graham, leads the way for girls.

Hadrian Girls PE continued

only beaten by 1 or 2 goals which is nothing in a game of Netball. Obviously more shooting practice needed!!

Trampoline.

Both Laura Johnson and Sheraleigh Sutton represented Hadrian school/Academy at the Newcastle schools trampoline competition. Laura was successful in qualifying to compete in the regional finals where she was placed 3rd place. Congratulations to both bouncers.



In June a very excited Mr Brekke, Mr Ledger, Miss Thwaites, Mr Render, Mr Latimer, Miss Taylor, Miss Barton, Mrs Burton and Miss Verber set off with a group of 39 even more excited students to Center Parcs Winlatter. When each teacher was installed in a cabin with 5 students, 6 bikes, 3 boxes of chocolate muffins and in the girls cases 120 pairs of shoes the fun began!

We had the most amazing weather and such a fantastic week. The students did themselves, families and the school so proud. They were enthusiastic, fun, brave, willing, helpful, and kind.

We all took part in some brilliant activities, horse riding, laser combat, raft building and climbing to name a few.

Many of the students were awarded prizes for outstanding effort or attitude during the trip.

We returned to school a little more tired, sun-kissed and red eyed from over use of the swimming pool than when we left all having had the week of a lifetime.



Thank you to all the staff who made it possible, especially Mr Brekke for his impeccable organisation. Huge thanks to all the parents and carers for their support and allowing their children this fantastic experience. I for one will remember it forever. Thank you and Goodbye Miss Verber



YOUNG APPRENTICE

Hadrian is proud of our 6 talented year 11 girls who have successfully completed a 2 year BTEC course in Science, organised by a private government funded company called TDR.

During their 4 weeks work experience they have completed 16 Science based projects that were assessed. The qualifications have been calculated and they have achieved 5 distinctions (Equivalent to 2 GCSEs at grade A) and 1 merit (2 B), to date

this has been the most successful group of pupils TDR has taught, and they have been very impressed.

To celebrate the achievement of the pupils a very prestigious awards ceremony will take place at the Marriot hotel in Newcastle.

Special mention should go to Stacey as she only joined the course at the beginning of the second year and therefore achieved her distinction in half the time required.

The Young Apprentice course is

continuing to run with our new year 10 pupils and our year 11 pupils will complete their course next year , so let's hope these pupils are as successful as the these girls and also achieve the Young Apprentice in Science Award.

Andrea Scrimshaw
Stacey Knutsen
Rebecca Nixon
Margarida Kanu
Danielle Prudhoe
Nicole Robson

Scotswood Nature Garden Scotswood Nature Garden Scotswood Nature Garden

At the Thursday and Saturday eco clubs all Hadrian Year 7 pupils have been visiting the garden as part of their science lessons. This helped them learn about the different plants and animals at the garden, through activities such as a treasure hunt, eating homemade ice-cream and pond dipping. The Saturday Club is growing in popularity due to the activities such as; fishing, picnics on the beach, horse riding and camping trips.

Pond Dipping at The Big Pond
Here the great crested newt can be found which is a protected species so it is important that the pond is well looked after.

Scotswood Nature Club
On a Thursday our pupils are involved in the Scotswood Nature Club from 3.00p.m. - 5.30p.m. They play games, cook healthy food, help out in the garden, grow their own fruit and veg and all sorts of arts, crafts and activities. See Mr Temple if you would like to get involved.



Hadrian Growing Spaces Opening Extravaganza

In July the Hadrian growing Spaces were opened by our sponsor Lord Laidlaw. Each mentor group had built their own raised bed as part of our 'HOPE' activities.

The opening was held on target review day and was accompanied by a BBQ, live music and a range of stalls selling products made by the pupils.



RYDER Design Architecture Competition

In June, teams from each of the 11-16 schools within the Academy, competed for a place in the final of the Ryder Architecture regional final.



Teams from Hadrian and Milburn schools won through to represent Excelsior at the final held at the City Library. The teams worked with a range of professionals including architects, graphic designers, interior designers, structural engineers to develop a concept building and brand for the old brewery site adjacent to St James' Park. The students performed really well with Dylan Ramsay winning an



overall award for his Graphics and Branding work. Congratulations to Lewis Scott, Rhys Mulligan, Wayne Goodwin, Dylan Ramsay and Mason Lloyd.

TDR Engineering Apprenticeship Students



In June a group of students from Excelsior successfully applied for places on our Engineering Apprenticeship program. This will be the third year we have ran this 2 year course in conjunction with TDR and Newcastle College. The students underwent a rigorous selection process and 7 of the group were from Hadrian School. The students will spend an extended afternoon at College each

week working through an NVQ (level 2) in engineering operations. Congratulations to Ryan Moorhead, Jamie

Sanderson, Mason Lloyd, Al-Hadi Mohammed, Tyler Thompson, Dylan Ramsay and Robert Rogers.



In February two teams from Hadrian School took part in a regional Scalextric event held at Gateshead CLC. The event ran over two days and involved our students developing a 3D model of their car using computer software, having this manufactured by a machine and then assembled and raced. They also

developed a range of clothing to promote their team and presented their concept to a panel of judges. We were delighted that our Year 10 team won the event.