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Mr Hughes Principal of Milburn School.

The end of the academic year is almost with us and Milburn School has now been open for two years.

The commitment and enthusiasm of staff and pupils over this period of time has been

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

absolutely first class and Milburn School has established itself as an integral part of the overall structure of Excelsior Academy.

As you read through this newsletter, I am sure you will be amazed at the range of opportunities our pupils have been able to enjoy this term, truly reflecting the Milburn School ethos of "Involve me and I learn".

Over 64 pupils have achieved 100% attendance this term and we also expect record results from our year 11 pupils when we receive their examination grades in August. 30% of pupils can look forward to receiving £100 from Lord Laidlaw for gaining at least 5 A*/C passes including Maths and English.

Milburn School is sadly saying goodbye to our pupil welfare manager, Mr Lilley at the end of this term. We all wish him well and thank him for his contribution over the last two years. Mrs Smith will replace him in September.

We also welcome back to Milburn Mr Newburn from his round-the-world travels, Miss Proctor from maternity leave and Mrs Short.

I can assure you that all staff will continue to work hard in order to give your child the best possible chance of achieving their potential in the up and coming years to come.

MILBURN HAS WORLD CUP FEVER

On Friday 18th June 2010, Milburn School held a world cup tournament to celebrate the beginning of the Fifa World Cup 2010 in South Africa™.

All of the pupils were split into teams named after countries who have qualified for the real competition. The event proved popular with all Milburn students and staff.

After an excruciating two hours in the summer sun and many games played everyone was still upbeat.

The finals finally arrived and everyone played harder than ever.

The winners were as follows; Year Nine and Ten finals (Boys) Argentina won with a breathtaking finish by Michael Craig (Year 10).

In the year 9 and 10 girl's final between Germany and Portugal, Germany won.

The year 7 and 8 finals were just as entertaining with South Africa, the host nation winning (Boys team) and England winning for the girls. Each of the winning teams were



Milburn students enjoy the World Cup fun!

presented with trophies (specially handmade by Mr Wilson). Well done to all of Milburn who took part.

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PUPILS MARCH TO SUCCESS



Milburn students from Years 9 and 10 were given a once in a lifetime experience to gain an insight of what it would be like to be in the armed forces.

The aim was to show students what a career in the army would consist of and whether it could be a career path for them.

Students packed up and took part in a week long residential in Otterburn, Northumberland, taking part in a range of extensive activities designed to push their physical and mental abilities from cross-country walking and eating food rations to the fun of paint ball.

Milburn learners also took part in a two night camping experience learning how to survive the outdoor elements as well as learning typical army routines and drills.

Miss Stanley said: 'The experience was fantastic, students gained a real insight into army life, and everyone learnt new things while having a great time with friends.'

Year 9 student, Rachel Aynsley said of the trip: 'It was the best school trip I have ever been on. I learnt so many new things and had so much fun!'

The trip was a real success, all who took part thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt that they could challenge themselves and achieve any goal.



Milburn Students and Miss Murray enjoy a warm drink while out camping in Northumberland.

MILBURN ON FIRE

Students from Milburn School and other schools across the academy have been taking part in a course, alongside local fire fighters on a number of challenges. This aimed to make students look at their future, and what it would be like to be part of the fire service.

Pupils from the whole of the Academy enjoyed the challenge all the way through the course. This has been the first fire fighting course that the Academy has taken on for students to do.

Erdim Kendir; a pupil from Milburn School said: "It 's really good to experience what it is like to be a fire fighter, but also exciting for us to participate in a long event like this. "

Personal strengths, problem solving, team playing have all been skills that have been needed to take part in this course. It has also involved taking trips to places such as Whickham Thorns and the fire fighting head quarters.

Mr Lilley, who organised this course for the students said: " This is a great way to make the students look into the future at different opportunities that are available once you leave school, this is a great course and all participants have enjoyed it very much " .

FAREWELL



Milburn School year 11; Class of 2010.

Our Milburn year 11 students have worked incredibly hard to achieve all of their goals and try their best to gain the highest possible GCSE's.

Many students are going on to Excelsior Academy Sixth Form to further their education and continue onto university. Some have applied to be apprentices and some have decided to go out into the world of work.

Milburn School would like to say 'Congratulations and good luck' to the class of 2010 for working hard and being a great year group to teach. We hope you leave Milburn with many fond memories.

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MISS THOMPSON REVEALS ALL



Hello,

My name is Paula Thompson and I am an English teacher in Milburn School. I have been teaching at Excelsior Academy since it opened in 2008. Before joining the Academy, I worked at West Gate Community College for 9 years.

Before teaching, I worked as an Overseas Representative for a holiday company. I enjoyed this immensely as it gave me the opportunity to live abroad and to meet lots of different people.

Within Milburn School I teach English to KS3 and KS4.

I am also responsible for the delivery of GCSE Media Studies.

I enjoy working in Milburn and feel that we have made a great deal of progress over the last two years. The staff and pupils are fantastic to work with.

On a personal note, I am expecting my second child in September so will not be returning to school until February. I will think of all of the pupils and staff during the long winter months as I luxuriate at home with my feet up!



Miss Thompson teacher in Milburn School.

Hollywood Call for Milburn Directors



Milburn students edit their film.

On Thursday 17th June students from Milburn and across the Academy travelled to Northumbria University to learn what it takes to create a successful film. Students had to learn all film making techniques in one day.

Learners were given an object and from this they had to use their imagination to create a short film.

Firstly; they discussed the plot line of the film and then they were ready to talk about actual filming. Students had to work as a team to set individual roles that would play to each others strengths.

When students finished filming they went into a room where they edited their scenes and put a film together. Students had lots of help and support from the university who advised everyone on what kind of effects they could use to make the film better.

Milburn student Sarah Howe said: "Overall it was a really interesting day and we learned how to plan, film and edit scenes. It was a real insight to how the film industry works and we had a lot of fun too!"

The day resulted in students creating a successful, entertaining film that Hollywood would be proud of!

Attendance race results in a spectacular girls

Milburn School pupils have been competing for a fantastic prize, a unique cinema experience.

The pupils have been competing in two groups, boys versus girls. To win this amazing prize each team's attendance needed to be higher than the other team's. Everyone's attendance needed to be over the magic number of 90%.

The team who won, which was the girls, attended an amazing experience where they watched a film of their choice; 'St Trinians 2'. They were also treated to popcorn and refreshments for a true cinema experience.

The boys team who sadly lost, continued lessons as normal.

Every week in assembly Mr Hughes announced who was in the lead so far and what the past week's attendance was in each year group.

This competition and information aimed to encourage pupils to raise their attendance, therefore raising the schools overall attendance which is a great achievement for Milburn.

At the end of the competition everyone's attendance had increased and the total scores were very close, so well done to all students for improving their attendance.

By Sarah Irving



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OUTWARD BOUND; OUT OF THIS WORLD



Students from Milburn School of Health were lucky enough to be partly sponsored by Lord Laidlaw to attend an outdoors activity centre in the Lake District.

A range of students from year 7, 8 and 9 were selected to attend the Outward Bound centre in Ullswater for a week of outdoor pursuits and fun.



Students and staff took part in a range of mentally and physically demanding activities throughout the week which were designed to stretch their comfort zone.

Many students took part in raft building, gorge walking, canoeing, camping and much more.

Student Nicole Avery said: 'My favourite part was the gorge walking, we had to climb up a range of water falls and finally jump from the top of one into a deep pool. I was really frightened but we all worked together as a team to get to the top.'

All students took part in all of the activities and also took full advantage of skills on offer from the experienced Outward Bound staff.



Milburn students tackle gorge walking in the Lake District.

Mr Scherer, organiser of the residential said: 'Throughout the week everyone was pushed out of their comfort zones and conquered many fears along the way. Everyone should be proud of themselves and I hope in the future they look back at their time in Ullswater with fond memories.'

MILBURN HIJACKS THE EAGLES

Pupils from a Tyneside school have been taking part in a groundbreaking sports enterprise challenge.

The youngsters from Excelsior Academy, in Newcastle's West End, worked with the Newcastle Eagles from the Metro Radio Arena on a number of challenges, which aimed to bring out their entrepreneurial talents.

The day involved all Media Studies classes across the Academy and all pupils really enjoyed the experience.

Ryan Bates, a pupil from Excelsior Academy, said: "It's been exciting for us to participate in an event like this. It is certainly a first for us and I would like to do something like this again.

"Me and my other class friends have been very excited about the sessions and have been working hard to give the Newcastle Eagles fans a good and interesting night when they play Worthing Thunder."

Students have been able to use their skills to build sessions to encourage Excelsior's pupils to develop their problem-solving skills and think logically about situations.

Tony Rowntree, another student at the event, said: "Being in a group running the Newcastle Eagles game was very challenging. I had a good time on the experience, it was great fun."

Paul Blake, Newcastle Eagles Manager, said: "It was a good night with Excelsior Academy; we are keen to increase the chances for more pupils to have the chance to participate in such a good event like this."

Important Dates

- **Returning to school Monday 6th September, day schedule is as follows:**
 - * 10am-12pm- Year 7,8 and 9 (No lunches served)
 - * 12.30-2.30pm- Year 10 and 11 (No lunches served)
- **Tuesday 7th September:**
 - * All year groups in school from 10am-2.40pm (Lunches will be served)
- **Wednesday 8th September:** All year groups normal school day pattern: 8.30am-3.45pm.

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